

# Lazard European Alpha Fund

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

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Fact Sheet

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### Morningstar Rating<sup>1</sup> ★★★

(Overall Rank out of 140 Funds).

Morningstar Rating based on risk-adjusted returns as of 29 February 2024 for the Share Class. Ratings and performance characteristics for other share classes may vary.

### Risk Rating



### 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                         | 1302.79p |
| Dividend Yield <sup>5</sup> | 1.97%    |

### Fund AUM

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Class Currency     | £49.16m |
| Base Fund Currency | £49.16m |

### 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 Months ended 31 December |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
|                               | 2023                        | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018  | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Lazard European Alpha Fund    | 15.7                        | -6.5 | 11.3 | 9.4  | 21.6 | -13.9 | 18.9 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 0.9  |
| 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                      | 1                           | 2    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 4     | 2    | 4    | 2    | 2    |

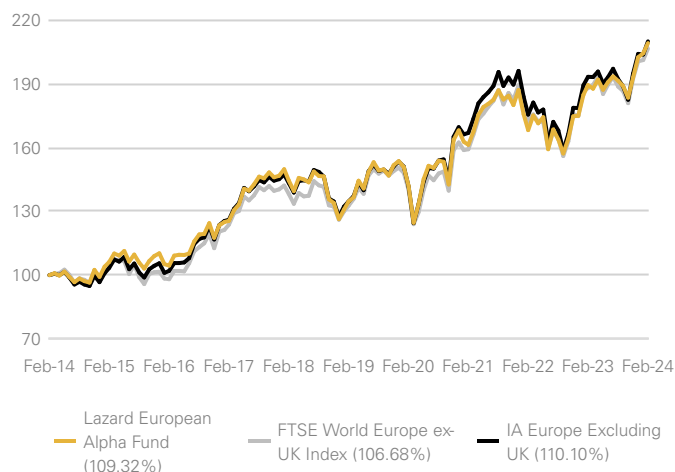
### Fund Performance (%)\*

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

|                               | Periods ended February 2024 |     |     |      |            |      |       |            |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|------|------------|------|-------|------------|-----|-----|
|                               | 1M                          | 3M  | YTD | 1Y   | Cumulative |      |       | Annualised |     |     |
|                               |                             |     |     |      | 3Y         | 5Y   | 10Y   | 3Y         | 5Y  | 10Y |
| Lazard European Alpha Fund    | 2.3                         | 8.4 | 3.3 | 10.5 | 29.7       | 55.3 | 110.2 | 9.0        | 9.2 | 7.7 |
| 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   | 2    | 2          | 3    | 3     | 2          | 3   | 3   |

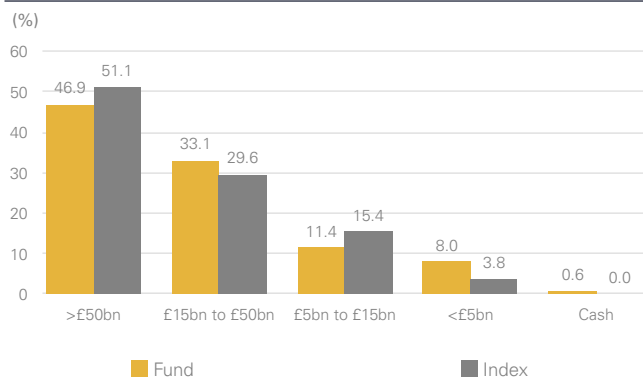
\*Source: Morningstar, NAV to NAV basis, Net Income Reinvested, Net of Fees. \*Performance data for periods less than 1 year is illustrated on a cumulative growth basis. The Fund's performance is measured against the performance of the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index (the "Benchmark") which the manager 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.

## £100 Invested Over Ten Years



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.)          | 0.53  | -     |
| Beta                    | 0.94  | -     |
| Information Ratio       | -0.01 | -     |
| Sharpe Ratio            | 0.55  | 0.54  |
| Tracking Error (% p.a.) | 3.50  | -     |
| Volatility              | 12.23 | 12.50 |

<sup>‡</sup>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         |
| <b>Total</b>                |                | <b>35.3</b> |
| <b>Number of Securities</b> |                | <b>58</b>   |

## 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 | 01/11/2012   |
| Base Fund Currency      | GBP  |
| Class Currency          | GBP  |
| Type                    | Accumulation   |

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

### Fees

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Annual Management Fee     | 0.75%       |
| Ongoing charges           | 0.77%       |
| Max Subscription Fee      | 0.00%       |
| Max Redemption Fee        | 2.00%       |
| Minimum Investment Amount | 500 000 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      | GB00B7WP6581 |
| Sedol     | B7WP658      |
| Bloomberg | LAZEACA LN   |
| WKN       | -            |
| Valoren   | -            |

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).**

**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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