

# AQR Managed Futures UCITS Fund

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# **Key Information**

Share Class: C (GBP)

Fund Inception Date: 1 October 2014

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Fund Size: \$463mm (as of 29 Feb. 2024)

Domicile: Luxembourg

ISIN: LU1103258270

Index: SONIA

Share Price: 117.84 (as of 29 Feb. 2024)

Number of Holdings:<sup>1</sup> 1872 (878 Long, 994 Short)

Currency Pairs: 54

Morningstar<sup>©</sup> Category: EAA Fund Alt - Systematic Futures

**Minimum Subscription:** 100k

Investment Management Fee:<sup>2</sup> 0.60%

Administrative & Operating Fee: 0.14%

**Performance Fee:**<sup>3</sup> 10.0%

**Local Lux Tax:**<sup>4</sup> 0.01%

#### **Fund Overview**

#### Fund Aspects:

Global, long/short absolute return portfolio that seeks to efficiently execute an active trendfollowing strategy across four asset classes: equities, fixed income, commodities and currencies.

The Fund emphasizes diversification across several themes:

*Signal Types:* Combines both price-based trend-following signals (short-term and long-term) and economic trend-following signals which are based on trends in fundamental data in and across markets.

Investments: Trades over 150 traditional and alternative assets across four major asset classes.

*Risk:* Position sizes are based on risk, dynamically allocating capital based on proprietary forecasts of market volatility.

The Fund targets 10% volatility, utilizing futures, forwards and other liquid derivatives to increase or decrease the notional exposure of the portfolio (generally employs implicit leverage).

#### **Fund Objective:**

The Fund seeks to produce attractive risk-adjusted returns while realizing low-to-zero long-term average correlation to traditional markets over the long-term.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

#### **Umbrella Fund:**

The Fund is a sub-fund of AQR UCITS Funds, a Luxembourg based UCITS of which the management company is FundRock Management Company S.A.

#### **Risk Management:**

Risk control is built into AQR's investment process with risk management applied at every step of the portfolio's construction.

Separate Portfolio and Risk management teams actively monitor and assess risk of the Fund.

Separate risk management oversight incorporates a systematic risk-reduction process to better manage risk during periods of significant loss.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile:**

Calculated using historical data which may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for details.



<sup>1</sup> Holdings subject to change without notice.

Fees follow a step-down structure. Fees are charged on an investor's net aggregate subscription (subscription minus redemptions) vs. a blended weighted average approach.

<sup>3</sup> Please note performance fees are charged over a cash hurdle measured by the SONIA for this share class

<sup>4</sup> Local Lux Tax per annum of Fund's NAV, payable quarterly.

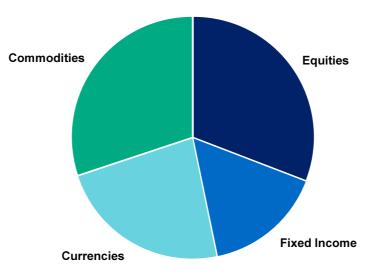
<sup>5</sup> Source: AQR, Bloomberg. Past performance does not predict future returns. Returns over one year are annualised. For fees, refer to the Key Information section

<sup>6</sup> The Fund is actively managed. The Index is not being used in reference to the management and/or implementation of the investment policy of the Fund, the referenced Index is used for the calculation of performance fees and/or as a point of comparison only.

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## **Fund Characteristics**

# **Risk Allocation:**



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## **Principal Risks**

The Fund may use derivatives in an attempt to reduce risk (hedging) or for investment purposes. It may be that the use of derivatives may not always be successful and cause unit prices to fluctuate which may in turn result in loss to the Fund.

The Fund is exposed to the currency markets which may be highly volatile. Large price swings can occur in such markets within very short periods and may result in your investment suffering a loss.

The Fund is subject to interest rate risk, whereby as interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income securities tends to decrease. Conversely, as interest rates fall, the market value of fixed incomesecurities tends to increase. This risk will be greater for long-term securities than for short-term securities.

The Fund may enter into one or more derivatives with a counterparty. There is a risk that this party may fail to make its payments or become insolvent which may result in the fund and your investment suffering a loss.

The Fund is exposed to concentration risk as it may have increased exposure to a particular asset or reference rate. A fall in value of the asset or reference rate can result in a greater loss to the Fund which may be more than the amount borrowed or invested.

The Fund may invest in less economically developed (known as emerging) markets which can involve greater risks than well developed economies. Amongst other issues, the level of government supervision and market regulation may be less than in more developed economies and could affect the value of your investment. Investment in emerging markets also increases the risk of settlement default.

The Fund provides exposure to physical goods (known as commodities). Commodity prices react, among other things, to economic factors such as changing supply and demand relationships, weather conditions and other natural events, the agricultural, trade, fiscal, monetary, and other policies of governments and other unforeseeable events all of which may affect your investment.

Your investment in the Fund is not guaranteed and is at risk. You may lose some or all of your investment.

The Fund relies upon the performance of the investment manager of the Fund. If the investment manager performs poorly the value of your investment is likely to be adversely affected.

More information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

# **Investment Approach**

The Fund invests in a portfolio of futures contracts and futures-related instruments, utilizing more than 150 contracts across four major asset classes: commodities, currencies, fixed income and equities. The Fund can take long or short positions in any of these instruments, and thus seeks to benefit both if the price of the underlying instrument rises or falls.

## Trading Strategies

The Fund implements long or short positions based on a combination of several trading strategies described below. These trading strategies take advantage of behavioral biases and actions of non-profit-seeking market participants, such as central banks. They specifically take advantage of under-reaction, which allows the Fund to enter a long or short position before news and information is fully reflected in asset prices. Additionally, the trading strategies can also benefit from over-reaction, as several behavioral biases, such as herding, can cause asset prices to overshoot their fundamental value. The Fund pursues trends in both traditional and alternative markets.

#### Price Trends

Price trends use an asset's own price history to take a long or short position depending on trailing performance over both short-term and long-term horizons. These signals take advantage of market participants' behavioral biases and tactically enter and exit positions with varying conviction levels depending on the magnitude of price-moves in each horizon, as well as alignment across the different trend horizons.

#### Economic Trends

Economic trends also take advantage of behavioral biases, but follow trends in economic data. As markets have a tendency to underact to news, signals based on relevant data can offer an innovative approach to identifying price trends in markets. These signals formulate views based on key economic themes such as growth, inflation, monetary policy, international trade and sentiment.

## Trading and Risk Control

The Fund employs a number of techniques to effectively trade its investments and to monitor risk:

Trading Cost Management

The Fund employs proprietary portfolio optimization techniques to reduce the costs of trading. Trading is performed by a 24 hour global trading team with extensive expertise in trading many asset classes. The Fund employs sophisticated electronic order placement algorithms to minimize the market impact of trades.

Trading Infrastructure

Customized liquidity-providing algorithms seeking to minimize transaction costs.

#### Risk Management

Risk management is embedded in the portfolio construction process, allowing the Fund to target a more consistent level of risk through time. **Reasons to Invest** 

#### Reasons to invest

The Fund delivers an active long/ short Managed Futures strategy in a UCITS fund vehicle.

#### Portfolio Diversification

Managed Futures strategies seek to generate returns that are uncorrelated to traditional asset classes on average, and can increase a portfolio's diversification.

#### Academic Research Foundation

The investment approach is grounded in academic research dating back several decades.

Experienced Management Team

AQR senior management has been working together and implementing futures based strategies since the mid-1990s.

Cutting Edge Research

Ongoing commitment to research and development.

# Portfolio Managers



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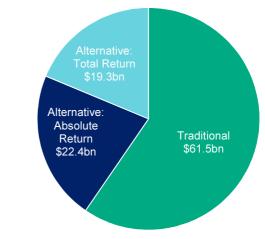
# **Company Profile**

# At a Glance:

AQR is a global investment management firm dedicated to delivering results for our clients. At the nexus of economics, behavioral finance, data and technology, AQR's evolution over two decades has been a continuous exploration of what drives markets and how it can be applied to client portfolios. The firm is headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut, with offices in Bangalore, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Munich and Sydney.

# Assets Under Management<sup>6</sup>

# Total Assets: \$103.2bn



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The fees and charges paid by the Fund will reduce the return on your investment. Certain costs paid by the Fund will be charged in USD and exchange rate fluctuations may cause these costs to increase or decrease when converted into your local currency.

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