

# FIRST ASSET MSCI EUROPE LOW RISK WEIGHTED ETF



Interim Management Report of Fund Performance for the period  
**January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016**

**Fund:**

First Asset MSCI Europe Low Risk Weighted ETF

**Securities:**

Common Units - Listed Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"): RWE

Advisor Class Units - Listed TSX: RWE.A

Unhedged Common Units - Listed TSX: RWE.B

Unhedged Advisor Class Units - Listed TSX: RWE.D

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**Notes:**

1. This interim management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete interim financial statements of the Fund. You can get a copy of the interim financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by contacting us (contact information above) or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Holders may also contact us to request a free copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.
2. This report may contain forward looking statements. Forward looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and are predictive in nature and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward looking statements.
3. Unless otherwise indicated all information is as at June 30, 2016.
4. None of the websites that are referred to in this report, nor any of the information on any such websites, are incorporated by reference in this report.
5. MSCI is a trademark of MSCI Inc. The Fund and the securities referred to herein are not sponsored, endorsed or promoted by MSCI Inc. or any of its affiliates (collectively, "MSCI") and MSCI bears no liability with respect to any such fund or securities or any index on which such fund or securities are based. The Fund's prospectus contains a more detailed description of the limited relationship MSCI has with First Asset and any related funds.

## Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Fund's investment objective (other than in respect of the Unhedged Units) is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the MSCI Europe Risk Weighted Top 100 Index Hedged to CAD (the "CAD Hedged Index"), net of expenses, and in respect of the Unhedged Units, the Fund's investment objective is to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the MSCI Europe Risk Weighted Top 100 Index (the "Index"), net of expenses. The investment strategy of the Fund is to invest in and hold the constituent securities of the applicable index.

Each of the Index and the CAD Hedged Index (collectively, the "Indexes") are based on a traditional market capitalization weighted parent index, the MSCI Europe Index, which includes developed Europe large and mid-capitalization stocks. Constructed using a simple, but effective and transparent process, each security of the parent index is reweighted so that stocks with lower risk are given higher index weights. The final constituents of the Indexes are determined by ranking security level risk weights and taking the top 100 subset securities. The Indexes seek to emphasize stocks with lower historical return variance and tend to have a bias towards lower size and lower risk stocks. Historically the Indexes have exhibited lower realized volatility in comparison to the parent Index, while maintaining reasonable liquidity and capacity.

The only difference between the Index and the CAD Hedged Index is that the CAD Hedged Index is 100% hedged to the Canadian dollar by notionally "selling" each foreign currency forward at the one-month forward exchange rate at the end of each month.

## Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2016, the Fund's Common Units returned -0.5% compared to the CAD Hedged Index which returned 0.8% and the Fund's Unhedged Common Units returned -7.6% compared to the Index which returned -7.3%. The difference in the performance of the Fund relative to the applicable Indexes can be attributed primarily to the fees and expenses incurred by the Fund, the timing of portfolio related trading such as corporate actions or the reinvestment of dividends as well as the different currency hedging strategies. The following tables highlight the performance of the Fund's Common Units, Advisor Class Units, Unhedged Common Units and Unhedged Advisor Class Units on a net asset value basis and market price basis.

Net Asset Value	June 30, 2016	December 31, 2015	Return
RWE	\$23.50	\$23.89	(0.5)%
RWE.A	\$23.42	\$23.81	(0.9)%
RWE.B	\$23.73	\$26.00	(7.6)%
RWE.D	\$23.71	\$25.97	(8.0)%

Market Value	June 30, 2016	December 31, 2015	Return
RWE	\$23.35	\$23.80	(1.3)%
RWE.A	\$22.18 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$24.00 <sup>(3)</sup>	(7.2)%
RWE.B	\$23.48	\$26.06	(9.4)%
RWE.D	\$24.76 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$24.88 <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.1)%

<sup>(1)</sup> Closing market price taken from last trade on June 24, 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> Closing market price taken from last trade on May 25, 2016.

<sup>(3)</sup> Closing market price taken from last trade on December 29, 2015.

<sup>(4)</sup> Closing market price taken from last trade on November 16, 2015.

The above returns, whether based on net asset value or market price, assume the reinvestment of all distributions. The Fund's Common Units, Advisor Class Units, Unhedged Common Units and Unhedged Advisor Class Units had per unit cash distributions of \$0.26, \$0.16, \$0.27 and \$0.17, respectively, during the period.

The Fund's net assets were \$69.5 million as at June 30, 2016, a decrease from \$73.1 million as at December 31, 2015. The largest factors contributing to this decrease include net redemptions of \$1.4 million, net losses on investments of \$1.0 million, and distributions of \$0.8 million.

Equity markets were volatile over the first half of 2016. Toward the beginning of the year, global markets declined over concerns of slow global growth, weak oil markets and the potential for further tightening of monetary policy by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board ("Fed"). At one point, the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index was down close to 9.0%. China's policy instability, with the introduction and suspension of stock market "circuit breakers," forced stock buying by government agencies and speculation about further currency devaluation, added to negative market sentiment.

From their January lows, markets rose over 20.0%, driven in part by more dovish comments from the Fed, citing weak wage inflation and risks from abroad. The Fed lowered its growth and inflation forecasts for the U.S. economy in 2016 and delayed its expectations for interest rate increases for the balance of the year. Messaging from the Fed has been difficult for markets to interpret as it has shifted its stance a number of times during the first six months of the year.

More recently, equity markets declined sharply following the U.K.'s vote to leave the European Union, referred to as "Brexit," and its unknown implications for European and global markets. Several central banks stated that they were closely monitoring the situation and standing by to see if any fiscal stimulus measures would be required, as monetary easing policy alone has yet to propel growth.

Oil prices rose by over 80.0% from February lows, closing at US\$48.33 per barrel. Supply disruptions in the Canadian oil sands caused by wildfires around Fort McMurray, as well as lower production levels in Nigeria relating to sabotage, explains some of the recent strength. Oil continues to be in an oversupply condition, with the overhang of increased production from both Iran and Iraq remaining. Regions such as Alberta that are dependent on oil have seen a slowdown in economic activity.

Overall, there was a trend of negative revenue and earnings growth in both the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index and the S&P 500 Total Return Index in the first half of the year. Interestingly, the last two recessions were preceded by periods that had consecutive quarters of revenue and earnings declines. Even during those periods in which a recession did not materialize, the markets declined.

A large weighting in the Consumer Staples sector contributed to the Fund's performance, adding 166 basis points ("bps"). Exposure to the Utilities (+47 bps) and Industrials (+28 bps) sectors were also contributors. Top individual contributors to performance included holdings in Compass Group PLC (+23 bps), Bunzl plc (+21 bps) and British American Tobacco P.L.C. (+20 bps). It is worth noting that, as a result of the Fund's large number of holdings, no one stock significantly impacts performance.

Exposure to the Financials (-113 bps) sector was the largest detractor from the Fund's performance, as insurers struggled with historically low interest rates and the banking industry was affected by the U.K.'s vote to leave the European Union. Individual detractors included holdings in Eutelsat Communications (-30 bps), Next Plc (-19 bps) and SES S.A. (-19 bps).

As the composition of the Fund's portfolio is based on replicating the constituents of the Index, changes in the economy, markets, or unusual events do not have a direct impact on the way its investment strategies are implemented.

## Recent Developments

Looking forward, estimates for global growth have been revised downwards, consistent with signals from bond markets and few inflationary concerns for the immediate future. Government debt yields are expected to remain low (and negative in some countries) as various central banks contemplate additional monetary stimulus measures.

Virtually all major developed market equity indices are now trading above historic Price-to-Earnings averages, and the current earnings season is expected to reveal the sustainability of these valuations, particularly given the trend towards negative revenue and earnings growth (in North American markets at least). Equity markets have proven resilient, however, to both fluctuations in job numbers as well as the U.K.'s Brexit vote. First Asset expects that the Fed will likely leave interest rates as they are until a more stable trend in job creation exists and global uncertainties subside, particularly in light of the upcoming U.S. presidential election. This should lend strength to commodity-oriented and emerging markets in the second half of 2016. First Asset believes defensive sectors, such as utilities and telecommunication services, should continue to outperform should investors' focus on safety persist.

## Related Party Transactions

First Asset is deemed to be a related party to the Fund. Please refer to the "Management Fee" section below which outlines fees paid to First Asset. F.A. Administration Services Inc., an affiliate of First Asset, administers the Fund's relationship with the Fund's Independent Review Committee ("IRC") on behalf of First Asset, however, it receives no compensation for doing so.

The Fund has received standing instructions from its IRC with respect to the certain related party transactions: (a) trades in securities of CI Financial Corp. (referred to as "Related Issuer Trades"), which indirectly owns and controls First Asset; (b) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund managed by First Asset (referred to as "Inter-Fund Trades"); (c) purchases or sales by the Fund of securities of another investment fund managed by First Asset (referred to as "Related Fund Trades"); and (d) mergers of funds with another fund that is subject to National Instrument 81-102 ("Fund Mergers").

The applicable standing instructions require that related party transactions be conducted in accordance with First Asset's policies and procedures. First Asset is required to advise the IRC of any material breach of a condition of the standing instructions. The standing instructions require, among

other things, that the investment decision in respect to related party transactions (a) are made by First Asset free from any influence by any entities related to First Asset and without taking into account any consideration to any affiliate of First Asset; (b) represent the business judgment of First Asset uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; and (c) are made in compliance with First Asset's policies and procedures. Transactions made by First Asset in respect of the Fund under the standing instructions are subsequently reviewed by the IRC on a semi-annual basis to monitor compliance.

First Asset and the Fund were not party to any related party transactions during the period ended June 30, 2016.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance since inception.

### THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY<sup>(1)</sup>

	Common Units		
	2016	2015	2014 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$23.89	\$21.89	\$20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	0.57	0.68	0.54
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.12)	1.67	(0.91)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.38)	(0.85)	2.03
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	(0.01)	1.34	1.53
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.26)	(0.46)	(0.22)
From dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00
From capital gains	0.00	0.00	(0.86)
Return of capital	0.00	(0.01)	0.00
<b>Total Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	(0.26)	(0.47)	(1.08)
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$23.50	\$23.89	\$21.89

	Advisor Class Units		
	2016	2015	2014 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$23.81	\$21.81	\$20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	0.49	0.71	0.63
Total expenses	(0.17)	(0.35)	(0.30)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.07)	1.71	(0.90)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.75)	(0.66)	2.17
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	(0.50)	1.41	1.60
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.16)	(0.27)	(0.23)
From dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00
From capital gains	0.00	0.00	(1.00)
Return of capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	(0.16)	(0.27)	(1.23)
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$23.42	\$23.81	\$21.81

**THE FUND'S NET ASSETS PER SECURITY<sup>(1)</sup>**

	Unhedged Common Units		
	2016	2015	2014 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$26.00	\$21.20	\$20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	0.58	0.66	0.71
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.17)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.12)	1.76	(0.86)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(2.38)	2.68	1.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	(2.00)	4.93	0.74
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.27)	(0.43)	(0.49)
From dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00
From capital gains	0.00	0.00	0.00
Return of capital	0.00	(0.06)	0.00
<b>Total Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	(0.27)	(0.49)	(0.49)
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$23.73	\$26.00	\$21.20

	Unhedged Advisor Class Units		
	2016	2015	2014 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$25.97	\$21.17	\$20.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>			
Total revenue	0.58	0.72	0.80
Total expenses	(0.19)	(0.36)	(0.29)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.12)	1.79	(0.89)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(2.37)	1.98	1.85
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	(2.10)	4.13	1.47
<b>Distributions</b>			
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.17)	(0.28)	(0.46)
From dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00
From capital gains	0.00	0.00	0.00
Return of capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	(0.17)	(0.28)	(0.46)
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$23.71	\$25.97	\$21.17

**Notes:**

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and unaudited interim financial statements. The term "net assets" used in this report and the term "net assets attributable to holders of redeemable securities" used in the Fund's financial statements are interchangeable.
- (2) Results for the period from January 27, 2014 (inception date) to December 31, 2014.
- (3) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.
- (4) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional securities of the Fund.
- (5) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per security.

## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

	2016 Common Units	2015 Common Units	2014 Common Units
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$52,054	\$53,508	\$23,863
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	2,215,398	2,240,000	1,090,000
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	29.92%	60.03%	33.64%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.04%	0.21%	0.24%
Net asset value per security	\$23.50	\$23.89	\$21.89
Closing market price <sup>(5)</sup>	\$23.35	\$23.80	\$21.81

	2016 Advisor Class Units	2015 Advisor Class Units	2014 Advisor Class Units
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$810	\$1,428	\$763
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	34,600	60,000	35,000
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.48%	1.47%	1.47%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	1.48%	1.47%	1.47%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	29.92%	60.03%	33.64%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.04%	0.21%	0.24%
Net asset value per security	\$23.42	\$23.81	\$21.81
Closing market price <sup>(5)</sup>	\$22.18	\$24.00	\$22.29

	2016 Unhedged Common Units	2015 Unhedged Common Units	2014 Unhedged Common Units
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$15,465	\$16,901	\$7,949
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	651,596	650,000	375,000
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	0.68%	0.68%	0.66%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	0.68%	0.68%	0.66%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	29.92%	60.03%	33.64%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.04%	0.21%	0.24%
Net asset value per security	\$23.73	\$26.00	\$21.20
Closing market price <sup>(5)</sup>	\$23.48	\$26.06	\$21.29

	2016 Unhedged Advisor Class Units	2015 Unhedged Advisor Class Units	2014 Unhedged Advisor Class Units
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,147	\$1,298	\$529
Number of securities outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	48,400	50,000	25,000
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.53%	1.49%	1.47%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	1.53%	1.49%	1.47%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(3)</sup>	29.92%	60.03%	33.64%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	0.04%	0.21%	0.24%
Net asset value per security	\$23.71	\$25.97	\$21.17
Closing market price <sup>(5)</sup>	\$24.76	\$24.88	\$21.00

**Notes:**

- (1) This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown, except 2016, which is provided as at June 30.
- (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- (3) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively First Asset manages the Fund's portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.
- (4) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Fund may charge a fee to designated brokers/dealers to offset the impact of certain transaction costs associated with a purchase or redemption of a prescribed number of units of the Fund. The transaction costs used in the trading expense ratio have been reduced by these fees.
- (5) If the securities traded during the period, the closing market price on the last trading day during the period that the securities traded, as reported on the TSX.

## Management Fee

First Asset manages and administers the business operations and affairs of the Fund, and is also responsible for providing all investment advisory and portfolio management services required by the Fund. As compensation for the services it provides to the Fund, the Fund pays First Asset an annual management fee on the Common Units, Advisor Class Units, Unhedged Common Units and Unhedged Advisor Class Units at the maximum annual rate set out below. The fee is based on the net asset value of the relevant class, and is calculated daily and paid monthly in arrears, except for the portion of the Advisor Class and Unhedged Advisor Class management fee that is in respect of the service fee payable to dealers which is calculated daily and paid quarterly in arrears. Out of the management fees received, First Asset pays for general administration and profit. General administration covers most costs and expenses relating to the operation of the Fund including investment management, administration, legal, accounting, custody, audit, registrar and transfer agency fees, index licensing fees (if applicable) and expenses associated with the advertising, marketing and promoting the sale of the units of the Fund, subject to certain exclusions as noted in the Fund's prospectus.

In addition to investment advisory and portfolio management, the services provided by First Asset to the Fund include, without limitation, the proper oversight to ensure implementation of the Fund's investment strategies, negotiating contracts with certain third-party service providers, authorizing the payment of operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund, maintaining certain accounting and financial records, calculating the amount and determining the frequency of distributions by the Fund, ensuring that securityholders are provided with financial statements and other reports as are required from time to time by applicable law, ensuring that the Fund complies with all other regulatory requirements including continuous disclosure obligations under applicable securities law and administering purchases, redemptions and other transactions in securities.

	Maximum annual management fee rate	As a percentage of management fee Dealer compensation	General administration and profit
Common Units	0.60%	–	100%
Advisor Class Units	1.35%	56%	44%
Unhedged Common Units	0.60%	–	100%
Unhedged Advisor Class Units	1.35%	56%	44%

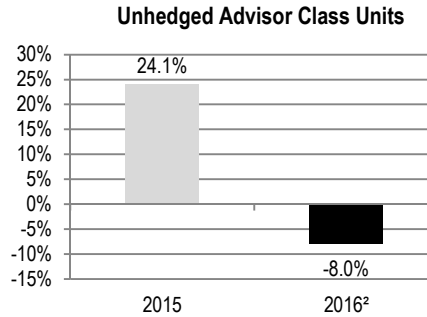
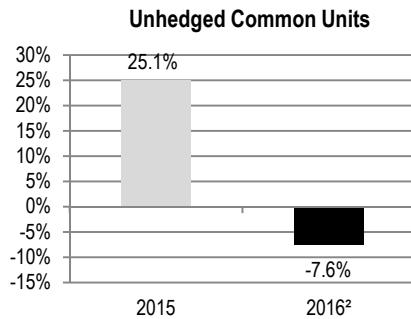
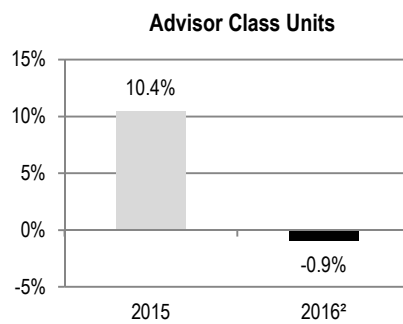
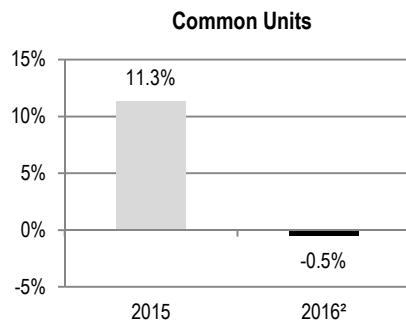


## Past Performance

Please note that the performance information shown in this section assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. Also note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns on performance. The performance of the Fund in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

### YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS<sup>(1)</sup>

The following bar charts show annual performance for each class of the Fund's securities for the financial years shown and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.



<sup>(1)</sup> Returns based on net asset value per security.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the period January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following is a summary of the Fund's investment portfolio as at June 30, 2016. This is a summary only and will change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly update is available on [www.firstasset.com](http://www.firstasset.com).

### TOP 25 HOLDINGS AS AT JUNE 30, 2016

Description	% of Net Asset Value
Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli AG	2.46
MAN SE	2.30
Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	1.87
Schindler Holding AG	1.85
Swiss Prime Site AG	1.63
Bunzl PLC	1.51
Nestle SA	1.48
Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale SpA	1.44
RELX PLC	1.41
National Grid PLC	1.39
Swisscom AG	1.36
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert S.A.	1.20
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	1.17
L'Oreal SA	1.17
Compass Group PLC	1.16
Unilever PLC	1.15
Diageo PLC	1.14
Iberdrola SA	1.13
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	1.12
Danone S.A.	1.11
British American Tobacco PLC	1.09
Enagas SA	1.08
Snam S.p.A.	1.06
Beiersdorf AG	1.06
Kuehne + Nagel International AG	1.03
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$69,476,834</b>

### SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AS AT JUNE 30, 2016

Industry	% of Net Asset Value
Financials	23.72
Consumer Staples	22.81
Consumer Discretionary	14.14
Industrials	12.84
Utilities	9.90
Health Care	5.66
Materials	3.45
Telecommunication Services	3.24
Information Technology	0.82
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.14
	<b>96.72</b>
<b>Other Assets, Net of Liabilities</b>	<b>3.28</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>100.00</b>

