

# SUSTAINABLE DIVIDENDS VALUE FUND

## MONTHLY REPORT



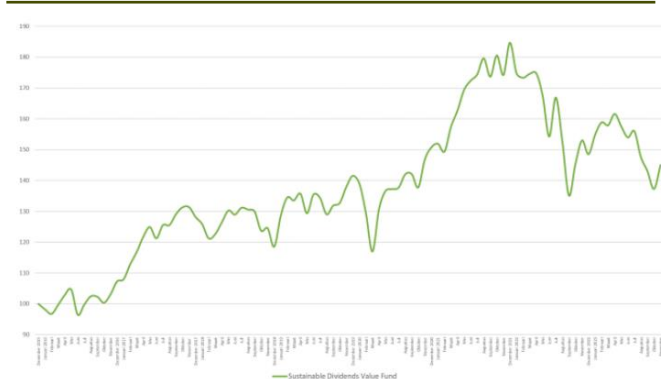
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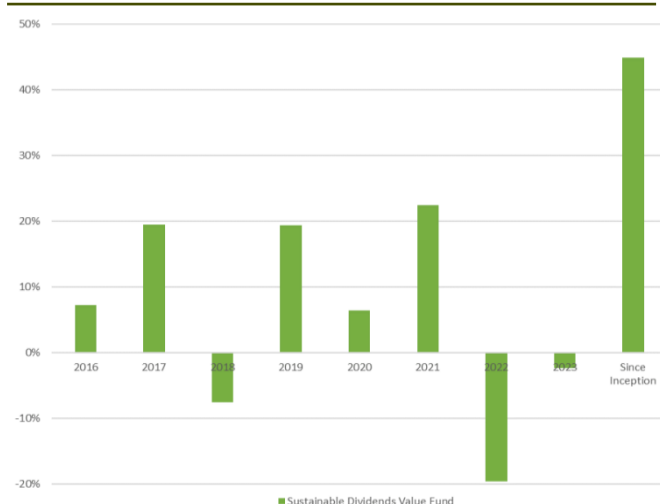
### Core facts

Fund price	113.13
Price last month	107.10
Monthly return (net)	5.6%
MSCI Europe month	6.4%
Return since inception (2016)	45.0%
MSCI Europe since 2016	55.9%

### Return (net %)



### Annual returns (net after fees %)



### Fund performance

This month it became very clear how big of an impact good news can have on equity markets. A slight improvement in the inflation rate made it clear to more and more investors that we have seen the final interest rate hike and that we can possibly expect interest rate cuts in the course of 2024. As a result, the MSCI Europe Index rose by 6.4%. In our portfolio, Bloomsbury - the focus stock from our third quarter - showed good results. The company expects rapid growth in their online databases for schools and universities. Fugro, the provider of geotechnical, survey, subsea and geosciences services, came with a strong presentation at their Capital Markets Day. The company sees many growth opportunities in coastal reinforcement and offshore wind. Bloomsbury and Fugro are two examples of undervalued stocks in our fund. If confidence in the stock market returns, the undervaluation is likely to diminish. Over the past month, our fund delivered a return of 5.6% for investors. For the coming quarters, we expect a further recovery in share prices. For investors, there are great opportunities to buy very strong companies at attractive price levels. We are doing exactly that and will keep you updated on our new purchases in the coming months. Since starting the fund in 2016, we have now achieved a return of 45%.

### Strategy

In our fund, we select stocks of companies with a predictable and profitable business model. Due to the strong focus on sustainability, companies that play an important role in, for example, the energy transition, recycling or the use of sustainable materials, will see their sales and earnings grow. At the same time, we expect these companies to receive more much attention from investors, leading to higher valuations for their stock.

### Monthly returns

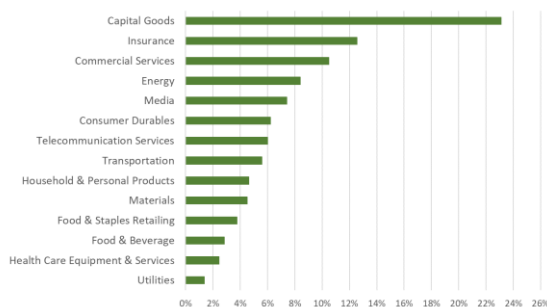
	Jan	Feb	Mrt	Apr	Mei	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dec	Jaar
2016	-1.8%	-1.5%	3.0%	3.2%	1.8%	-7.8%	3.4%	2.7%	-0.1%	-1.9%	2.7%	4.1%	<b>7.3%</b>
2017	0.7%	4.4%	3.6%	4.2%	2.6%	-2.9%	3.5%	0.0%	2.8%	1.7%	0.0%	-2.4%	<b>19.5%</b>
2018	-1.8%	-3.6%	1.2%	3.1%	3.0%	-1.0%	1.7%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-4.8%	0.6%	-4.8%	<b>-7.5%</b>
2019	8.4%	4.7%	-0.7%	1.7%	-4.7%	4.7%	-0.8%	-4.0%	2.2%	0.7%	3.9%	2.7%	<b>19.4%</b>
2020	-1.8%	-6.9%	-9.6%	11.7%	4.5%	0.4%	0.3%	3.1%	0.1%	-3.0%	6.5%	2.7%	<b>6.5%</b>
2021	0.8%	-1.7%	5.4%	3.4%	4.1%	1.8%	1.2%	3.0%	-3.3%	4.0%	-3.5%	6.0%	<b>22.5%</b>
2022	-5.4%	-0.8%	0.7%	0.2%	-4.2%	-7.9%	8.2%	-8.5%	-11.5%	7.5%	5.3%	-2.9%	<b>-19.6%</b>
2023	4.2%	2.6%	-0.6%	2.3%	-2.5%	-2.3%	1.3%	-5.4%	-3.1%	-4.0%	5.6%		<b>-2.4%</b>



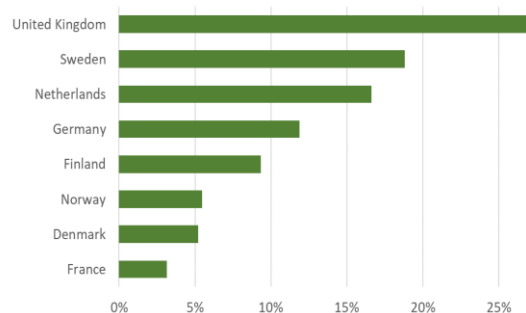
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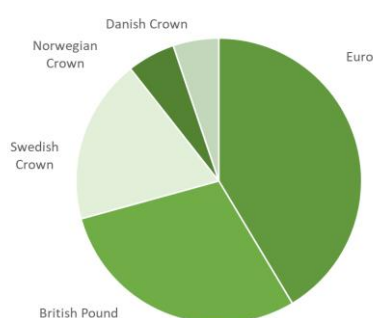
## Sector allocation



## Geographical allocation



## Currency allocation



## Risk-Return characteristics

Total Return	45.0%
Average annual return	4.8%
Standard deviation return	14.3%
Sharpe Ratio	0.27
Total Outperformance	-7.0%
Average annual outperformance	-0.9%
Tracking Error	7.4%
Information Ratio	-0.12
Correlation Coefficient	0.86
Worst month (April 2020)	+11.7%
Worst month (September 2022)	-11.5%
Maximum drawdown	-26.8%

## Sustainable Dividends

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## Ascenders in the portfolio

Norway's Tomra was the biggest gainer in the portfolio. The share price of the manufacturer of reverse vending machines and sorting machines for the food and recycling industries rose 20% in the past month. Recently several countries in Europe (and beyond) have decided to introduce deposit systems. Tomra has an 80% market share worldwide in this field and will therefore benefit from these plans. The management of the company expects to enter many new markets to install reverse vending machines, which will lead to the company doubling its size. Another big gainer was DHL. The share price of the German logistics company rose over the past month by 17%. Third-quarter results were quite a bit better than expected and the management sees substantial growth in business over the next two years as the economy will start to recover.

## Descenders in the portfolio

The number of decliners in the fund was small. Ahold saw its share price drop by 5% after announcing quarterly figures for the third quarter, in which American consumers in particular, spent slightly less than expected. Bright spots were the online sales, which were on the rise in both Europe and the US. The share is undervalued, partly due to the stock price decline in the past six months. We expect that the regular share buyback programs and growing dividends will lead to a recovery in the share price. Bravida, the Swedish installer of energy-efficient solutions for heating and cooling for especially large buildings, saw its share price drop by 6% in November following the release of quarterly earnings in late October. The company saw both revenue and profit rise, but fears for future margin pressure at construction related companies caused investor caution. Recently, the company announced a large new order for an extension of the Stockholm metro. We expect the order book to remain on track in the coming quarters partly because of this huge order.

## Outlook

The fund is currently almost entirely invested in low-valued and well-managed companies with a strong balance sheet. These companies are expected to deliver growing profits and rising dividends in the coming years. To ensure sufficient diversification, the assets are divided over 22 shares of companies in 14 different sectors and 8 different countries. We believe that our fund offers a good chance of an attractive return to equity investors with a long horizon.

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