

# **Avaron Emerging Europe Fund**

**UCITS, SFDR Article 8** 



December 2022

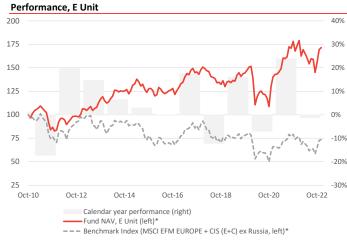
# Investment Objectives & Approach

The Fund invests actively in listed equities of European Union new member states and accession countries (Emerging Europe, ex Russia). Benchmark agnostic, it emphasizes bottom-up, value oriented stock picking with a strong small and mid-cap bias. The Fund's investment objective is to maximise upside to internally set target prices, taking into account company quality, liquidity and FX outlook. By implementing our investment process we aim to outperform the market with lower volatility. The Fund typically invests in 30-40 regional companies, who generally demonstrate a competitive advantage or attractive risk/return features. It adheres to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment. Suitable for investors seeking a stock picking portfolio in Emerging Europe, it acts as medium to long term diversifier in a global Emerging Markets, European or Global Equity portfolio.

### Fund Manager's Comment, December 2022

Global equities finished the year on a sour note as MSCI ACWI lost 4% in \$ last month, wrapping up the worst year since 2008. Investors remained concerned that further monetary tightening from central banks around the world will push the economy into a recession. Emerging Europe posted strong performance in December (+1.2% in €) led once again by Turkey. Turkish equities continue to perform extremely well despite continuing foreign outflows suggesting desperate buying from locals that are trying to protect their net worth from soaring inflation (Dec: 64.3%). Avaron Emerging Europe Fund gained 1.3% in December, slightly outperforming the market despite notable underweight in Turkey (5.6% vs 23.3% in the index). 2022 was a strong year on relative basis for Emerging Europe region. Despite massive outflows from the region following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, our regional ex-Russia benchmark managed to end the year down only 3.1% in € (vs. -17.6% for Emerging Markets and -9.5% for Europe). The Fund continued to outperform the market, posting -1.3% return for 2022. Our Fund portfolio trades at 7.5x 1YR FWD P/E assuming 20% earnings contraction for the companies. This is almost 2 standard deviations lower compared to the long-term historical average and only 12% above historic lows. Following the Q4 rally the aggregate upside for the Fund on 2-year forward looking basis stands at 53%, still over 10pp above long-term median level, indicating a continued buy signal to the Fund.

Please send an e-mail to funds@avaron.com to receive a more detailed fund factsheet and portfolio manager comment.



\*Rebased (October 2010 = 100) Past performance is not a guarantee or indicative of future results.



The risk indicator assumes that you keep the fund for 5 years

Perf	E Unit	Index
overview	return	return*
1 month	1.3%	1.2%
3 months	18.3%	26.4%
6 months	11.3%	19.4%
YTD	-1.2%	-3.1%
1 year	-1.2%	-3.1%
3 years	13.8%	-8.8%
5 years	15.9%	-18.0%
7 years	36.2%	3.9%
8 years	40.2%	-16.9%
10 years	71.1%	-25.1%
* MSCI EFM EURO	PE + CIS (E+C) ex	( Russia

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Year	return	return*	return
2022	-1.2%	-3.1%	1.9%
2021	23.8%	14.9%	9.0%
2020	-7.0%	-18.0%	11.0%
2019	16.0%	10.3%	5.8%
2018	-12.2%	-18.6%	6.4%

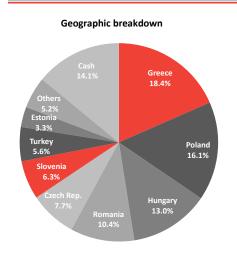
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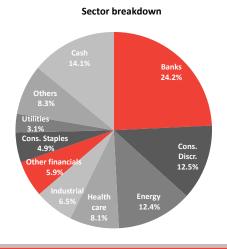
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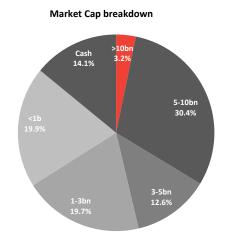
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# **CAGR** of calendar years

Years	Fund	Index*
2021-2022	10.6%	5.5%
2020-2022	4.4%	-3.0%
2018-2022	3.0%	-3.9%







Risk metrics	5Y risk*
Alpha	5%
Volatility & stand. deviation	14.6%
Beta	0.61
Sharpe ratio	0.23
Information ratio	0.78
Tracking error	8.9%
* MSCI EFM EUROPE + CIS (E+C) ex Russia	

Fund statistics	
Number of positions	42
Top10	41.7%
Top20	63.1%
Gross exposure	85.9%
Net exposure	85.9%
Concentration coefficient	39
Median market cap MEUR	1537
Average market cap MEUR	3066

Liquidity analysis*	30%
3 days	79.0%
2 weeks	94.5%
4 weeks	96.5%

Proportion of portfolio that can be turned into cash based on past 6 month average trading volume if Fund accounted for 30% of trading volume

Turnover	
FY 2022	17.4%
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#### Fund orders: www.avaron.com/investor-assistance

Fund Facts - Avaron Emerging Europe Fund				
Investment Manager	AS Avaron Asset Management	Cut-off	10am CET	
Fund type	UCITS V	NAV frequency	Daily dealing, T+3	
Launch date	April 23, 2007	Supervised by	Estonian FSA	
Domicile	Estonia	Custodian	Swedbank AS	
Currency	EUR	Transfer agent	Swedbank AS	
Dividends	reinvested	<b>NAV</b> calculation	Swedbank AS	
Fund size, MEUR	36.8	<b>External auditor</b>	KPMG	
Total AUM, MEUR	144.9	Internal auditor	PWC	

NAV	31-Dec-2022	ISIN code
<b>B</b> unit	6.1962 EUR	EE3600090056
<b>C</b> unit	21.0515 EUR	EE3600102901
<b>D</b> unit	16.9825 EUR	EE3600108866
<b>E</b> unit	17.1516 EUR	EE3600108874
TER (2022) 0.41% +	unit class manage	ement fees

Unit class	D (Retail)	C (Institutional	E (Institutional)
Min. initial		E00 000 EUD	E00 000 EUD
investment	-	500,000 EUR	500,000 EUR
Front-end			
load	-	-	-
Management	20/	4.450/	0.05%
fee	2%	1.15%	0.85%
			15% over MSCI
Performance		-	EFM EUROPE +
fee (unit	-		CIS (E+C) ex RU
based)			index
Back-end			
load	-	-	-

Public offering France, Germany, United Kingdom, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway (units C, E)

Tax transparency Germany

Platforms & execution Euroclear FundSettle, Allfunds, MFEX, Clearstream AFS, SIX SIS AG, RBC Investor Services, IFSAM

Morningstar rating
SFDR classification
Fund documents &

Yes, four stars (3, 5 and 10 years)

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	WKN code	Telekurs ID	Bloomberg ticker	<b>Refinitiv RIC</b>
<b>C</b> unit	A0PEF0	CH10799792	AVAEESC ET	LP68063797
<b>D</b> unit	A1W7P0	CH12407332	AVEMEUD ET	LP68083763
E unit	A113GN	CH12414216	AVEMEUE ET	LP68083764

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Avaron Asset Management (founded in 2007) is an independent management-owned investment manager with a clear focus on stock-picking (bottom-up) and value investing in Emerging Europe region. We aim to deliver positive risk-adjusted return to our clients over the market cycle. Our portfolios are long-only and invest in listed stocks. Investment ideas are generated through in-house proprietary research of approximately 300 Emerging Europe companies, backed by regular on the ground visits and meetings. Our stock selection is primarily driven by the upside to internally set target prices on single company level. We invest only in business models that we understand and can model ourselves focusing on companies with leading market positions and strong recurring revenue streams. In addition, we have integrated ESG analysis into our investment process and adhere to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI). Our team of 17 professionals (including 8 in the investment team), based in Estonia and Poland, takes care of 140M+ euros of mainly professional investor assets. We adhere to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and are supervised by the Estonian Financial Supervision Authority.







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