# Lazard European Alpha Fund

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#### A sub-fund of Lazard Investment Funds, a UK-based OEIC

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## **Fund Description**

Lazard's European Alpha Fund aims to outperform the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index over a full market cycle of 3 to 5 years from investments in a concentrated portfolio of between 45 and 60 carefully selected European (ex-UK) equities.

## Share Class

NAV	1196.17p
Dividend Yield <sup>§</sup>	1.31%

## Fund AUM

Class Currency	£49.16m
Base Fund Currency	£49.16m

## **Risk Rating**



#### Key Risks Related to the Fund

There is no capital guarantee or protection of the value of the Fund. The value of your investment and the income from it can go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The Fund may invest in units or shares of other investment funds. Such other funds may themselves be subject to their own fees and expenses.

#### Key Risks Related to the Share Class

The returns from your investment may be affected by changes in the exchange rate between the Fund's base currency, the currency of the Fund's investments, your share class and your home currency.

See "Risk Factors" in the UCITS' Prospectus for more information about risks.

## Performance Data

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results

#### Rolling Year Performance (%)\*

(Annualised Return\* in GBP % p.a.)

				12 M	lonths end	ed 31 Dece	mber			
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Lazard European Alpha Fund	14.8	-7.2	10.5	8.6	20.7	-14.5	18.0	11.1	10.5	0.0
FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index	14.8	-7.7	16.6	7.9	19.4	-10.2	16.6	18.6	4.5	-0.7
IA Europe Excluding UK	14.3	-8.9	15.6	10.5	20.4	-12.2	17.5	17.1	9.4	-0.9
Quartile	2	2	4	2	2	4	2	4	2	2

## Fund Performance (%)\*

(Annualised Return\* in GBP % p.a.)

		Periods ended February 2024										
		1M 3M					Cumulative			Annualised		
	1M		3M YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	3Y	5Y	10Y		
Lazard European Alpha Fund	2.3	8.2	3.2	9.6	26.7	49.6	94.5	8.2	8.4	6.9		
FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index	2.7	7.4	3.0	9.9	29.7	55.8	106.7	9.1	9.3	7.5		
IA Europe Excluding UK	3.0	7.8	2.9	8.6	25.8	55.9	110.6	8.0	9.3	7.7		
Quartile	3	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	4		

\*Source: Morningstar, NAV to NAV basis, Net Income Reinvested, Net of Fees. \*Performance data for periods less than 1 year is illustrated on a cumulative growth basis. The Fund's performance is measured against the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index (the "Benchmark") which the manager of the Fund has assessed to be the most appropriate Benchmark for targeting performance. The performance of the Fund seeks to match or exceed the Benchmark performance. The Fund is not constrained by the Benchmark as the Fund has flexibility to invest in securities and asset classes not included in the Benchmark. The Fund will only invest in securities and asset classes listed in the Fund Prospectus or Fund Supplement. IA Sector performance data are post-tax returns that take into account the taxes a hypothetical investor pays on fund distributions and capital gains. The returns from your investment may be affected by changes in the exchange rate.



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## £100 Invested Over Ten Years

Feb-14 Feb-15 Feb-16 Feb-17 Feb-18 Feb-19 Feb-20 Feb-21 Feb-22 Feb-23 Feb-24

Lazard European \_\_\_\_ FTSE World Europe ex-UK \_\_\_ IA Europe Excluding Alpha Fund (94.03%) Index (106.68%) UK (110.10%) Source: Morningstar, Cumulative Growth, NAV to NAV Price, Net of fees, Net Income Reinvested to 29 February 2024 in GBP.

# Market Cap Breakdown



# Country Breakdown (%)

Country	Fund (%)	Index	Relative Weight
France	21.8	22.9	-1.1
Germany	18.4	16.8	1.6
Netherlands	18.3	9.5	8.8
Switzerland	9.5	18.2	-8.7
Denmark	8.5	6.6	1.9
Italy	4.9	5.6	-0.7
United Kingdom	4.9	0.0	4.9
Sweden	4.3	6.5	-2.2
Ireland	3.7	0.5	3.2
Other	5.0	13.4	-8.4
Cash	0.6	0.0	0.6

# Technical Statistics<sup>\*</sup>

	Fund	Index
Alpha (% p.a.)	-0.25	-
Beta	0.94	-
Information Ratio	-0.24	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.48	0.54
Tracking Error (% p.a.)	3.55	-
Volatility	12.27	12.50

*‡*Source: Morningstar. Technical statistics calculated three years to 29 February 2024. For the calculation of Sharpe ratio, the 3-month Libor rate has been used as the reference interest rate.

# Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	Fund (%)
Novo Nordisk	Denmark	6.1
ASML	Netherlands	5.2
UniCredit	Italy	3.6
Novartis	Switzerland	3.4
Roche	Switzerland	3.2
SAP	Germany	3.1
AXA	France	3.1
LVMH	France	3.1
Air Liquide	France	2.3
RELX	United Kingdom	2.2
Total		35.3
Number of Securities		58

# Sector Breakdown

	Fund (%)	Index	Relative Weight
Industrials	17.0	18.4	-1.4
Technology	15.8	10.5	5.3
Health Care	15.4	15.7	-0.3
Financials	15.2	18.1	-2.9
Consumer Discretionary	14.2	13.9	0.3
Consumer Staples	9.2	7.6	1.6
Basic Materials	4.9	4.4	0.5
Energy	3.6	3.9	-0.3
Real Estate	2.1	1.0	1.1
Other	2.0	6.5	-4.5
Cash	0.6	0.0	0.6

# **Characteristics - Equity**

	Fund	Index
Active Share	64.4	
EPS Growth - Next 12 months (%)	20.8	5.5
P/E Ratio - Trailing 12 months (%)	17.9	14.7
P/E Ratio - Next 12 Months (%)	14.4	14.0
ROE (%)	13.1	14.1
Dividend Yield (%)	2.6	2.9
Price to Book Value Ratio	2.3	2.1

# **Fund Information**

Fund Objective†	The objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve capital growth, net of fees, in excess of the FTSE World Europe ex. UK Index, measured in sterling, over at least 5 years.
Asset Class	European Equity
Benchmark	FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index
IA Sector	IA Europe Excluding UK
Management Company	Lazard Fund Managers Ltd
Fund Managers	Aaron Barnfather, Paul Selvey-Clinton +
	Team
Fund Launch Date	06/09/1999
Share Class Launch Date	01/05/2009
Base Fund Currency	GBP
Class Currency	GBP
Туре	Accumulation

†There is no assurance that the Lazard European Alpha Fund's objectives or performance targets will be achieved.

#### Fees

Annual Management Fee	1.50%
Ongoing charges	1.52%
Max Subscription Fee	3.75%
Max Redemption Fee	2.00%
Minimum Investment Amount	500 GBP
Swing Pricing	Applicable

## Glossary

Active Share measured as a percentage, active share is the degree of deviation in holdings between a portfolio and its benchmark. Active share of a portfolio is calculated as half the sum of the absolute active weights of all securities in a portfolio and its benchmark. For portfolios without shorts, the statistic ranges from 0% (index tracker) to 100% (no overlap with index). The higher the number, the more "active" the manager is.

Alpha represents the return of a portfolio that is attributable to the manager's investment decisions.

Beta measures a fund's sensitivity to movements in the overall market.

EPS represents the fiscal period earnings per share (EPS) for the period.

Information ratio represents the value added by the manager (excess return) divided by the tracking error.

The **Ongoing Charges** represent the ongoing costs to the fund from one year to the next which includes but is not limited to the fund's annual management fees, professional fees, audit fees, custody fees and custody transaction fees. It

Settlement	
Subscriptions Settlement	T+3
Redemptions Settlement	T+3
Dealing Frequency	You can buy or sell shares in the Fund on any day on which the stock exchange in London is open for business.
Cut-off Time (Subscriptions)	12:00 T-0 GB London
Cut-off Time (Redemptions)	12:00 T-0 GB London
Identifiers	
ISIN	GB00B6267W86
Sedol	B6267W8
Bloomberg	LAZEGRA LN
WKN	-

does not include any performance fee or portfolio transaction costs incurred buying or selling assets for the fund. The Ongoing charges may vary from year to year.

P/E Ratio/ Earnings Per Share (EPS).

Valoren

Price to Book Value / Book Value per Share.

Return on Equity (ROE) calculated by taking earnings per share of the company and dividing it by the stock's book value.

The **Risk Rating** is calculated in line with Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Regulations 2011 (the "UCITS Regulations").

Sharpe ratio measures return in excess of the risk free rate for every unit of risk taken.

Tracking error measures the volatility of the difference between a portfolio's performance and the benchmark.

Volatility is a measure of the fund's returns in relation to its historic average.

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