

# VAM FUNDS (LUX) - US LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND

B CLASS – DECEMBER 2023

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## Objective and Investment Policy

The investment objective of the Compartment is to achieve long-term capital appreciation. This is achieved through a growth style of investment in equity, including common stocks and other equity securities of issuers of US mid-capitalisation companies usually with a market capitalisation of more than \$10 billion on initial investment. The strategy of the Compartment is growth oriented. This means it identifies and invests in stocks of companies with perceived future earnings growth potential.

There can be no assurance that the investment objective will be achieved or that there will be a return on capital.

## Key Features

- Employs Driehaus' proven investment approach of identifying companies exhibiting accelerating earnings growth
- Invests in America's fastest growing large companies
- Companies typically have revenue sourced from operations around the globe

## Profile of Typical Investor

The Compartment is suitable for investors seeking long-term growth through capital appreciation and who want to participate in the long-term growth of the US economy. It is also suitable for investors wishing to diversify their investment portfolios, who are comfortable with and understand the risks of investing in the stock market, who have an investment horizon of at least five to seven years, and who seek investment opportunities in the US equity markets.

## Net Performance in USD (%) as at December 2023

	Cumulative					
	1 month	3 month	YTD	12 month	3 Year	5 Year
	4.07	9.78	21.25	21.25	27.42	66.30
VAM US Large Cap Growth B	Annualised		Volatility	Sharpe	Max Drawdown	
	3 Year	Since launch	3 Year	3 Year		
	8.41	7.22	17.39	0.42	-51.38	

## Monthly Net Performance in USD (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	6.85	-2.02	1.36	0.35	-0.09	7.55	1.97	-0.74	-4.63	-2.90	8.64	4.07	21.25
2022	-5.20	-2.22	3.60	-8.18	0.42	-9.17	8.87	-2.84	-9.64	8.79	5.29	-6.36	-17.54
2021	-0.41	1.88	4.99	4.31	1.54	1.00	1.97	3.41	-4.49	6.03	-0.32	5.07	27.44

## Fund Statistics (%)

5-Year Period	Compartment
Annualised Alpha	-2.54
Sharpe Ratio	0.55
Information Ratio	-0.84
Beta	0.97
Standard Deviation	18.38
Tracking Error	3.56
R-Squared	0.96

## COMPARTMENT DETAILS

Fund	VAM Funds (LUX)
Compartment	US Large Cap Growth Fund
Legal Structure	UCITS – SICAV (Luxembourg)
Inception Date	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2003
ISIN	LU0247237638
Sedol Code	B10QTP2
Bloomberg Code	VAMULCB LX
AUM	\$21.77 Million
Currency	USD
Investment Style	Growth Equity
Dealing Day	Daily (www.vam-funds.com)
Cut-off time	11.00a.m. CET on business day prior to valuation
Domicile/Place of issue	Luxembourg
Management Company	VAM Global Management Company SA
Investment Manager	Driehaus Capital Management LLC
Minimum Direct Investment	<b>B shares (institutional)</b> \$20,000 initial and \$2,000 additions
Investment Horizon	5 to 7 years
Entry Charge	Maximum 5%
Exit Charge	None
Ongoing charge	2.55%
Performance Fee	0.00% (15% with a high-water mark)
Annual Management Charge	1.75% per annum (for share classes B)
Type of class	Accumulation

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

**Jonathon Mershimer**, Portfolio Manager  
15 years of industry experience



Morningstar Rating™  
Overall



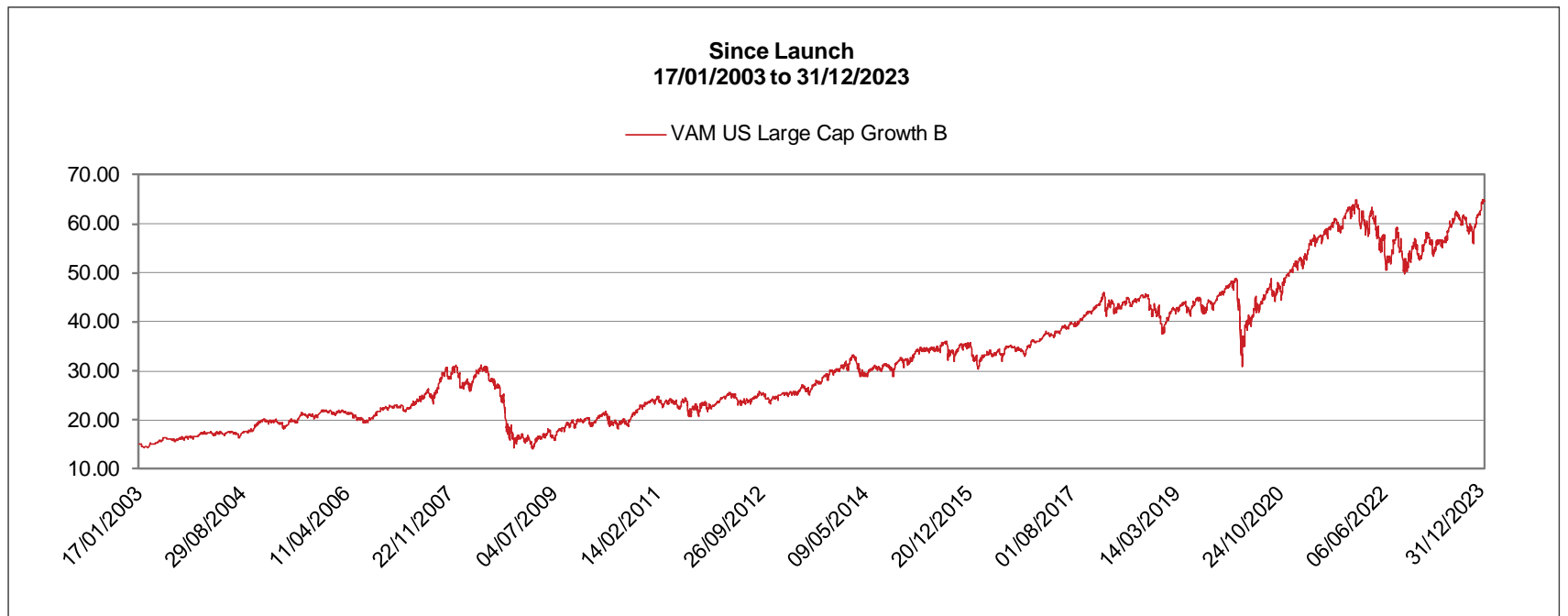
Trustnet Rating



Total Return  
Lipper Leaders Rating

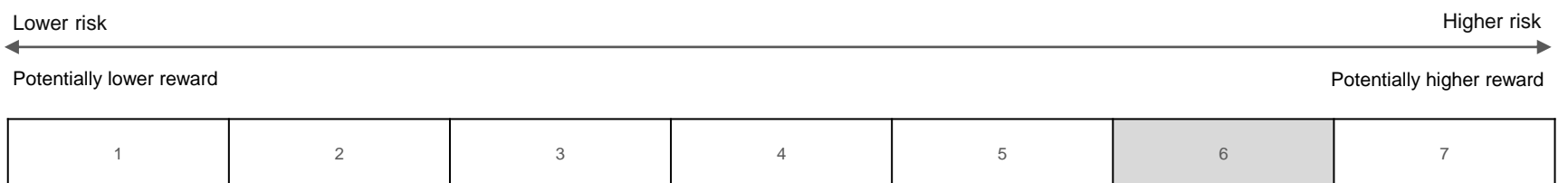
Source of performance: Lipper as at October 2023. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. YTD: from 31/12/2022 to the date of this document. Past performance is calculated net of all fees (except for entry, exit or conversion charges, dividend reinvested). Where performance is reflected in a different currency, other than the investor's base currency, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

NAV Evolution in USD



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Risk and Reward Profile



This risk and reward indicator illustrates where the Class is positioned in terms of its possible risk and reward. The higher the Class's position on this scale, the greater the possible reward, but also the greater risk of losing money. This risk indicator is calculated using historical data, which cannot be used as a prediction for the future. Therefore, the risk classification may change over time. Even if the Class is in the lowest risk class you can lose money, as no investments are entirely risk-free.

The risk and reward indicator has been calculated using simulated historical performance data, which may not be a reliable indicator of the Class's future risk and reward profile.

This Class is in category 6 since the price changes of the Class have been high in the past.

Main inherent risks of the Compartment:

**Liquidity risk:** Some of the assets of the Compartment may become difficult to sell at a certain time and for a reasonable price.

**Currency risk:** The Compartment invests in securities that are issued in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund. As a result, the Fund is subject to currency risk, which arises from changes in the exchange rates between countries.

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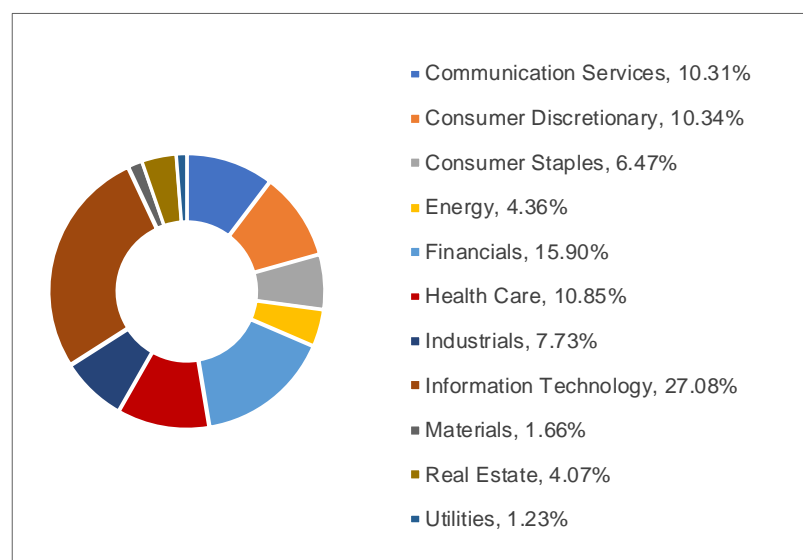
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## Top 10 Holdings as of 30/11/2023

Company	Sector	Fund
Microsoft Corporation	Information Technology	7.75%
Apple Inc.	Information Technology	6.61%
Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	3.36%
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B	Financials	2.88%
Alphabet Inc. Class C	Communication Services	2.66%
NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	2.55%
Meta Platforms Inc. Class A	Communication Services	1.72%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	Communication Services	1.69%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Financials	1.60%
Walmart Inc.	Consumer Staples	1.58%

## Sector Weights



## Portfolio Characteristics

	Compartment
Number of Holdings	101
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$M)	681,739
Median Market Cap (\$M)	70,520

Market Cap Breakout	Compartment
\$2.5 - \$15 billion	16.88%
> \$15 billion	83.12%

Source: Driehaus Capital Management LLC as at December 2023. For illustrative purposes only. Holdings/allocations are subject to change. Any reference to a specific company or security does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell, hold or directly invest in the company or security. It should not be assumed that the recommendations made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities discussed in this document.

## Major Shareholders

Shareholder A (Investment Fund)	40.8%
Shareholder B (Nominee)	15.4%
Shareholder C (Nominee)	8.6%
Shareholder D (Other Financial Institution)	5.5%
Shareholder E (Bank)	3.3%

Source: CACEIS Investor Services Bank S.A. as at December 2023. For illustrative purposes only. Shareholder information is subject to change.

## Glossary

**Alpha:** Typically refers to the excess return of a strategy relative to returns available in the broader market.

**Beta:** Leverage, which measures the level of a company's debt to its equity.

**Standard Deviation:** Refers to a measure of the average deviations of a return series from its mean; often used as a measure of portfolio volatility. A large standard deviation implies that there have been large swings or volatility in the Manager's return series.

**Consumer Discretionary:** Goods and services that are considered non-essential by consumers, but desirable if their available income is sufficient to purchase them.

**Consumer Staples:** Goods and services most people need to live regardless of the state of the economy.

**Information Ratio:** A measurement of portfolio returns beyond the returns of a benchmark, usually an index, compared to the volatility of those returns.

**Median Market Cap:** The midpoint of market capitalisation (market price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) of the stocks in a portfolio. Half the stocks in the portfolio will have higher market capitalizations; half will have lower.

**R-Squared:** The percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. For example, an R-squared for a fixed-income security versus a bond index identifies the security's proportion of price movement that is predictable based on a price movement of the index.

**Sharpe Ratio:** Ratio used to help investors understand the return of an investment compared to its risk. The ratio is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. It is a measure of marginal profitability per unit of risk. When it is positive, the higher it is, the more risk taking is remunerated. A negative Sharpe ratio does not necessarily mean that the portfolio has had a negative performance but that it has been lower than a risk-free investment.

**Tracking Error:** The difference between the performance of a stock or mutual fund and its benchmark.

**Weighted Average Market Cap:** A type of stock market index construction that is based on the market capitalization of the index's constituent stocks. Large companies would thus account for a greater portion of an index than small-cap stocks.

**Active Share:** represents the share of portfolio holdings that differ from the benchmark index holdings.

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