



Fund Commentary

Amundi Global Luxury & Lifestyle Fund

Investment Objective

Amundi Global Luxury & Lifestyle Fund (the "Fund") is structured as a feeder fund investing all or substantially all its assets in the Luxembourg registered Amundi Funds Equity Global Luxury and Lifestyle. The investment objective of the Underlying Fund is to seek long term capital growth through investment primarily in shares of companies which carry out the dominant part of their activities in the luxury or prestige goods and services sector and listed on a recognised Stock Exchange.

What happened in February

Equity market forged ahead in February, as the reflation theme continued to fuel investor optimism. Encouraging economic indicators and improving earnings expectations also contributed to the positive sentiments. The MSCI World rose 2.8% during the month to an all-time high. In contrast to last month, all markets participated in the rally, though with significant differences in performance. The US was the leader with a 3.9% rise. Emerging markets gained 3.1%, driven by Latin America and Asia. Europe and Japan also ended the month higher, but underperformed the global market. Healthcare and information technology were the best performing sectors over the month. Defensive sectors also staged a comeback, led by consumer staples on the back of M&A activity. On the other hand, cyclicals paused for breath after their strong performance over the past few months. Energy and materials were the biggest underperformers.

Despite higher headline rates of inflation and a slightly more hawkish tone from the Fed, bond yields edged down over the month. The dollar strengthened on the back of rate hike expectations after its weakness at the start of the year. On the other hand, heightened political uncertainty and renewed worries over Greece weighed on the euro which lost ground against all other currencies.

In February, the Fund slightly underperformed its reference index, while outperforming year to date. Over the month, information technology was the best positive contributing sector to the relative performance, led by good performances from Apple (better IPhone sales driven by a renewal cycle) and Activision Blizzard (Beat earnings expectations and increased dividend). Healthcare was also a strong contributing sector, driven by a robust performance of Johnson & Johnson. However, these positive contributions were compensated by underperformances in consumer discretionary (due to Yamaha Corp profit warning on the mainstay musical instruments segment; and to Pandora on concerns of a slowdown in US and soft 2017 guidance).

We trimmed our positions on growth companies that recently outperformed the market. We took profits in the video games industry on Activision Blizzard after its solid Q4 results as well as on Square Enix. Furthermore, we cut our positions in Vail resorts, the premium US ski resort, and Brunswick Corp, the US leading leisure boat player, to reinforce the cruise line Carnival, as the stock remains attractively valued and positioned to benefit from rising US consumer demand for cruises in Europe.

Renewed optimism over a huge economic stimulus in the US stoked new stock market records on both sides of the Atlantic. Stocks valuation seems stretched and upside potential now rests solely on results' dynamics. European luxury companies are supported by this positive trend and driven by strong demand for recognised brands and improved tourist flows. Tourism, leisure, as well as technology companies provided strong results in the last season and an overall positive outlook, benefiting from improving US consumer confidence and macroeconomic indicators in both Europe and the US.



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