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Key Risk Factors:

Past Performance: The CROCI Strategies level may rise or fall. Any products linked to a CROCI Strategy may not be capital protected and investor capital may be at risk. The value of investment products linked to the CROCI Strategies may go down as well as up. Past performance, whether live or simulated, is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Membership and performance of CROCI Strategies prior to their going live is simulated. The simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

The CROCI Model: The Concentrated Value Strategies have been built on the CROCI premise that stocks with lower CROCI Economic P/E ratios may outperform stocks with higher CROCI Economic P/E ratios over time. This premise may not be correct and prospective investors should evaluate this assumption prior to investing in these Strategies. CROCI represents one of the many possible ways to analyze and value stocks. Potential investors must form their own view of the CROCI methodology and evaluate whether CROCI and investments associated with CROCI are appropriate for them.

Sustainable Dividends Assumption: The CROCI Dividend Strategies make the assumption that Dividend Yield, Cash Returns, Financial Leverage and Price Volatility can impact the ability for companies to maintain their dividend payments as well as provide performance. This premise may not be correct and prospective investors should evaluate this assumption prior to investing in the Strategy. There is no implied assurance that a stock in the CROCI Global Dividends Strategy and/or CROCI US Dividends Strategy will not cut its dividend while it is in the Strategy.

The CROCI Intellectual Capital Strategy has been built on the premises that

- 1) Both R&D and Brands are forms of intellectual capital and these are captured as capitalised intangibles in the CROCI model;
- 2) Companies with intellectual capital may outperform companies without intellectual capital;
- 3) Financial Leverage and Risk-Adjusted CROCI can impact the ability for companies to maintain or grow their intellectual capital as well as provide performance;
- 4) CROCI equity earnings are a suitable basis for the construction of portfolio weightings.

These premises may not be correct and prospective investors should evaluate these assumptions prior to investing in this Strategy. Note also that this Strategy excludes any companies without capitalised intangibles in the CROCI model (either in form of R&D or Brands), and therefore excludes large parts of entire sectors that have low exposure to intangible assets such as Financials and Utilities.

Important Notice: CROCI was part of DB Markets Research until 15 Oct. 2013, any content published after this date does not constitute independent investment research but should be deemed marketing material created by the CROCI team, which is now part of DWS.

Important Information: All CROCI Concentrated Strategies in this Report except CROCI Intellectual Capital underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014:

- 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly (with the exception of CROCI Global Dividends and CROCI US Dividends which were already reconstituted on a quarterly basis prior to this date);
- 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover.

What is a "selection buffer"? By way of example, consider a portfolio consisting of the 40 stocks with lowest Economic P/E, and a 5-stock selection buffer. Without the buffer, a stock moving from rank 40 to rank 41 would be replaced in the portfolio. With the buffer, an existing constituent is only replaced if it no longer ranks among the 45 cheapest stocks (by Economic P/E) on the selection date. A new constituent will only enter the portfolio if it is within the 40 cheapest stocks (by Economic P/E) on the selection date.

- 3) CROCI Sectors increased selection pool to Pan-Europe and full US coverage and introduced a sector buffer to reduce turnover.

- 4) Removal of "backfill rule" from CROCI Sectors Strategy (4th June 2014).

What is a "backfill rule"? The CROCI Sectors Strategy selects 30 stocks. Under the old "backfill rule", stocks chosen from a sector had to be below the median Economic P/E of their respective sector. Where not possible (i.e. when a sector has fewer than 20 stocks in the selection pool), the backfill rule required that the portfolio be filled up by selecting stocks with lowest Economic P/E from the remaining six sectors. This resulted occasionally in exposure to more than three sectors. Since the backfill rule was removed, the CROCI Sectors Strategy always selects 10 stocks from each of the three selected sectors

The aim of these changes (quarterly reconstitution and introduction of buffers) is to reduce portfolio turnover and transaction costs. The CROCI Team believes that these revisions should reduce turnover while having little or no impact on the exposure to real value. Backtests simulating these changes suggest that they would have had no material negative impact on the performance of CROCI Strategies: assuming 50 bps transaction costs, backtests for the period 2 Feb. 2004 - 31 Mar. 2014 indicate that the annualised returns of CROCI US, CROCI Euro, CROCI Japan, CROCI World, CROCI Sectors, and CROCI Global Dividends would have been at least 70 bps higher with buffers and quarterly rebalancing than without these measures. The annualised return of CROCI US Dividends would have been 7 bps lower with buffers and quarterly rebalancing than without these measures.

All the **Real Earnings Weighted Indices** underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018:

- 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team;
- 2) Excludes any secondary share classes – only one eligible share class per company will be included.

Also, prior to 13 Sep. 2016, the two indices CROCI REW US Large and CROCI REW US Mid defined large cap and mid cap US companies by reference to CROCI Economic Earnings. Effective from that date, large cap and mid cap US companies are defined by reference to market capitalization.

Implementation of ESG Characteristics in CROCI Concentrated Strategies:

Effective 1st Jan. 2022, all CROCI Concentrated Strategies in this report, except CROCI Intellectual Capital, incorporated environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics based on DWS Basic Exclusions, a DWS proprietary ESG assessment methodology, provided by DWS ESG Engine.

These facets seek to attain environmental and social characteristics by assessing potential investments via a proprietary ESG assessment methodology irrespective of economic prospects of success. This methodology is based on the ESG database (DWS ESG Engine), which uses data from multiple ESG data providers (a list of data providers is available at www.dws.com/solutions/esg), public sources and internal assessments (based on a defined assessment and classification methodology) to derive combined scores.

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ESG

Environmental, social and governance – a collective term referring to all aspects considered conducive to sustainability

DWS ESG Engine

The DWS ESG Engine is a DWS proprietary software system that uses data from five leading ESG data providers (ISS-ESG, MSCI, ESG Book, Morningstar Sustainalytics and S&P Trucost), as well as ESG data from publicly available sources and proprietary DWS research.

DWS ESG Assessment

This sustainability indicator measures the weight of those companies in the fund or benchmark that are identified as ESG leaders or laggards. ESG leaders and laggards are identified in the DWS ESG Engine using a best-in-class ESG approach, which takes into account a wide range of environmental, social and corporate governance criteria (e. g. resource management, contribution to climate change, product responsibility, corporate ethics). Best-in-class means that issuers are rated relative to their reference group. The reference group is determined by the region (developed countries vs. emerging countries) and industry (not applicable to countries). The DWS ESG quality assessment ranks issuers on a scale of A-F, whereas a grade of A and B identifying ESG leaders and a grade of E and F ESG laggards.

DWS Basic Exclusion Filter

The implementation of DWS Basic Exclusions, seeks to eliminate securities from the investment universe if the issuer of the security does not meet the DWS Engine's DWS Basic Exclusions criteria. Hence the investor is not exposed to the financial return of the excluded securities. The impact of the exclusion on the investor's portfolio return cannot be guaranteed. Financial return considerations do, under no circumstance, influence the ESG exclusion process. It is possible that the information or data on which an exclusion is based is wrong, not available or not available in time. In the event of delayed information, the exclusion is not performed, but will be once the information is confirmed. Potential investors should confirm that the ESG rule framework that DWS applies is consistent with their expectations and views concerning ESG.

DWS Basic Exclusions [transparent pursuant to article 8 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088]			
Exclusion category	Exclusion criteria	Assessment ¹	Revenue threshold ²
CCWs and controversial weapons	Controversial conventional weapons ³	No D / E / F	>0%
	Depleted uranium weapons ⁴	No D / E / F	>0%
	Nuclear weapons ⁴	No D / E / F	>0%
Controversial sectors	Tobacco	No D / E / F	≥5%
	Oil sands	No D / E / F	≥5%
	Civilian firearms	No D / E / F	≥5%
	Military defence	No E / F	≥10%
	Thermal coal	No F	≥25%
	International norms (corporates)	No F	-
General ESG	Climate and transition risk (corp. & sov.)	No F	-
	Freedom House Status (sovereigns)	"Not free" → No E / F	-
Principle adverse impact indicators (PAII) ⁵ : PAII #2 / #3 / #4 / #10 / #14			
Share of sustainable investments according to SFDR Art. 2(17) ⁶ : individual per fund			
Share of sustainable investments according to EU Taxonomy ⁷ : 0%			

For ESG filter terminologies

1) DWS Assessment scheme

The ESG database derives "A" to "F" letter coded assessments within different categories. Within each category, issuers receive one of six possible scores, with "A" being the highest score and "F" being the lowest score. If an issuer's score in one category is not considered eligible, the portfolio management is prohibited from investing in that issuer, even if it is eligible according to the other categories. For exclusion purposes, each letter score is considered individually and may result in exclusion of an issuer.

2) Revenue threshold

Shown is the %-revenue threshold which, when it is greater or equal to, triggers an exclusion. The focus is on manufacturing or production, i.e., for tobacco the production of tobacco products, oil sands the extraction of oil and for military defense the production of military goods. Exceptions are coal and civilian firearms (includes coal distribution and electricity generation respectively the sale of small arms).

3) Controversial conventional weapons

Controversial conventional weapons (CCW) include cluster munition, anti personnel mines as well as biological and chemical weapons.

4) Controversial weapons

For controversial weapons, any involvement triggers an exclusion, regardless of the revenue share. Involvement is identified as weapon manufacturer (F), component manufacturer (E), and owned by companies with an E or F assessment or own a company with E or F assessment (D), respectively.

5) Principles adverse impact indicators (PAIIs)

Depending on the asset class of the fund and its product strategy, actively managed Article 8 or 9 funds can consider different PAIIs. For example, PAII 16 is only taken into account by funds investing in sovereign issuers.

6) Share of sustainable investments according to SFDR Art. 2(17)

The methodology for determining the share of sustainable investments follows four steps. In order to identify sustainable investments, the first step is to examine whether a company has a positive contribution to the UN SDGs through its business activities. The measurement of business activities is usually based on a company's revenues, partly also based on a company's capital expenses (capex) or operating expenses (opex). The second step is to prove that the company does not have a negative impact on any social or environmental objective when carrying out its business activities (DNSH assessment). If this is the case, the third step is to examine whether the company meets principles of good governance: It will exemplarily be considered whether the company has the worst norm assessment (so-called "minimum safeguards"). One example is the fight against corruption. If this is also the case, the positive contribution of the company identified in the first step can ultimately be taken into account. Thus, the company's share of sustainable investments would contribute to the share of sustainable investments in the portfolio.

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7) Share of sustainable investments according to EU Taxonomy

The EU taxonomy aims to provide clarity on which economic activities are to be considered environmentally sustainable. For this purpose, a list of criteria for companies is used to define which economic activities or revenues contribute to the one of the six EU environmental goals. Due to a lack of data availability, DWS currently does not set a minimum percentage for ecologically sustainable investments according to EU Taxonomy in its actively managed funds.

Fund of fund treatment

For fund of funds, min. 51% of target fund holdings need to be in Art. 8 or Art. 9 SFDR classified funds. In addition, only the exclusion criteria ESG quality (through a specific DWS fund assessment), international norms and climate and transition risk assessment are considered in dependence of the ESG Standard. The ESG filter specific assessment exclusions apply, i.e., for the DWS Basic Exclusions filter no climate and transition risk assessment F and no norm assessment F; for the DWS ESG Investment Standard and DWS ESG Investment Standard + BaFin Guidelines filters no ESG quality E / F, ≤15% in D and ≤5% in M, no climate and transition risk assessment F, ≤5% in E and ≤5% in M, no norm assessment F and ≤5% in E.

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Summary Performance - CROCI Concentrated Strategies

(as of 31 Aug. 2023)

CROCI US Strategy						Live from 2 Feb. 2004			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI US	-0.7%	12.7%	8.1%	14.5%	20.0%	17.5%	10.3%	11.1%	10.2%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	8.8%
S&P 500 Value	-2.8%	7.3%	8.3%	12.3%	16.5%	13.5%	8.7%	9.6%	7.5%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	1.0%	4.6%	-6.1%	-3.8%	4.7%	7.5%	-0.2%	-1.0%	1.4%
vs. S&P 500 Value	2.2%	5.4%	-0.2%	2.2%	3.5%	4.0%	1.6%	1.5%	2.7%
CROCI US Dividends Strategy						Live from 13 Mar. 2012			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI US Dividends	-2.5%	7.3%	2.5%	2.0%	6.5%	12.1%	9.4%	11.6%	12.5%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	12.3%
S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	-3.7%	4.8%	-2.0%	-1.4%	0.9%	10.7%	6.8%	9.7%	10.2%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-0.8%	-0.9%	-11.7%	-16.3%	-8.9%	2.1%	-1.1%	-0.5%	0.2%
vs. S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	1.2%	2.5%	4.5%	3.5%	5.6%	1.4%	2.6%	2.0%	2.3%
CROCI Euro Strategy						Live from 2 Feb. 2004			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Euro	-1.7%	5.5%	3.4%	14.4%	19.5%	7.9%	5.2%	8.9%	7.8%
ESTOXX 50	-3.8%	2.1%	3.4%	15.8%	25.3%	12.1%	7.3%	7.3%	5.0%
MSCI EMU Value	-1.8%	5.5%	2.2%	13.4%	24.1%	12.7%	4.7%	5.9%	4.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. ESTOXX 50	2.1%	3.4%	-0.1%	-1.4%	-5.8%	-4.2%	-2.2%	1.6%	2.7%
vs. MSCI EMU Value	0.1%	0.0%	1.2%	1.0%	-4.7%	-4.8%	0.5%	3.0%	3.5%
CROCI Japan Strategy						Live from 2 Feb. 2004			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Japan	0.8%	9.9%	25.2%	34.8%	31.4%	20.6%	12.9%	12.5%	8.5%
TOPIX 100	-0.2%	9.1%	19.1%	25.8%	23.0%	17.0%	9.9%	10.3%	5.8%
MSCI Japan Value	2.0%	15.1%	21.8%	28.6%	26.8%	21.6%	10.0%	9.5%	6.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. TOPIX 100	1.1%	0.7%	6.1%	9.0%	8.4%	3.6%	3.1%	2.2%	2.7%
vs. MSCI Japan Value	-1.1%	-5.2%	3.3%	6.2%	4.6%	-1.0%	2.9%	3.0%	1.7%
CROCI World EUR Strategy						Live from 29 Nov. 2010			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI World (EUR)	-0.9%	6.9%	3.0%	8.6%	6.0%	15.8%	11.1%	11.5%	11.6%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	11.1%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	-1.2%	5.1%	1.0%	3.2%	2.1%	13.9%	6.7%	8.6%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-0.1%	1.8%	-5.6%	-5.6%	-1.1%	3.9%	1.2%	0.1%	0.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (EUR)	0.3%	1.8%	2.0%	5.3%	3.8%	1.9%	4.4%	2.9%	2.7%

NB. CROCI Concentrated Strategies except CROCI Intellectual Capital underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. For Sectors, increased selection pool size in Europe and US and introduced sector buffer to reduce sector turnover.

The CROCI REW Indices underwent minor implementation changes on 21 Sep. 2018: 1) Inclusion of Financials sector stocks which are covered by CROCI Team; 2) Excludes any secondary share classes – only one eligible share class per company will be included.

Returns include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged in currencies shown. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Where no currency is shown, returns are in respective region's local currency. Strategy performance prior to the live date is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight. Please refer to the disclosures for more information. Source: DWS, Bloomberg Finance LP

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CROCI World USD Strategy						Live from 29 Nov. 2010			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI World (USD)	-2.5%	8.8%	5.4%	10.4%	14.4%	12.1%	9.6%	9.4%	10.0%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.5%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-2.8%	7.0%	3.3%	5.0%	10.2%	10.3%	5.2%	6.5%	7.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-0.1%	1.8%	-5.7%	-5.7%	-1.2%	3.7%	1.2%	0.1%	0.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	0.3%	1.8%	2.1%	5.4%	4.1%	1.9%	4.3%	2.8%	2.7%
CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy						Live from 18 Nov. 2015			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Sectors Plus (EUR)	-0.3%	9.3%	1.8%	8.1%	6.4%	20.1%	15.1%	13.4%	13.7%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	9.2%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	-1.2%	5.1%	1.0%	3.2%	2.1%	13.9%	6.7%	8.6%	6.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.5%	4.2%	-6.8%	-6.1%	-0.7%	8.1%	5.3%	2.0%	4.5%
vs. MSCI World Value (EUR)	0.9%	4.2%	0.8%	4.9%	4.3%	6.2%	8.4%	4.8%	7.2%
CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy						Live from 18 Nov. 2015			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Sectors Plus (USD)	-1.8%	11.2%	4.2%	10.0%	14.8%	16.3%	13.5%	11.3%	14.0%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.5%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-2.8%	7.0%	3.3%	5.0%	10.2%	10.3%	5.2%	6.5%	6.7%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.5%	4.3%	-6.9%	-6.2%	-0.8%	7.9%	5.2%	2.0%	4.5%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	0.9%	4.3%	0.8%	5.0%	4.6%	6.0%	8.3%	4.7%	7.3%
CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy						Live from 15 Mar. 2012			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Global Dividends (EUR)	0.0%	6.4%	5.2%	9.4%	12.3%	13.0%	7.0%	9.3%	9.5%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	11.2%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	-0.8%	4.2%	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%	11.5%	7.1%	8.6%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.8%	1.3%	-3.4%	-4.8%	5.2%	1.0%	-2.8%	-2.1%	-1.7%
vs. MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	0.7%	2.2%	2.0%	6.2%	9.5%	1.4%	-0.1%	0.7%	0.7%
CROCI Global Dividends USD Strategy						Live from 15 Mar. 2012			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Global Dividends (USD)	-1.6%	8.3%	7.6%	11.3%	21.2%	9.4%	5.5%	7.0%	7.8%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.4%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	-2.3%	6.1%	5.6%	4.9%	10.9%	8.0%	5.6%	6.5%	7.1%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.8%	1.3%	-3.5%	-4.9%	5.6%	1.0%	-2.8%	-2.3%	-1.7%
vs. MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	0.7%	2.2%	2.0%	6.3%	10.3%	1.4%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.6%

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Summary Performance - CROCI Concentrated Strategies

(as of 31 Aug. 2023)

CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy						Live from 15 Apr. 2019			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Intellectual Capital (EUR)	-0.4%	3.2%	11.0%	17.4%	9.6%	10.3%	11.8%	14.3%	12.2%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	10.5%
MSCI AC World (EUR)	-1.3%	4.7%	7.8%	12.9%	5.6%	10.8%	9.0%	10.7%	9.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.5%	-1.8%	2.4%	3.2%	2.5%	-1.6%	1.9%	2.8%	1.8%
vs. MSCI AC World (EUR)	0.9%	-1.5%	3.2%	4.5%	4.1%	-0.4%	2.8%	3.6%	2.9%
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy						Live from 15 Apr. 2019			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD)	-1.9%	5.1%	13.6%	19.3%	18.3%	6.8%	10.2%	12.1%	11.2%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.4%
MSCI AC World (USD)	-2.8%	6.6%	10.3%	14.8%	14.0%	7.2%	7.5%	8.6%	8.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.5%	-1.9%	2.5%	3.2%	2.7%	-1.6%	1.9%	2.8%	1.8%
vs. MSCI AC World (USD)	0.9%	-1.5%	3.3%	4.5%	4.4%	-0.4%	2.8%	3.5%	2.9%

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Summary Performance - CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Indices

(as of 31 Aug. 2023)

CROCI REW US Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW US	-1.7%	8.6%	9.9%	14.2%	14.4%	10.4%	9.1%	11.4%	10.2%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	11.2%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.8%	7.6%	7.4%	10.9%	11.0%	13.7%	9.4%	10.8%	9.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-0.1%	0.5%	-4.3%	-4.2%	-0.9%	0.4%	-1.4%	-0.7%	-0.9%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	1.1%	1.0%	2.5%	3.3%	3.4%	-3.3%	-0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
CROCI REW US Mid Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW US Mid	-4.0%	7.9%	-1.8%	3.1%	3.6%	13.6%	8.2%	10.8%	9.6%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	11.2%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.8%	7.6%	7.4%	10.9%	11.0%	13.7%	9.4%	10.8%	9.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-2.4%	-0.2%	-16.0%	-15.2%	-11.8%	3.6%	-2.3%	-1.4%	-1.5%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	-1.2%	0.3%	-9.2%	-7.7%	-7.4%	-0.1%	-1.2%	0.0%	-0.2%
CROCI REW Europe Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW Europe	-1.7%	4.6%	1.6%	10.6%	15.0%	12.4%	6.3%	7.5%	6.3%
MSCI Europe	-2.4%	1.9%	1.7%	10.6%	13.5%	11.0%	6.3%	7.0%	5.9%
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	-2.1%	4.7%	0.3%	11.6%	16.5%	16.7%	6.6%	6.9%	5.6%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI Europe	0.7%	2.7%	-0.1%	0.1%	1.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
vs. MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	0.4%	-0.1%	1.3%	-0.9%	-1.6%	-4.3%	-0.3%	0.6%	0.7%
CROCI REW Japan Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW Japan	0.0%	10.3%	20.7%	29.3%	27.2%	19.6%	10.8%	11.7%	10.1%
TOPIX 100	-0.2%	9.1%	19.1%	25.8%	23.0%	17.0%	9.9%	10.3%	9.2%
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	0.9%	14.0%	21.4%	29.2%	28.2%	22.4%	10.6%	10.3%	9.2%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. TOPIX 100	0.2%	1.2%	1.6%	3.5%	4.1%	2.7%	1.0%	1.4%	0.9%
vs. MSCI Japan Value Weighted	-0.9%	-3.6%	-0.6%	0.1%	-1.1%	-2.7%	0.2%	1.5%	0.9%
CROCI REW International Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW International (USD)	-3.1%	6.3%	5.4%	12.6%	21.6%	8.3%	4.7%	5.7%	4.9%
MSCI EAFE (USD)	-3.8%	3.8%	4.7%	10.9%	17.9%	6.1%	4.1%	4.9%	4.2%
MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	-3.3%	7.0%	4.9%	12.7%	21.8%	11.6%	4.9%	5.2%	4.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI EAFE (USD)	0.7%	2.5%	0.6%	1.8%	3.7%	2.2%	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%
vs. MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	0.1%	-0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	-0.2%	-3.3%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.5%

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Summary Performance - CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Indices

(as of 31 Aug. 2023)

CROCI REW World EUR Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW World (EUR)	-0.9%	5.4%	5.1%	11.1%	7.8%	13.2%	8.8%	11.2%	9.9%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	10.3%
MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	-1.5%	5.4%	3.8%	9.6%	6.5%	16.4%	8.7%	10.1%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.0%	0.3%	-3.5%	-3.1%	0.7%	1.3%	-1.1%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	0.7%	0.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%	-3.2%	0.1%	1.1%	1.0%
CROCI REW World USD Index						Live from 30 Sep. 2014			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 Year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW World (USD)	-2.4%	7.3%	7.6%	12.9%	16.4%	9.6%	7.3%	9.1%	8.1%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	8.4%
MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	-3.1%	7.3%	6.2%	11.5%	15.0%	12.7%	7.2%	8.0%	7.1%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.0%	0.3%	-3.6%	-3.2%	0.7%	1.2%	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	0.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	-3.1%	0.1%	1.1%	1.0%

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Total Assets Following CROCI Strategies (EUR 6,838 million) *			
Strategies	Assets(€ mn) ¹	Strategies	Assets(€ mn) ¹
CROCI US	1,220	CROCI Global Dividends	851
CROCI Euro	411	CROCI US Dividends	1,169
CROCI Japan	181	CROCI International	460
CROCI World	653	CROCI REW	171
CROCI Sectors	1,548	CROCI Asia-Pacific	143
CROCI Intellectual Capital	29		

*Include assets for CROCI UK Index not shown in above table

¹ Total assets following the CROCI strategies

Source: DWS, 31 August 2023

Attribution Table August 2023 – CROCI Concentrated Strategies

Return Attribution Summary (31 Jul. 2023 - 31 Aug. 2023)								
Strategy	Benchmark	Net Total Returns ¹	Active Returns ¹	Sources of Active Returns ²	Sector Allocation ³		Stock Selection ⁴	
					Positive Contributors	Negative Contributors	Positive Contributors	Negative Contributors
CROCI US	S&P 500	-0.65%	0.99%	Allocation (0.73%) Selection (0.32%) Currency (0.00%)	Energy (0.78%) OW Financials (0.14%) UW Utilities (0.12%) UW	IT (-0.24%) UW Materials (-0.15%) OW Communication Svcs (-0.05%) UW	Capri Limited (1.09%) OW Apple (0.32%) UW Regeneron Pharma (0.22%) OW	Tapestry (-0.59%) OW Expedia (-0.35%) OW Qualcomm (-0.33%) OW
CROCI US Dividends	S&P 500	-2.45%	-0.81%	Allocation (0.76%) Selection (-1.51%) Currency (0.00%)	Energy (0.67%) OW Financials (0.13%) UW Utilities (0.12%) UW	Consumer Staples (-0.14%) OW Communication Svcs (-0.05%) UW IT (-0.04%) UW	Apple (0.22%) UW Cisco Systems (0.20%) OW Amgen (0.20%) OW	Tapestry (-0.54%) OW Qualcomm (-0.30%) OW Lilly Eli & (-0.30%) UW
CROCI Euro	Euro STOXX 50	-1.71%	2.12%	Allocation (1.64%) Selection (0.47%) Currency (0.00%)	Energy (0.71%) OW Materials (0.40%) OW Consumer Disc. (0.29%) UW	Communication Svcs (-0.07%) UW Real Estate (-0.04%) UW Industrials (-0.01%) OW	Siemens (0.44%) UW ASML (0.39%) UW LVMH (0.30%) UW	Infineon Tech (-0.42%) OW STM (-0.38%) OW Totalenergies (-0.37%) UW
CROCI Japan	TOPIX 100	0.83%	1.05%	Allocation (-0.26%) Selection (1.32%) Currency (0.00%)	Utilities (0.16%) OW Materials (0.07%) OW Consumer Disc. (0.02%) UW	Consumer Staples (-0.16%) UW Real Estate (-0.11%) UW IT (-0.10%) OW	Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (0.37%) OW Daikin Industries (0.25%) UW Nec (0.24%) OW	Rohm (-0.29%) OW Toyota Motor (-0.27%) UW Sumitomo Metal (-0.18%) OW
CROCI World	MSCI World USD	-2.46%	-0.07%	Allocation (0.86%) Selection (-0.95%) Currency (0.08%)	Energy (0.69%) OW Financials (0.15%) UW Utilities (0.06%) UW	Materials (-0.09%) OW Communication Svcs (-0.01%) UW IT (-0.01%) UW	Apple (0.19%) UW Microsoft (0.08%) UW Regeneron Pharma (0.08%) OW	Tapestry (-0.22%) OW Lilly Eli & (-0.18%) UW Dollar General (-0.17%) OW
CROCI Sectors Plus	MSCI World USD	-1.85%	0.54%	Allocation (1.09%) Selection (0.13%) Currency (-0.66%)	Energy (1.32%) OW Financials (0.15%) UW Utilities (0.08%) UW	Materials (-0.40%) OW Health Care (-0.19%) UW Communication Svcs (-0.04%) UW	Apple (0.36%) UW Equinor Asa (0.25%) OW Marathon Petrol (0.22%) OW	Qualcomm (-0.41%) OW STM (-0.36%) OW Anglo American (-0.29%) OW
CROCI Global Dividends	MSCI World USD	-1.59%	0.80%	Allocation (1.15%) Selection (0.49%) Currency (-0.84%)	Energy (0.84%) OW Health Care (0.19%) OW Financials (0.15%) UW	Materials (-0.17%) OW Consumer Staples (-0.04%) UW Communication Svcs (-0.03%) UW	Marathon Petrol (0.17%) OW Amgen (0.16%) OW Shionogi & (0.14%) OW	Lilly Eli & (-0.26%) UW Cummins (-0.25%) OW HP (-0.20%) OW
CROCI Intellectual Capital	MSCI World USD	-1.92%	0.47%	Allocation (0.32%) Selection (0.27%) Currency (-0.14%)	Health Care (0.23%) OW Financials (0.11%) UW Utilities (0.08%) UW	Energy (-0.21%) UW Consumer Staples (-0.01%) OW	Apple (0.24%) UW Meta Platforms (0.15%) UW Unitedhealth (0.11%) UW	Tencent (-0.22%) OW Paypal (-0.14%) OW Infineon Tech (-0.11%) OW

Source: DWS, Bloomberg, MSCI Barra. 31 Aug. 2023

¹ 'Net Total Return' is the total return of the CROCI Strategy gross of product fees but including reinvested dividends net of withholding tax. 'Active Return' shows excess return of the CROCI Strategy relative to its benchmark

² 'Sources of Active Return' shows contributions to 'Active Return' resulting from Sector Allocation, Stock Selections within a sector, and/or difference in Currency exposures relative to benchmark. The calculations are performed using the MSCI Barra Model and may vary from actual strategy active return due to differences in computational methodology.

³ 'Sector Allocation' shows the top three positive/negative sectors' contribution to Active return in Local currency (shown in parenthesis), due to difference in Sector exposures (Overweight-OW / Underweight-UW) relative to benchmark.

⁴ 'Stock Selection' shows the top and bottom three companies' contribution to Active return in Local currency (shown in parenthesis), due to Overweight-OW / Underweight-UW positions of the stocks that out / underperform within a sector in the respective benchmark.

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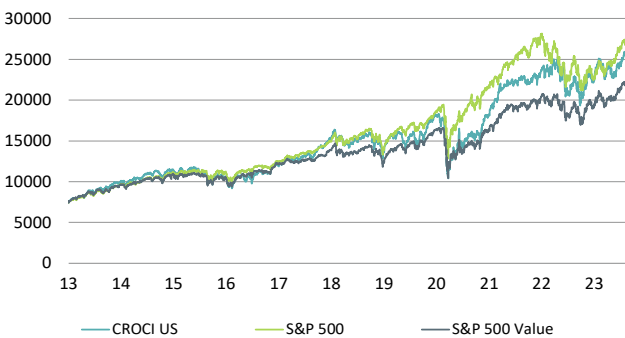
CROCI Concentrated Strategies

CROCI US Strategy

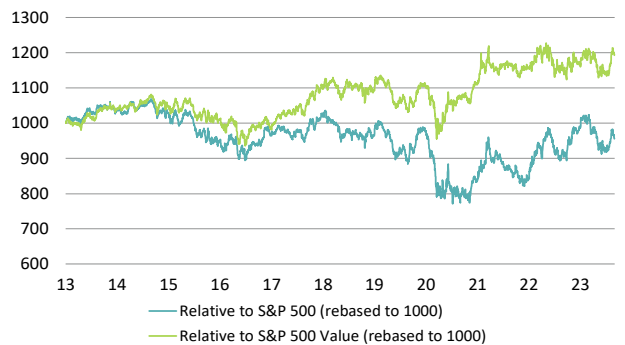
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Historical Performance	Live from 2 Feb. 2004								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI US	-0.7%	12.7%	8.1%	14.5%	20.0%	17.5%	10.3%	11.1%	10.2%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	8.8%
S&P 500 Value	-2.8%	7.3%	8.3%	12.3%	16.5%	13.5%	8.7%	9.6%	7.5%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	1.0%	4.6%	-6.1%	-3.8%	4.7%	7.5%	-0.2%	-1.0%	1.4%
vs. S&P 500 Value	2.2%	5.4%	-0.2%	2.2%	3.5%	4.0%	1.6%	1.5%	2.7%

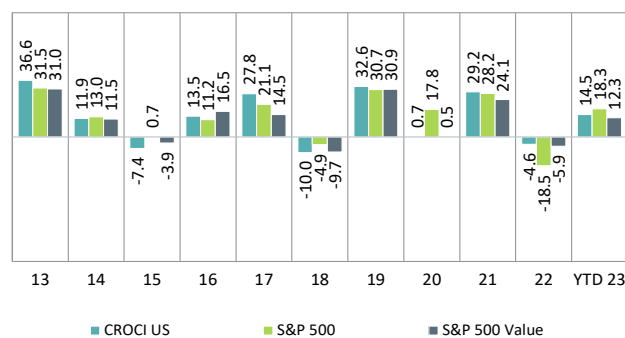
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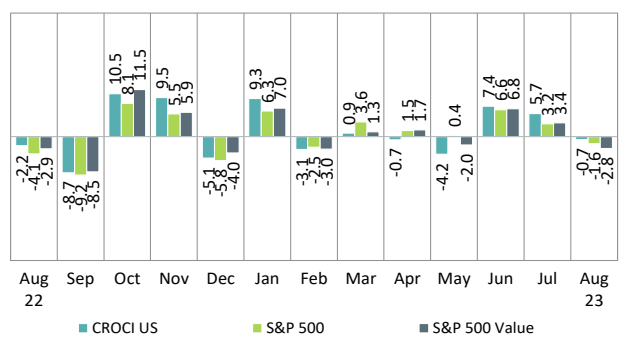
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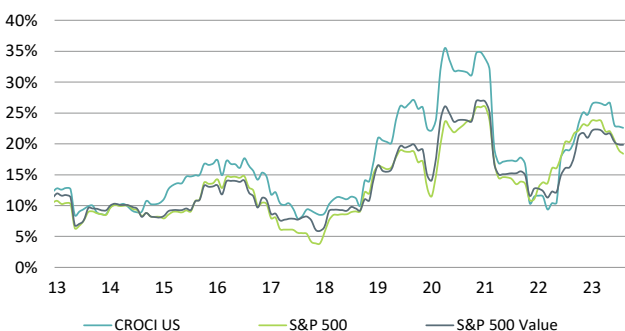
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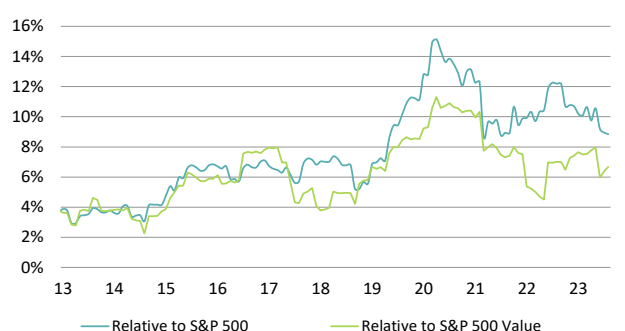
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI US Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI US	
Economic P/E	18.3
Accounting P/E	11.8
EV / NCI	1.8
Price / Book Value	2.5
CROCI (%)	10.1
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.5
Financial Leverage (%)	17.4

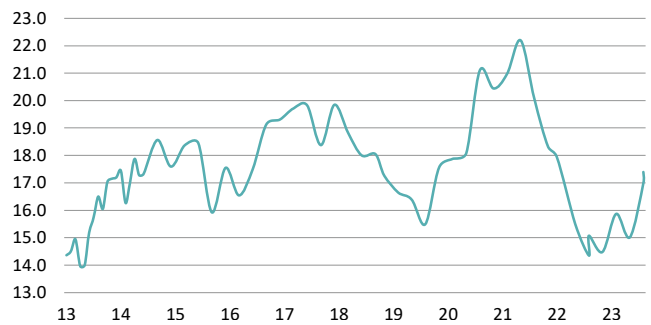
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI US	S&P 500	S&P 500 Value
Volatility (monthly)	22.6%	18.4%	19.9%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.69	0.59	0.60
Dividend Yield	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
Correlation		0.88	0.89
Beta (Daily returns)		0.99	1.10
Maximum Drawdown ²	-53.1%	-55.7%	-61.9%
Max Drawdown Date	20 Nov. 2008	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	29	43	51
Turnover (one-way)	70.7%		

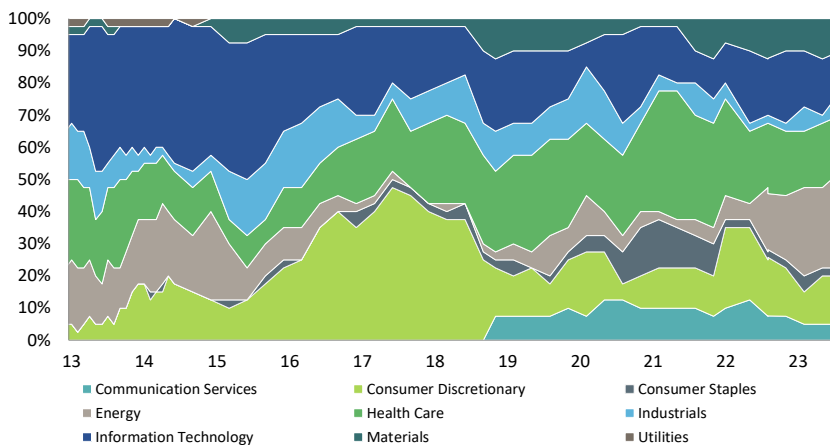
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Capri Hld.	1.22%	Tapestry	-0.59%
Regeneron Pharma	0.26%	Qualcomm	-0.36%
Amgen	0.22%	Expedia Inc	-0.34%
Cognizant	0.20%	United Airlines	-0.23%
Marathon Petroleum	0.20%	WB Discovery	-0.22%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 500¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-4.1%	-5.7%
Consumer Discretionary	4.8%	3.0%
Consumer Staples	-4.2%	-5.3%
Energy	26.1%	25.3%
Financials	-12.3%	-
Health Care	4.4%	2.2%
Industrials	-1.3%	-2.8%
Information Technology	-16.0%	-20.9%
Materials	7.5%	7.1%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-2.4%	-2.8%

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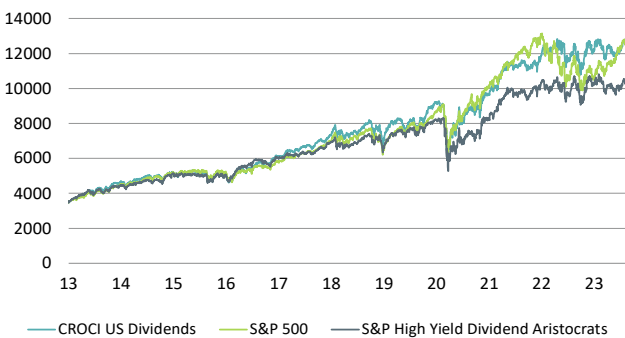
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CROCI US Dividends Strategy

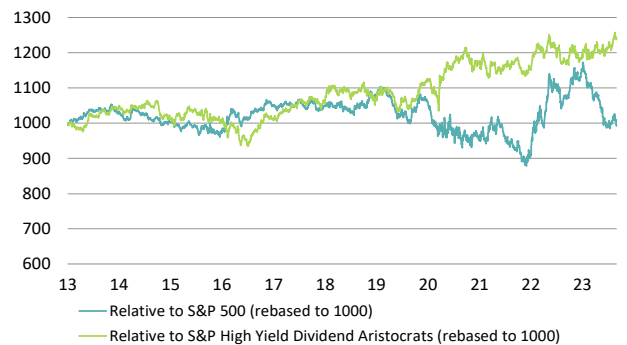
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 40 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap US stocks (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team and which have above-median dividend yields while focusing on sustainable dividends. Sustainable dividend screens exclude stocks by low Cash Returns, high Financial Leverage and high Price Volatility. Those stocks that pass the sustainable dividends screens are then selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.

Historical Performance	Live from 13 Mar. 2012								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI US Dividends	-2.5%	7.3%	2.5%	2.0%	6.5%	12.1%	9.4%	11.6%	12.5%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	12.3%
S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	-3.7%	4.8%	-2.0%	-1.4%	0.9%	10.7%	6.8%	9.7%	10.2%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-0.8%	-0.9%	-11.7%	-16.3%	-8.9%	2.1%	-1.1%	-0.5%	0.2%
vs. S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	1.2%	2.5%	4.5%	3.5%	5.6%	1.4%	2.6%	2.0%	2.3%

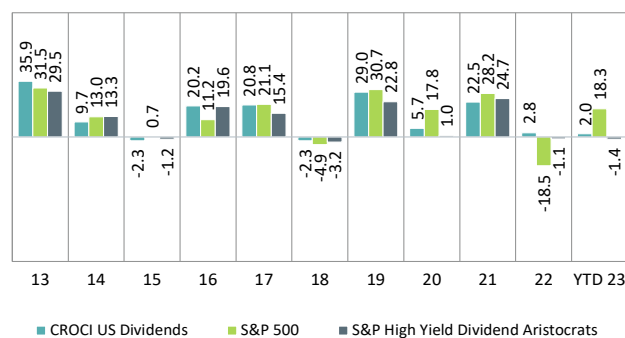
Strategy Performance



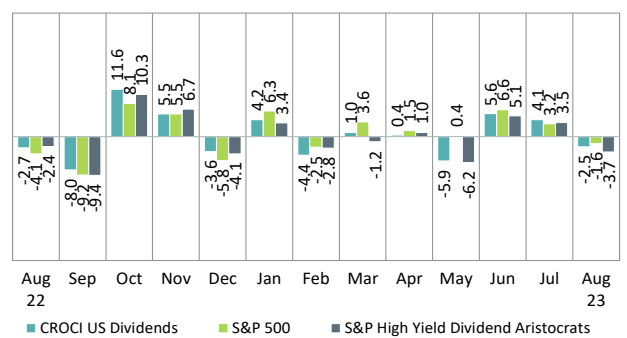
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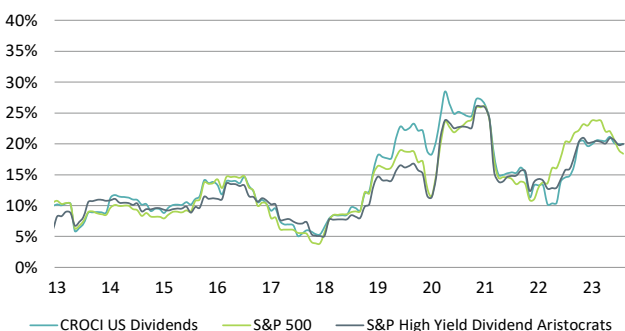
Annual Returns (%)



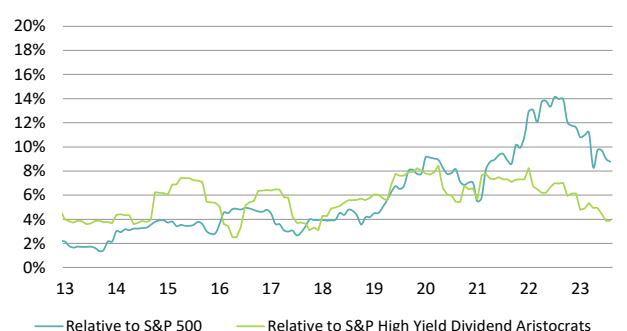
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI US Dividends Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI US Dividends	
Economic P/E	20.4
Accounting P/E	13.1
EV / NCI	2.4
Price / Book Value	3.1
CROCI (%)	11.6
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	6.8
Financial Leverage (%)	17.2

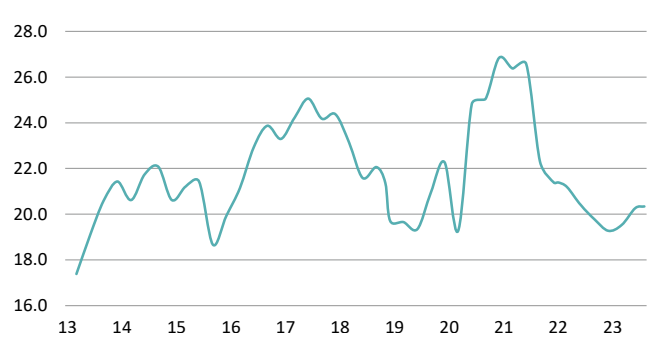
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Amgen	0.25%	Tapestry	-0.54%
Cisco	0.25%	Qualcomm	-0.33%
Marathon Petroleum	0.22%	Cummins Inc	-0.30%
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.14%	HP	-0.24%
ExxonMobil	0.10%	C H Robinson	-0.23%

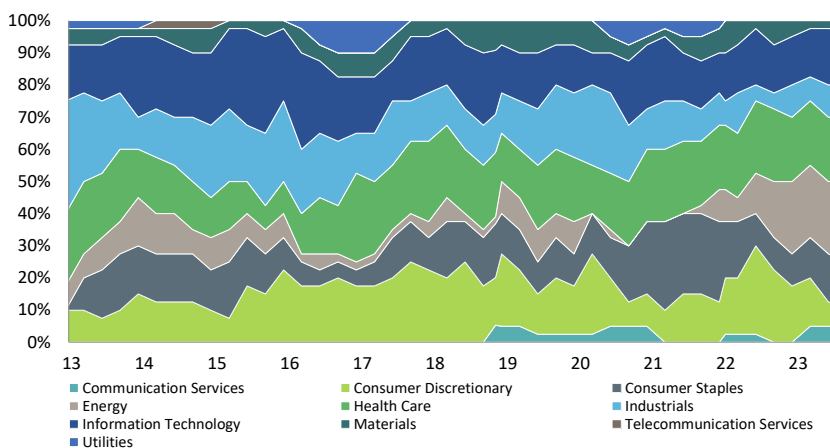
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI US Dividends	S&P 500	S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats
Volatility (monthly)	19.9%	18.4%	20.0%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.10	0.59	-0.18
Dividend Yield	2.5%	1.4%	2.2%
Correlation		0.87	0.90
Beta (Daily returns)		0.81	0.90
Maximum Drawdown ²	-48.5%	-55.7%	-55.8%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	12	43	37
Turnover (one-way)	68.2%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 500¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-4.0%	-5.5%
Consumer Discretionary	-3.9%	-5.7%
Consumer Staples	7.4%	6.3%
Energy	20.8%	20.0%
Financials	-12.3%	-
Health Care	6.4%	4.2%
Industrials	1.4%	0.0%
Information Technology	-11.2%	-16.1%
Materials	0.2%	-0.2%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-2.4%	-2.8%

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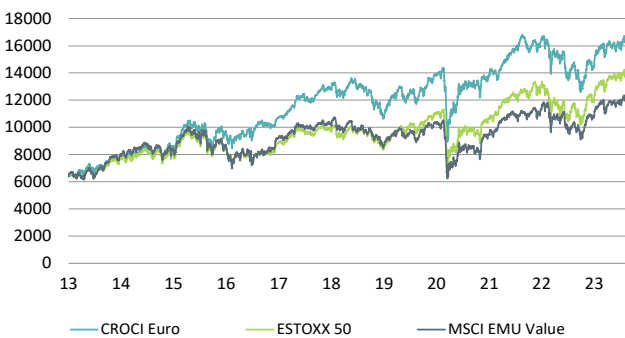
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CROCI Euro Strategy

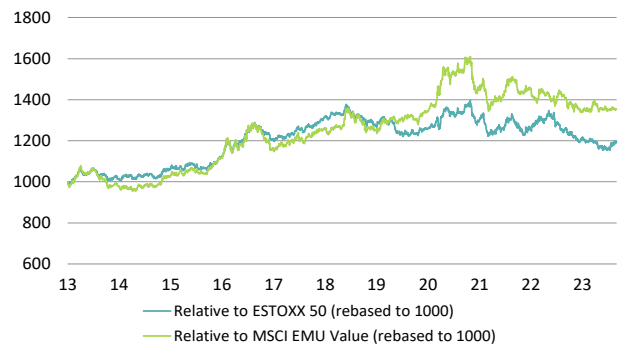
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in the Euro region (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio constituents are selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.

Historical Performance	Live from 2 Feb. 2004								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Euro	-1.7%	5.5%	3.4%	14.4%	19.5%	7.9%	5.2%	8.9%	7.8%
ESTOXX 50	-3.8%	2.1%	3.4%	15.8%	25.3%	12.1%	7.3%	7.3%	5.0%
MSCI EMU Value	-1.8%	5.5%	2.2%	13.4%	24.1%	12.7%	4.7%	5.9%	4.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. ESTOXX 50	2.1%	3.4%	-0.1%	-1.4%	-5.8%	-4.2%	-2.2%	1.6%	2.7%
vs. MSCI EMU Value	0.1%	0.0%	1.2%	1.0%	-4.7%	-4.8%	0.5%	3.0%	3.5%

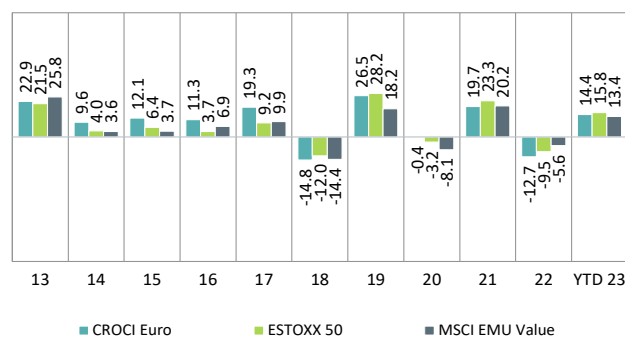
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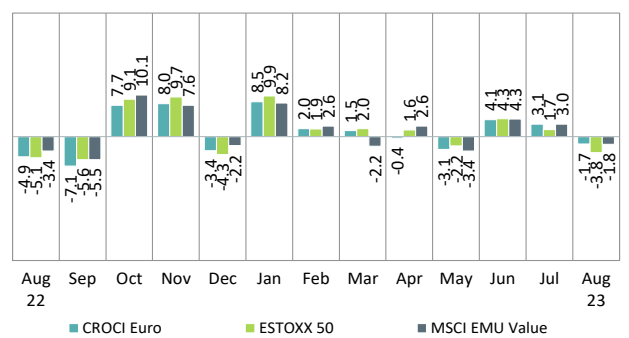
Relative Strategy Performance



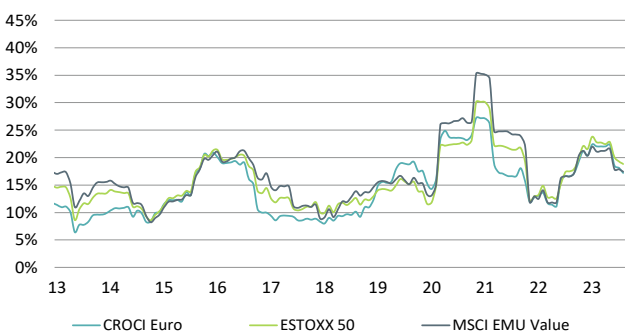
Annual Returns (%)



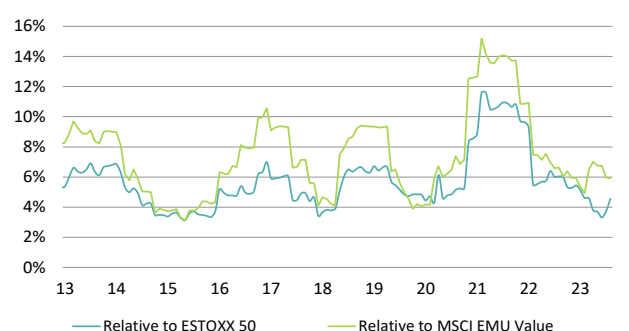
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Euro Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI Euro	
Economic P/E	17.2
Accounting P/E	9.4
EV / NCI	1.2
Price / Book Value	1.4
CROCI (%)	7.1
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	6.4
Financial Leverage (%)	33.1

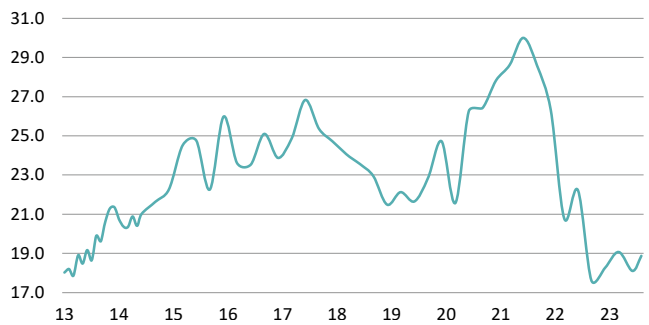
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Smurfit Kappa	0.26%	Infineon Tech.	-0.61%
Brenntag	0.18%	STM	-0.37%
TotalEnergies	0.17%	Stellantis	-0.31%
Merck KGAA	0.12%	Deutsche Post DHL	-0.27%
ENI	0.10%	ArcMittal	-0.22%

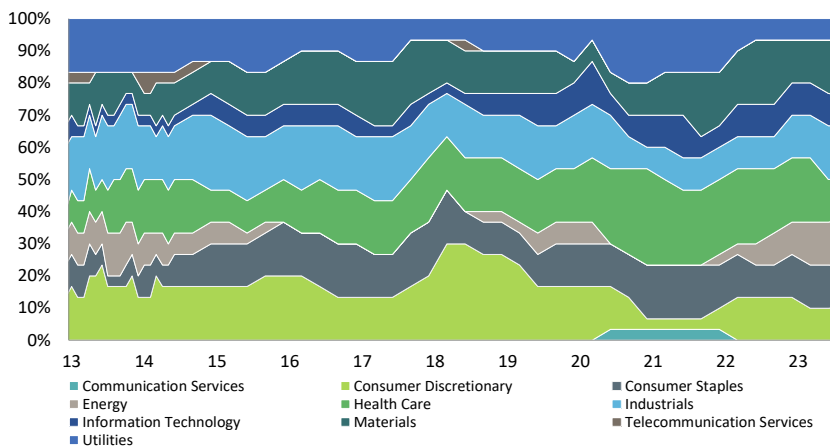
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI Euro	ESTOXX 50	MSCI EMU Value
Volatility (monthly)	17.2%	18.8%	17.4%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.99	1.22	1.25
Dividend Yield	3.1%	3.1%	4.3%
Correlation		0.93	0.93
Beta (Daily returns)		0.87	0.95
Maximum Drawdown ²	-53.8%	-58.6%	-65.5%
Max Drawdown Date	6 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	57	73	149
Turnover (one-way)	26.8%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



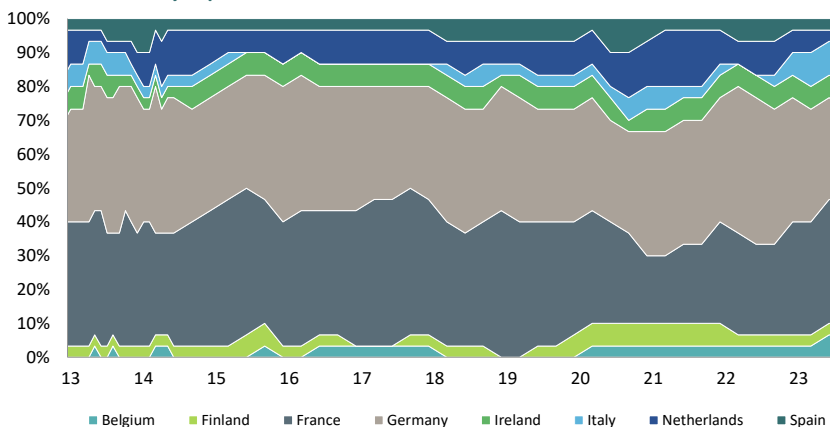
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. ESTOXX 50¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-2.2%	-2.8%
Consumer Discretionary	-9.2%	-13.9%
Consumer Staples	4.9%	3.0%
Energy	8.5%	7.1%
Financials	-19.1%	-
Health Care	5.9%	4.2%
Industrials	2.2%	-1.3%
Information Technology	-5.2%	-8.7%
Materials	11.7%	10.3%
Real Estate	-0.5%	-
Utilities	3.0%	2.1%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. ESTOXX 50¹

Country	Active Weight
Belgium	4.9%
Finland	2.6%
France	-5.6%
Germany	2.4%
Ireland	5.2%
Italy	4.3%
Netherlands	-9.3%
Spain	-3.2%
Sweden	-1.2%

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CROCI Japan Strategy

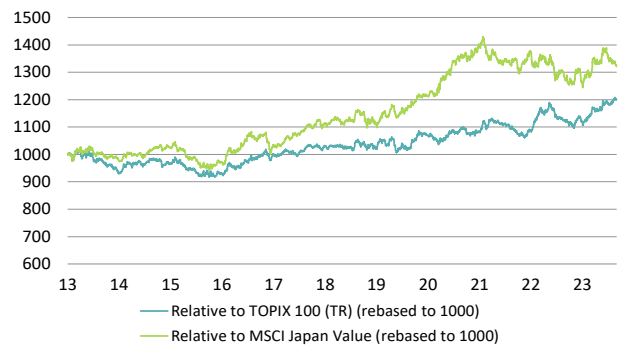
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap Japanese stocks (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio constituents are selected on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E), according to the CROCI Methodology.

Historical Performance	Live from 2 Feb. 2004								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Japan	0.8%	9.9%	25.2%	34.8%	31.4%	20.6%	12.9%	12.5%	8.5%
TOPIX 100 (TR)	-0.2%	9.1%	19.1%	25.8%	23.0%	17.0%	9.9%	10.3%	5.8%
MSCI Japan Value	2.0%	15.1%	21.8%	28.6%	26.8%	21.6%	10.0%	9.5%	6.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. TOPIX 100 (TR)	1.1%	0.7%	6.1%	9.0%	8.4%	3.6%	3.1%	2.2%	2.7%
vs. MSCI Japan Value	-1.1%	-5.2%	3.3%	6.2%	4.6%	-1.0%	2.9%	3.0%	1.7%

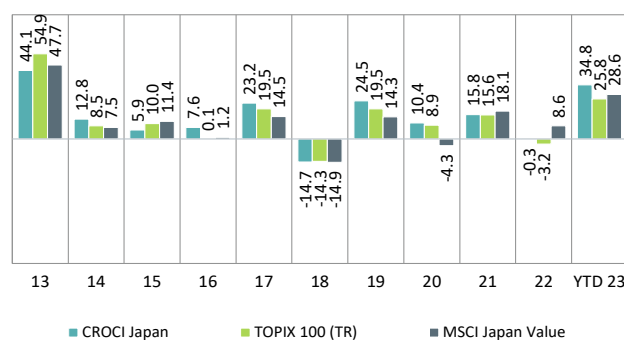
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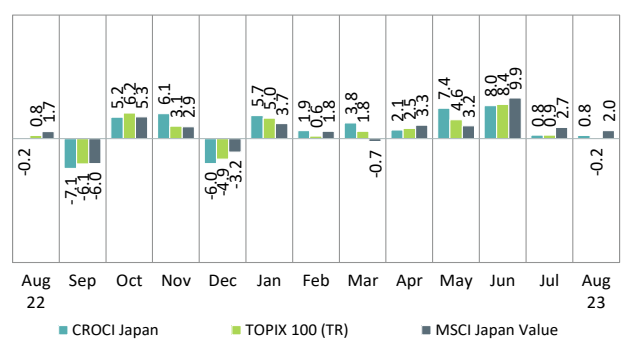
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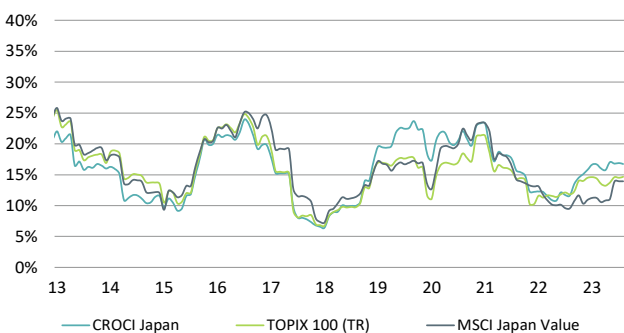
Annual Returns (%)



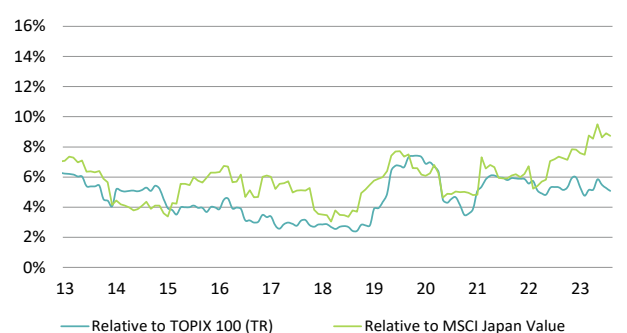
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



The CROCI Japan Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

Returns in JPY, include reinvestment of dividends net of withholding tax and are unhedged. Benchmark indices, where available, reflect total returns net of dividend withholding tax (refer to the Appendix for more information on benchmark tickers used). Performance before the live date of 2 Feb. 2004 is simulated. The Simulations apply an investment strategy retrospectively to data that was in part reconstructed and not necessarily available at the time. As a consequence there may be instances when realised returns would have shown variation from those simulated and the latter may have had the advantage of hindsight.

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CROCI Japan Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI Japan	
Economic P/E	22.9
Accounting P/E	13.9
EV / NCI	1.3
Price / Book Value	1.5
CROCI (%)	5.8
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	5.4
Financial Leverage (%)	18.1

Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Mitsui O.S.K.	0.37%	Rohm	-0.28%
Shionogi & Co	0.26%	Sumitomo Metal Minii	-0.28%
NEC	0.24%	Sony	-0.27%
Nippon Steel	0.23%	Marubeni	-0.18%
Secom	0.23%	Itochu	-0.17%

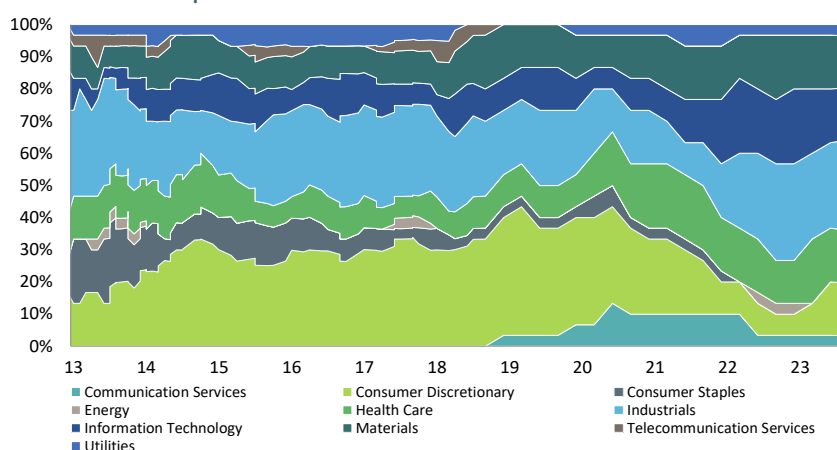
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI Japan	TOPIX 100 (TR)	MSCI Japan Value
Volatility (monthly)	16.8%	14.7%	13.9%
Sharpe Ratio (-0.04%)	1.88	1.57	1.93
Dividend Yield	3.9%	3.3%	3.8%
Correlation		0.95	0.89
Beta (Daily returns)		0.98	0.97
Maximum Drawdown ²	-61.2%	-62.8%	-57.8%
Max Drawdown Date	27 Oct. 2008	12 Mar. 2009	12 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	72	76	73
Turnover (one-way)	35.4%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. TOPIX 100 (TR)¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-5.9%	-7.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-4.2%	-8.0%
Consumer Staples	-6.0%	-7.1%
Energy	-0.4%	-0.5%
Financials	-13.6%	-
Health Care	6.0%	4.0%
Industrials	4.6%	0.4%
Information Technology	5.4%	3.4%
Materials	12.7%	12.0%
Real Estate	-2.0%	-
Utilities	3.5%	3.5%

The CROCI Japan Strategy underwent minor implementation changes on 2 Jun. 2014: 1) Change of reconstitution frequency from monthly to quarterly; 2) Introduction of selection buffers to reduce constituent turnover. Please refer to page 3 for more details regarding these changes.

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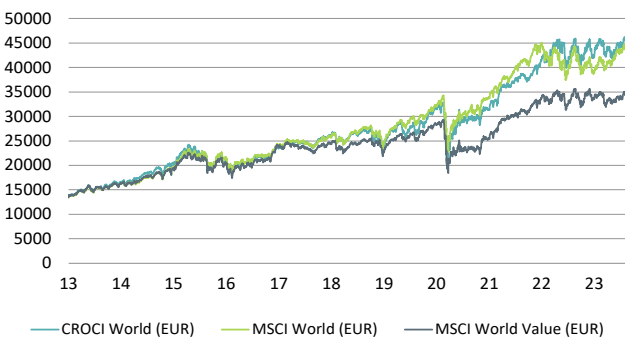
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CROCI World EUR Strategy

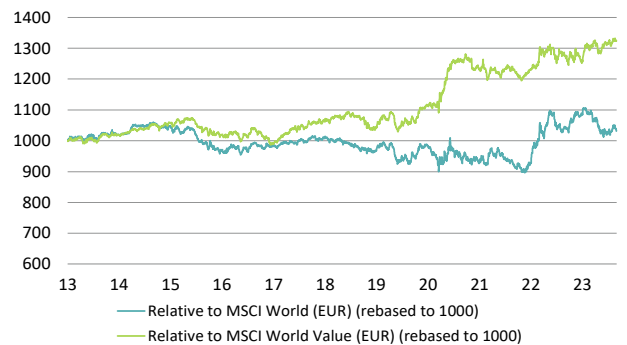
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Historical Performance	Live from 29 Nov. 2010								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI World (EUR)	-0.9%	6.9%	3.0%	8.6%	6.0%	15.8%	11.1%	11.5%	11.6%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	11.1%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	-1.2%	5.1%	1.0%	3.2%	2.1%	13.9%	6.7%	8.6%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	-0.1%	1.8%	-5.6%	-5.6%	-1.1%	3.9%	1.2%	0.1%	0.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (EUR)	0.3%	1.8%	2.0%	5.3%	3.8%	1.9%	4.4%	2.9%	2.7%

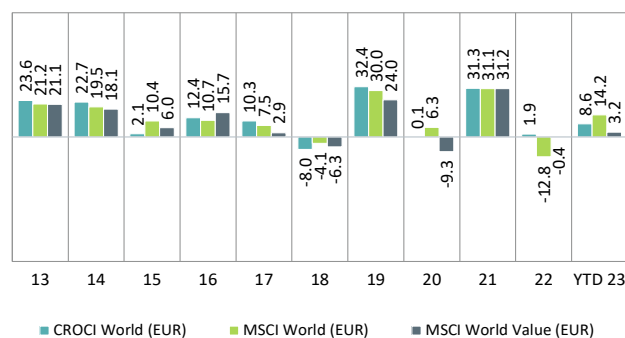
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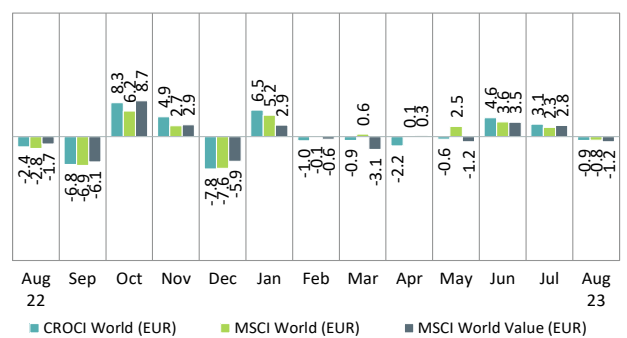
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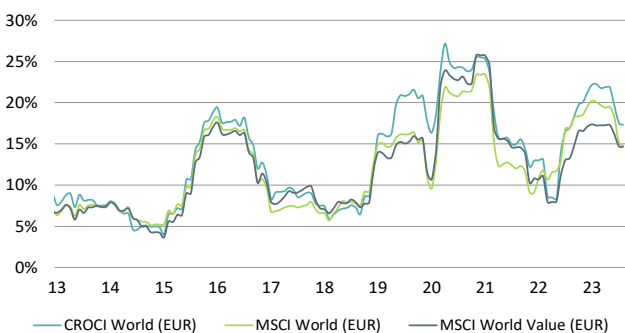
Annual Returns (%)



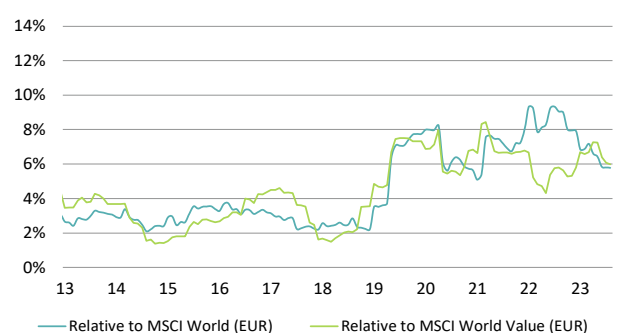
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI World EUR Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI World	
Economic P/E	19.6
Accounting P/E	12.3
EV / NCI	1.8
Price / Book Value	2.5
CROCI (%)	9.4
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	6.7
Financial Leverage (%)	17.7

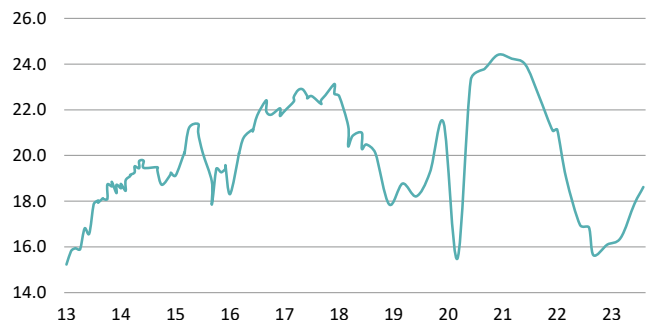
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Regeneron Pharma	0.12%	Tapestry	-0.21%
Amgen	0.12%	Dollar General	-0.17%
Cisco	0.12%	Qualcomm	-0.12%
Marathon Petroleum	0.11%	A P Moller	-0.11%
Cognizant	0.10%	Expedia Inc	-0.11%

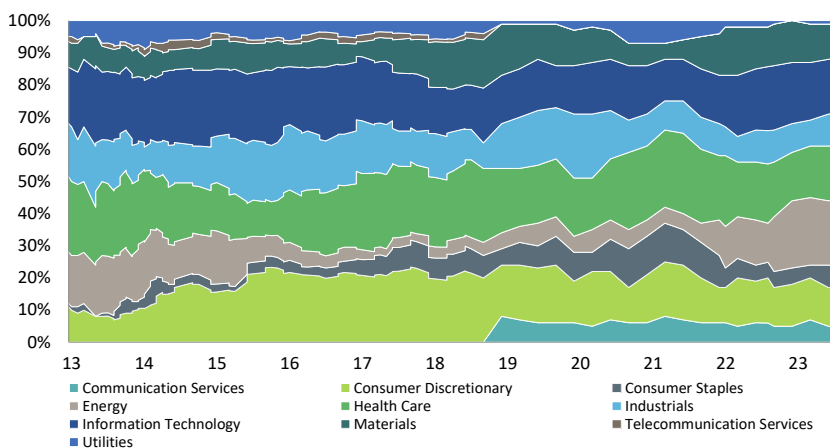
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI World (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI World Value (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	17.3%	14.8%	14.6%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.21	0.32	-0.02
Dividend Yield	2.5%	1.8%	2.6%
Correlation		0.91	0.94
Beta (Daily returns)		0.98	1.12
Maximum Drawdown ²	-47.1%	-53.4%	-58.3%
Max Drawdown Date	20 Nov. 2008	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	16	48	51
Turnover (one-way)	52.4%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



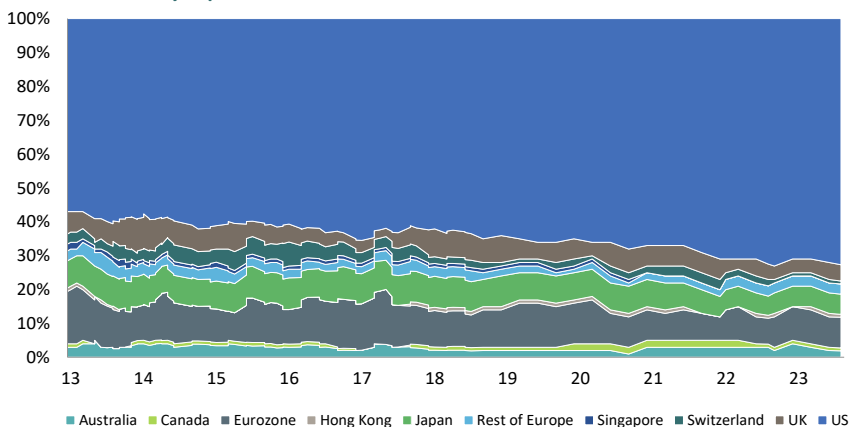
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-2.2%	-3.7%
Consumer Discretionary	0.7%	-1.5%
Consumer Staples	-0.6%	-2.1%
Energy	16.5%	15.5%
Financials	-14.5%	-
Health Care	4.0%	1.4%
Industrials	-1.0%	-3.2%
Information Technology	-5.4%	-10.0%
Materials	6.7%	5.9%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-1.8%	-2.4%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Country	Active Weight
Australia	-0.1%
Canada	-2.3%
Eurozone	0.0%
Hong Kong	0.2%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	-0.1%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	1.1%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	-1.8%
UK	0.9%
US	2.7%

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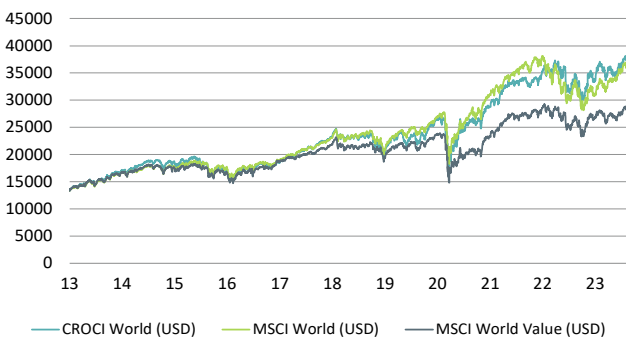
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CROCI World USD Strategy

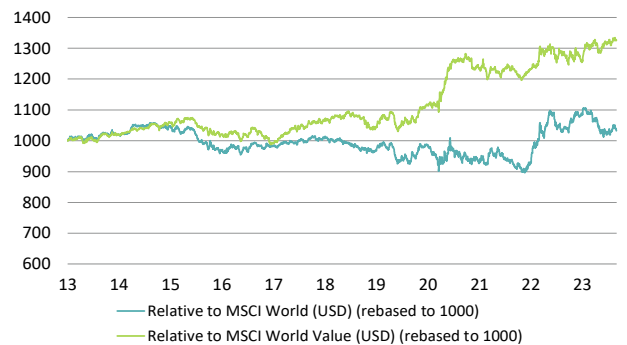
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Historical Performance	Live from 29 Nov. 2010								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI World (USD)	-2.5%	8.8%	5.4%	10.4%	14.4%	12.1%	9.6%	9.4%	10.0%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.5%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-2.8%	7.0%	3.3%	5.0%	10.2%	10.3%	5.2%	6.5%	7.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	-0.1%	1.8%	-5.7%	-5.7%	-1.2%	3.7%	1.2%	0.1%	0.6%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	0.3%	1.8%	2.1%	5.4%	4.1%	1.9%	4.3%	2.8%	2.7%

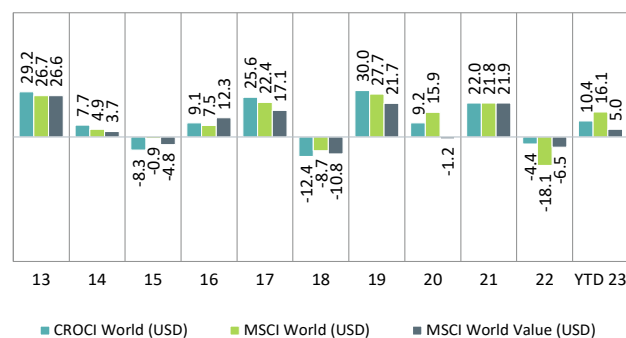
Strategy Performance



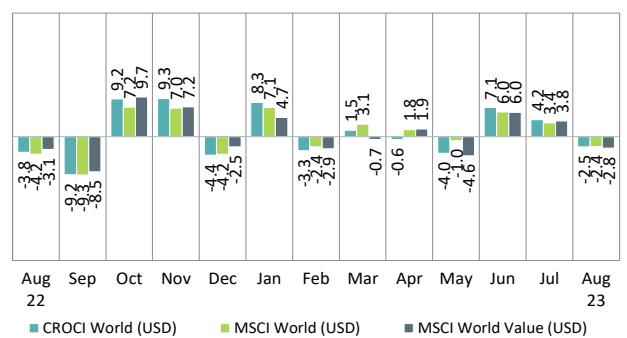
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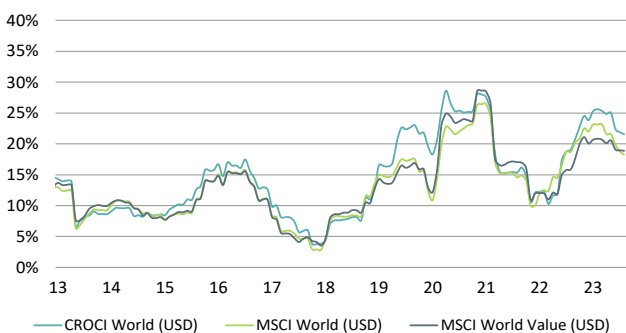
Annual Returns (%)



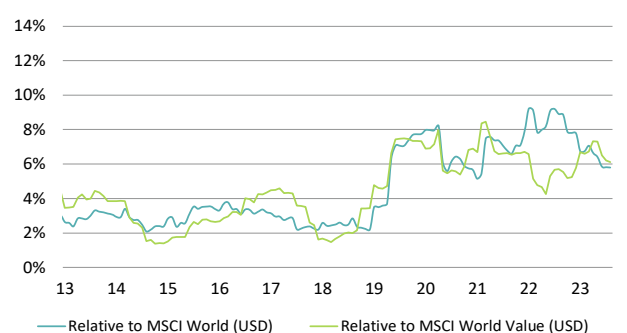
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI World USD Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI World	
Economic P/E	19.6
Accounting P/E	12.3
EV / NCI	1.8
Price / Book Value	2.5
CROCI (%)	9.4
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	6.7
Financial Leverage (%)	17.7

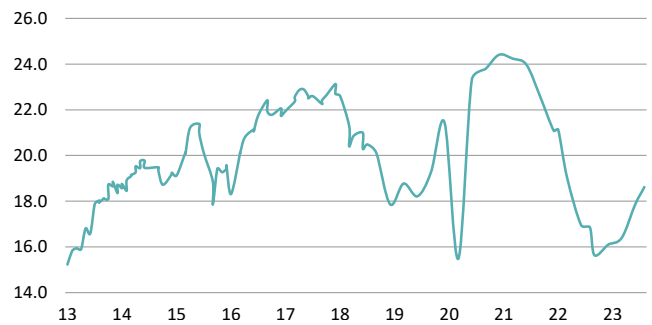
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Regeneron Pharma	0.10%	Tapestry	-0.22%
Amgen	0.10%	Dollar General	-0.18%
Cisco	0.10%	Qualcomm	-0.13%
Marathon Petroleum	0.09%	A P Moller	-0.13%
Cognizant	0.09%	Expedia Inc	-0.13%

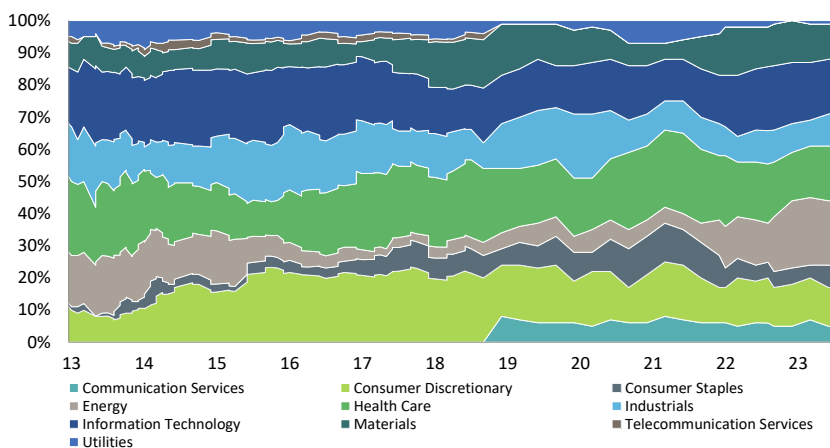
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI World (USD)	MSCI World (USD)	MSCI World Value (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	21.6%	18.3%	18.9%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.46	0.61	0.30
Dividend Yield	2.7%	2.0%	2.9%
Correlation		0.93	0.96
Beta (Daily returns)		0.99	1.16
Maximum Drawdown ²	-52.7%	-57.8%	-61.2%
Max Drawdown Date	20 Nov. 2008	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	17	51	56
Turnover (one-way)	52.4%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



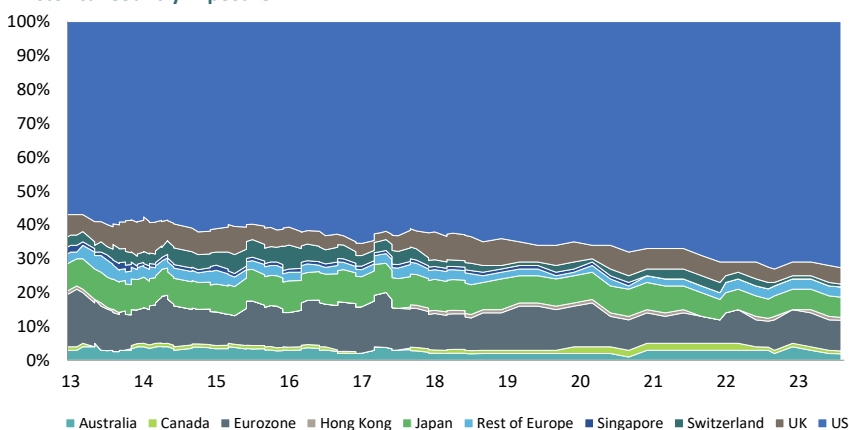
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-2.2%	-3.7%
Consumer Discretionary	0.7%	-1.5%
Consumer Staples	-0.6%	-2.1%
Energy	16.5%	15.5%
Financials	-14.5%	-
Health Care	4.0%	1.4%
Industrials	-1.0%	-3.2%
Information Technology	-5.4%	-10.0%
Materials	6.7%	5.9%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-1.8%	-2.4%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Country	Active Weight
Australia	-0.1%
Canada	-2.3%
Eurozone	0.0%
Hong Kong	0.2%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	-0.1%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	1.1%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	-1.8%
UK	0.9%
US	2.7%

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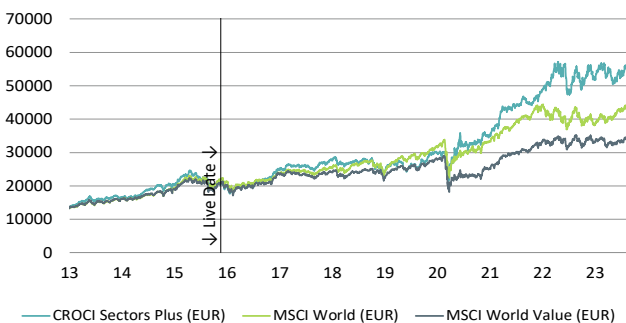
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CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy

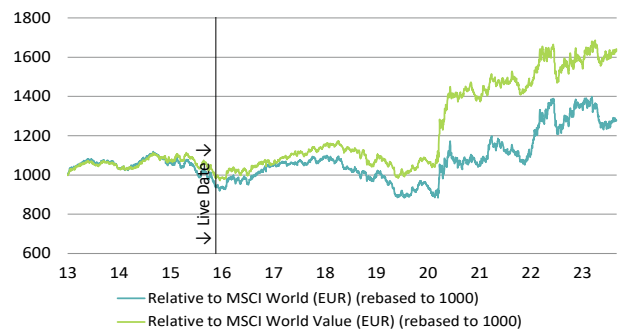
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in US, Europe and Japan (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. Three sectors (out of nine, globally) are selected, based on low sector median economic P/E. Then, 10 companies are selected from each of these three sectors on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E).

Historical Performance	Live from 18 Nov. 2015									
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)				
CROCI Sectors Plus (EUR)	-0.3%	9.3%	1.8%	8.1%	6.4%	20.1%	15.1%	13.4%	13.7%	
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	9.2%	
MSCI World Value (EUR)	-1.2%	5.1%	1.0%	3.2%	2.1%	13.9%	6.7%	8.6%	6.4%	
Excess Return vs. Benchmark										
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.5%	4.2%	-6.8%	-6.1%	-0.7%	8.1%	5.3%	2.0%	4.5%	
vs. MSCI World Value (EUR)	0.9%	4.2%	0.8%	4.9%	4.3%	6.2%	8.4%	4.8%	7.2%	

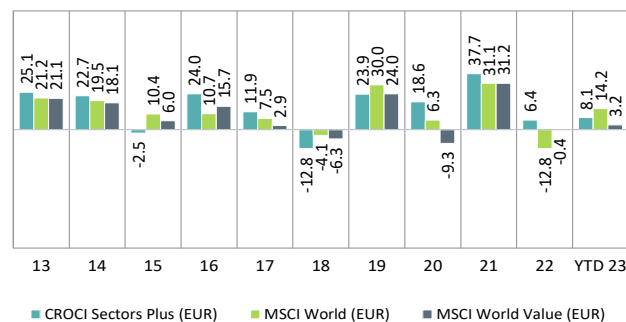
Strategy Performance



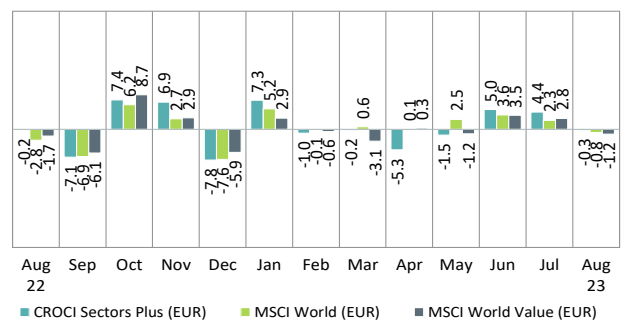
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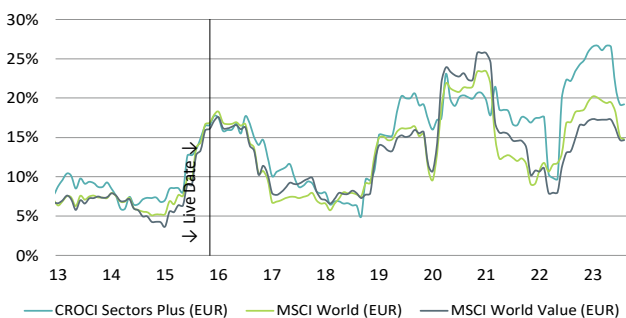
Annual Returns (%)



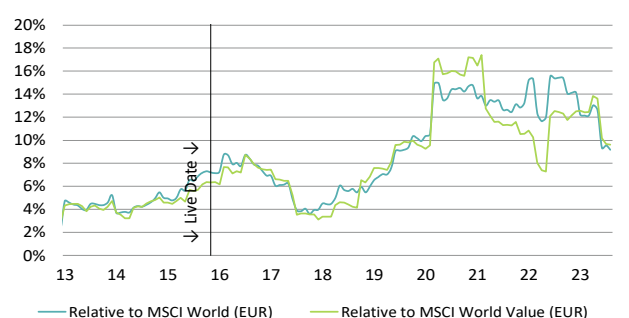
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI Sectors Plus	
Economic P/E	18.5
Accounting P/E	9.8
EV / NCI	1.1
Price / Book Value	1.6
CROCI (%)	5.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.6
Financial Leverage (%)	20.5

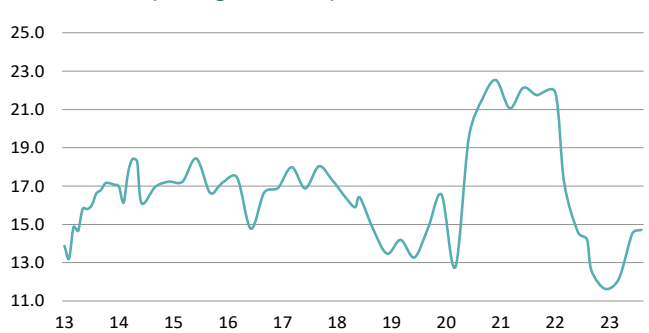
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI Sectors Plus (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI World Value (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	19.2%	14.8%	14.6%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.21	0.32	-0.02
Dividend Yield	2.7%	1.8%	2.6%
Correlation		0.69	0.73
Beta (Daily returns)		0.82	0.96
Maximum Drawdown ²	-42.0%	-53.4%	-58.3%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	18	48	51
Turnover (one-way)	74.6%		

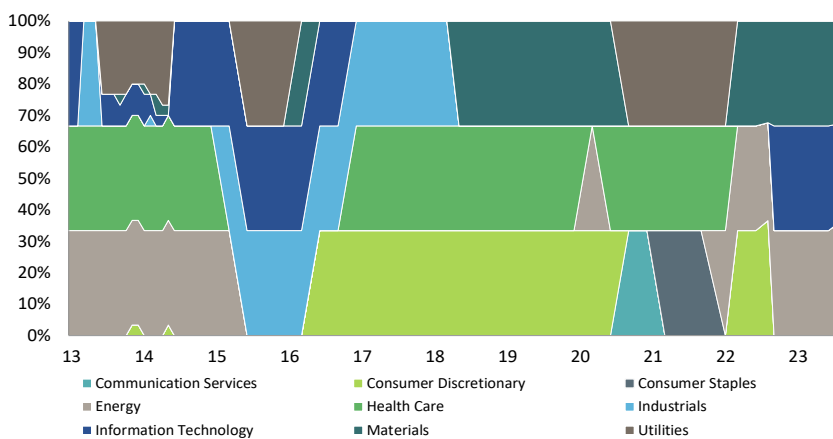
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Marathon Petroleum	0.36%	Qualcomm	-0.40%
Dell	0.27%	STM	-0.35%
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.25%	Anglo American	-0.33%
Nippon Steel	0.19%	Sumitomo Metal Minii	-0.29%
TotalEnergies	0.17%	Rohm	-0.28%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



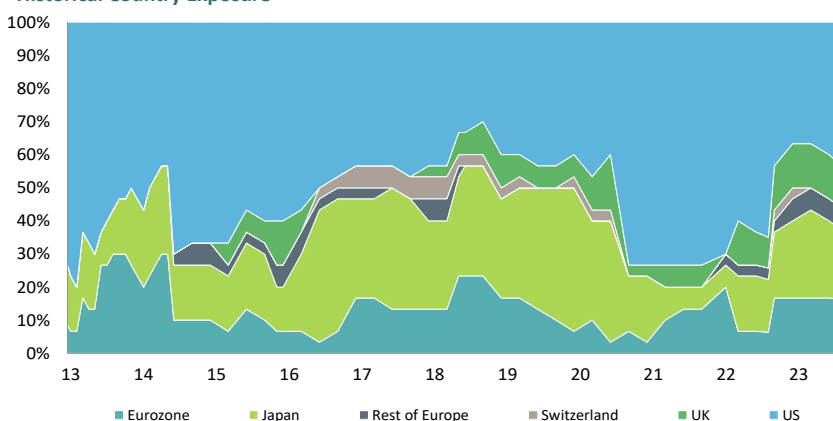
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-7.2%	-8.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-11.0%	-13.3%
Consumer Staples	-7.2%	-8.7%
Energy	31.5%	30.5%
Financials	-14.5%	-
Health Care	-12.7%	-15.3%
Industrials	-10.9%	-13.1%
Information Technology	8.7%	4.1%
Materials	28.4%	27.6%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-2.6%	-3.2%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Country	Active Weight
Australia	-2.0%
Canada	-3.1%
Eurozone	7.3%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	15.1%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	4.6%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	-2.7%
UK	8.8%
US	-26.7%

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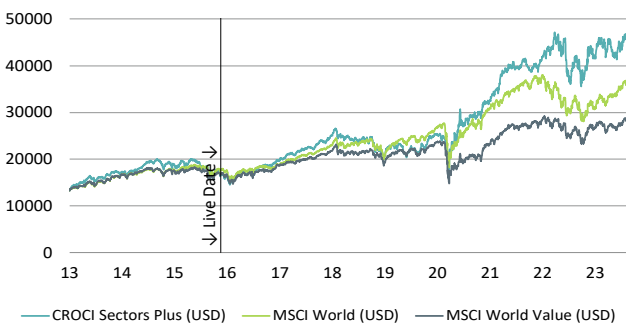
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CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy

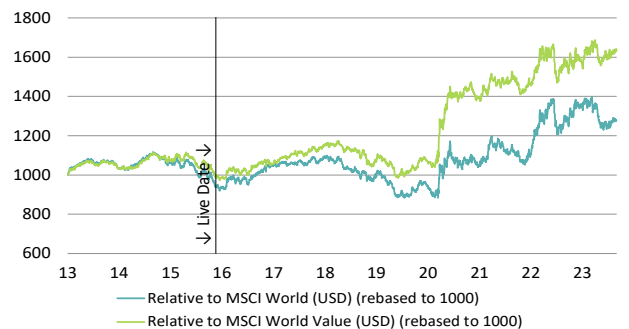
Reflects the Total Return (gross of fees) of a basket of around 30 equally-weighted stocks selected on a quarterly basis from a broad universe of large-cap stocks in US, Europe and Japan (excluding financial and real estate stocks) which are covered by the CROCI Team. Three sectors (out of nine, globally) are selected, based on low sector median economic P/E. Then, 10 companies are selected from each of these three sectors on the basis of low trailing 12-months CROCI price earnings ratio (P/E).

Historical Performance	Live from 18 Nov. 2015								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Sectors Plus (USD)	-1.8%	11.2%	4.2%	10.0%	14.8%	16.3%	13.5%	11.3%	14.0%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.5%
MSCI World Value (USD)	-2.8%	7.0%	3.3%	5.0%	10.2%	10.3%	5.2%	6.5%	6.7%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.5%	4.3%	-6.9%	-6.2%	-0.8%	7.9%	5.2%	2.0%	4.5%
vs. MSCI World Value (USD)	0.9%	4.3%	0.8%	5.0%	4.6%	6.0%	8.3%	4.7%	7.3%

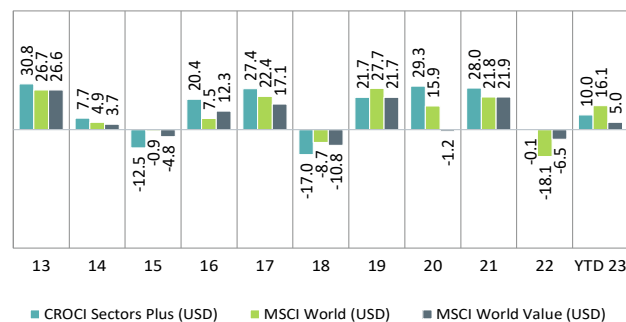
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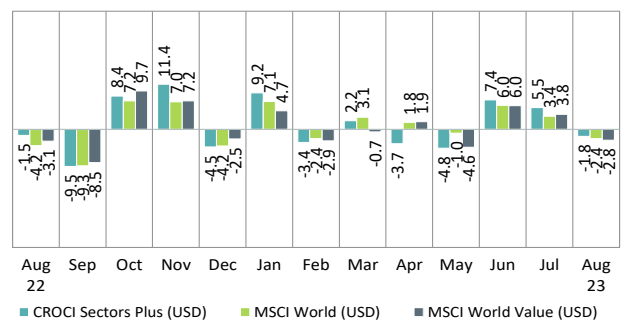
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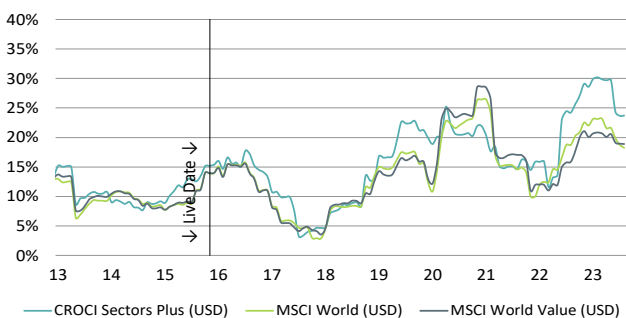
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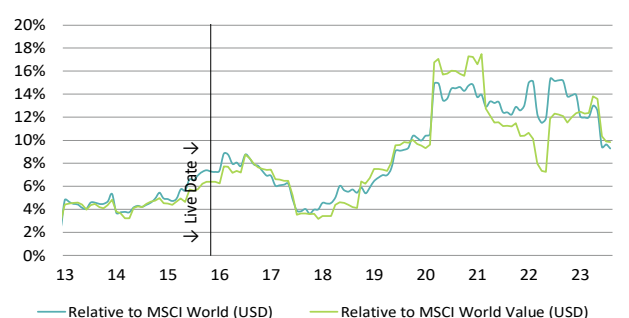
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI Sectors Plus	
Economic P/E	18.5
Accounting P/E	9.8
EV / NCI	1.1
Price / Book Value	1.6
CROCI (%)	5.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.6
Financial Leverage (%)	20.5

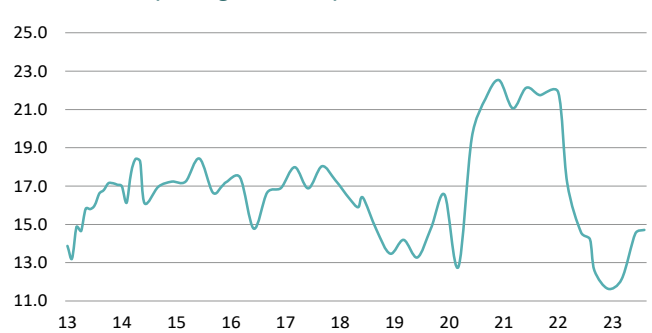
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Marathon Petroleum	0.29%	Qualcomm	-0.45%
Dell	0.21%	STM	-0.40%
Pioneer Natural Resou	0.19%	Anglo American	-0.37%
Nippon Steel	0.13%	Sumitomo Metal Minii	-0.33%
TotalEnergies	0.11%	Rohm	-0.33%

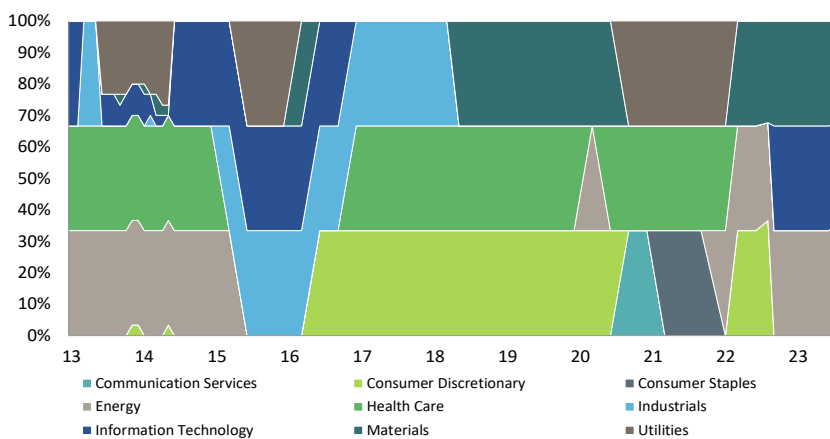
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI Sectors Plus (USD)	MSCI World (USD)	MSCI World Value (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	23.7%	18.3%	18.9%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.43	0.61	0.30
Dividend Yield	2.9%	2.0%	2.9%
Correlation		0.78	0.83
Beta (Daily returns)		0.97	1.17
Maximum Drawdown ²	-46.8%	-57.8%	-61.2%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	20	51	56
Turnover (one-way)	74.6%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



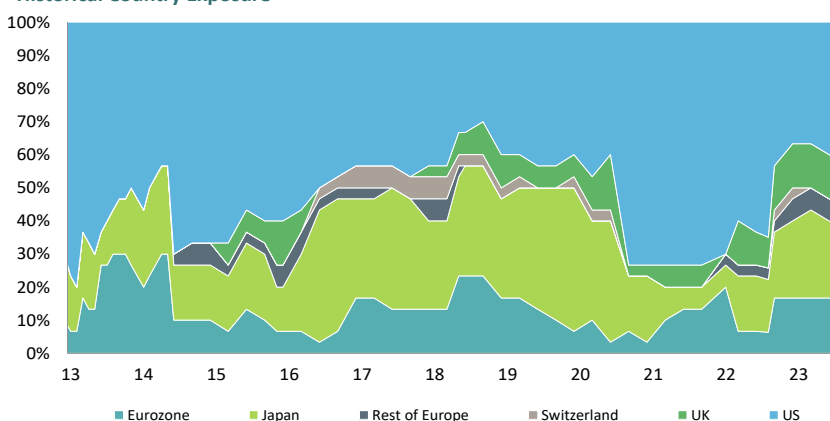
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-7.2%	-8.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-11.0%	-13.3%
Consumer Staples	-7.2%	-8.7%
Energy	31.5%	30.5%
Financials	-14.5%	-
Health Care	-12.7%	-15.3%
Industrials	-10.9%	-13.1%
Information Technology	8.7%	4.1%
Materials	28.4%	27.6%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-2.6%	-3.2%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Country	Active Weight
Australia	-2.0%
Canada	-3.1%
Eurozone	7.3%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	15.1%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	4.6%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	-2.7%
UK	8.8%
US	-26.7%

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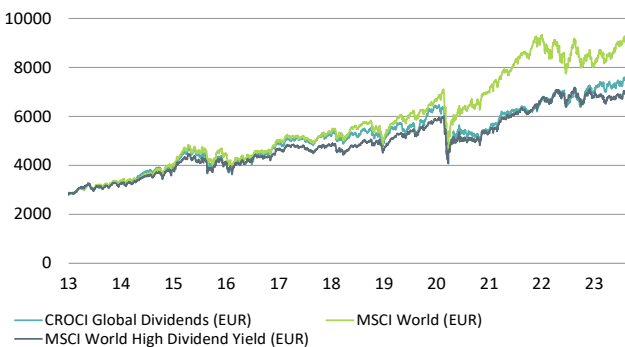
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CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy

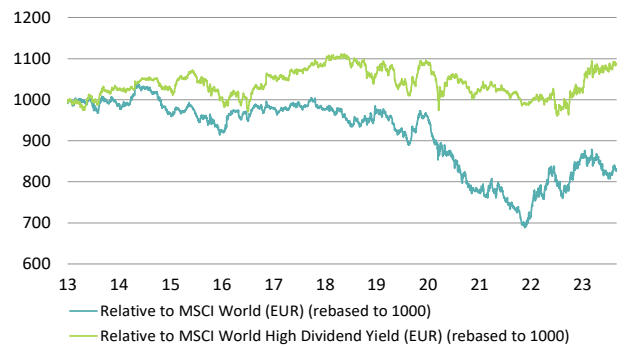
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Historical Performance	Live from 15 Mar. 2012								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Global Dividends (EUR)	0.0%	6.4%	5.2%	9.4%	12.3%	13.0%	7.0%	9.3%	9.5%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	11.2%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	-0.8%	4.2%	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%	11.5%	7.1%	8.6%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.8%	1.3%	-3.4%	-4.8%	5.2%	1.0%	-2.8%	-2.1%	-1.7%
vs. MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	0.7%	2.2%	2.0%	6.2%	9.5%	1.4%	-0.1%	0.7%	0.7%

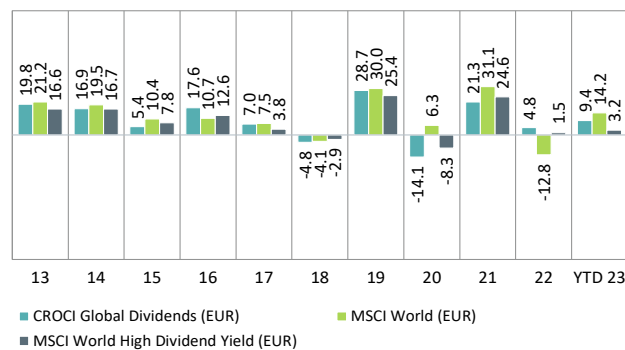
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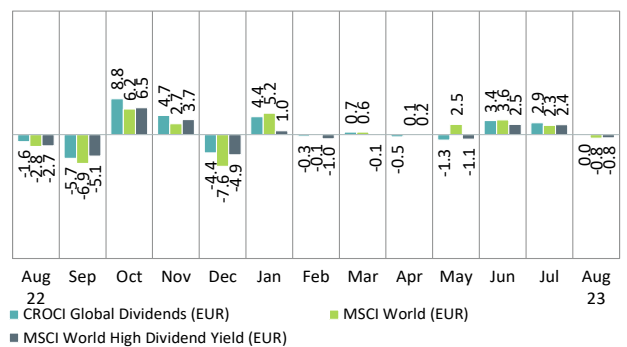
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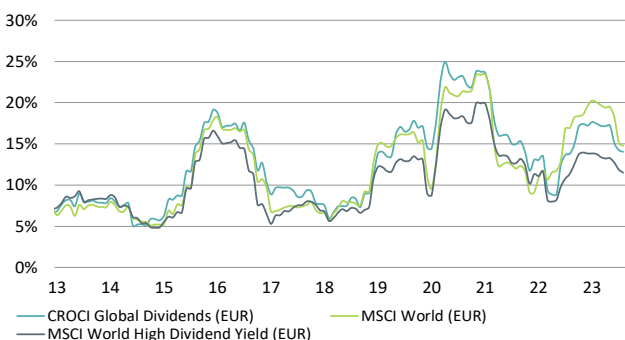
Annual Returns (%)



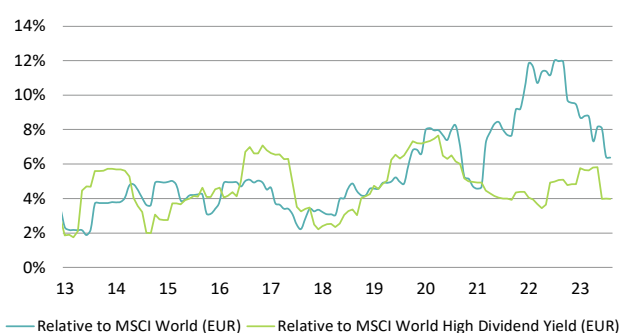
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

CROCI Global Dividends	
Economic P/E	18.2
Accounting P/E	11.1
EV / NCI	1.5
Price / Book Value	2.1
CROCI (%)	8.4
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	7.3
Financial Leverage (%)	17.4

Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Marathon Petroleum	0.24%	Cummins Inc	-0.23%
Amgen	0.24%	Marubeni	-0.20%
Smurfit Kappa	0.15%	Stellantis	-0.19%
Subaru Corp	0.13%	Deutsche Post DHL	-0.17%
Shionogi & Co	0.13%	HP	-0.17%

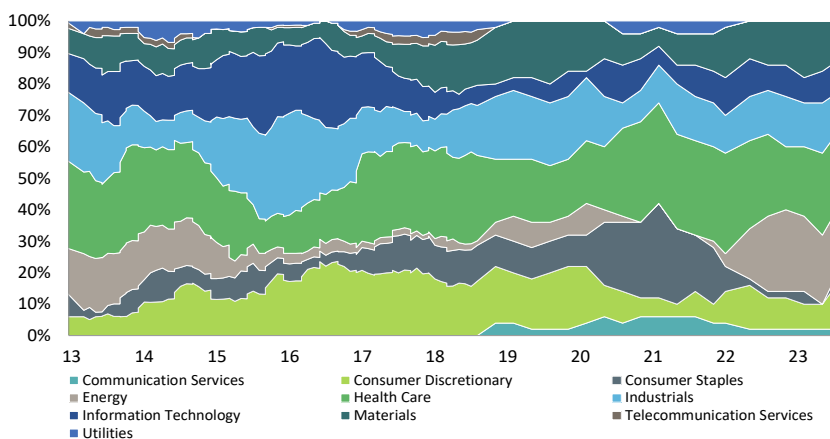
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI Global Dividends (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	14.0%	14.8%	11.5%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.71	0.32	0.04
Dividend Yield	3.7%	1.8%	3.0%
Correlation		0.71	0.75
Beta (Daily returns)		0.57	0.79
Maximum Drawdown ²	-44.3%	-53.4%	-59.9%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	14	48	49
Turnover (one-way)	70.4%		

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



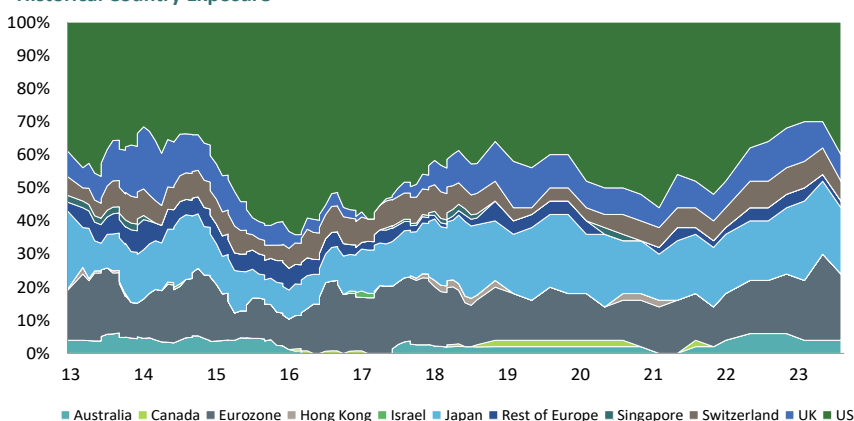
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Sector	Cum Fin/RE	Ex Fin/RE
Communication Services	-5.2%	-6.6%
Consumer Discretionary	5.2%	2.9%
Consumer Staples	-3.3%	-4.8%
Energy	15.0%	14.0%
Financials	-14.5%	-
Health Care	11.0%	8.5%
Industrials	1.1%	-1.1%
Information Technology	-12.4%	-17.0%
Materials	8.2%	7.3%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-2.6%	-3.2%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Country	Active Weight
Australia	2.1%
Canada	-3.1%
Eurozone	11.2%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	14.2%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.2%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	3.2%
UK	4.2%
US	-30.7%

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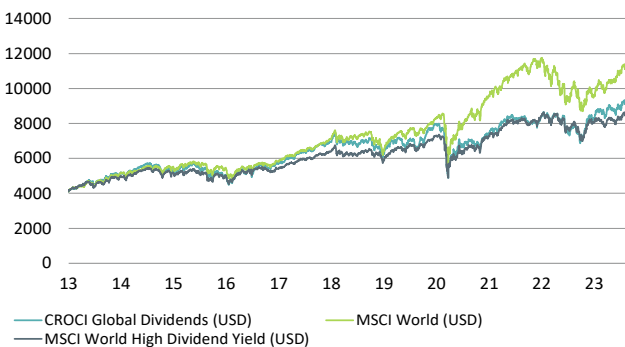
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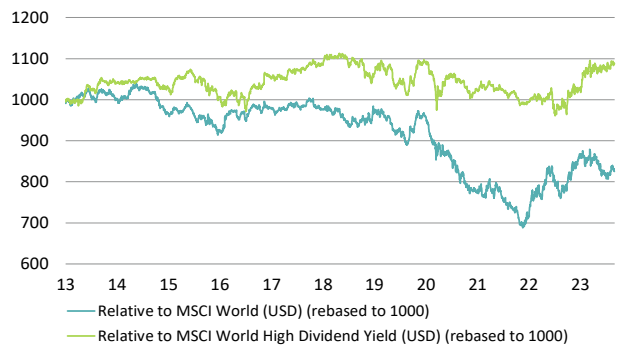
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Historical Performance	Live from 15 Mar. 2012								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
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CROCI Global Dividends (USD)	-1.6%	8.3%	7.6%	11.3%	21.2%	9.4%	5.5%	7.0%	7.8%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.4%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	-2.3%	6.1%	5.6%	4.9%	10.9%	8.0%	5.6%	6.5%	7.1%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.8%	1.3%	-3.5%	-4.9%	5.6%	1.0%	-2.8%	-2.3%	-1.7%
vs. MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	0.7%	2.2%	2.0%	6.3%	10.3%	1.4%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.6%

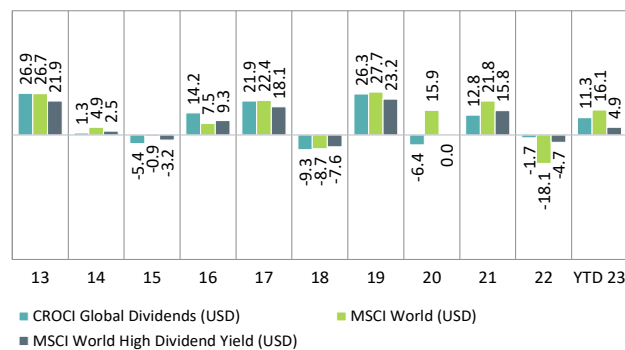
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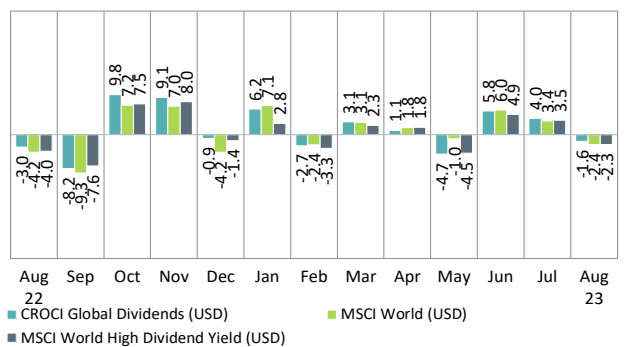
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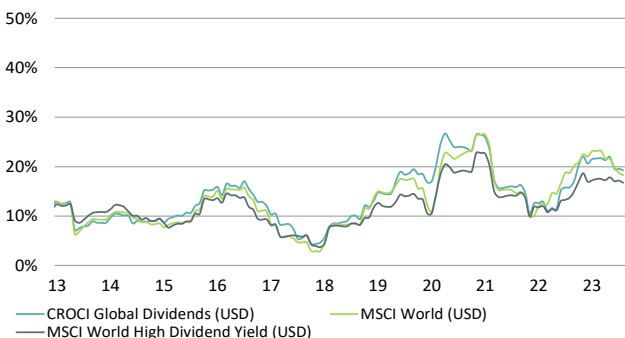
Annual Returns (%)



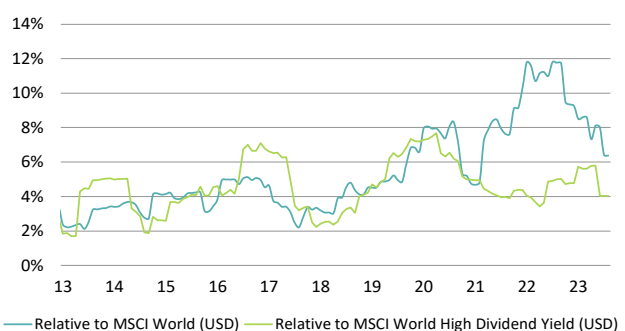
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Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



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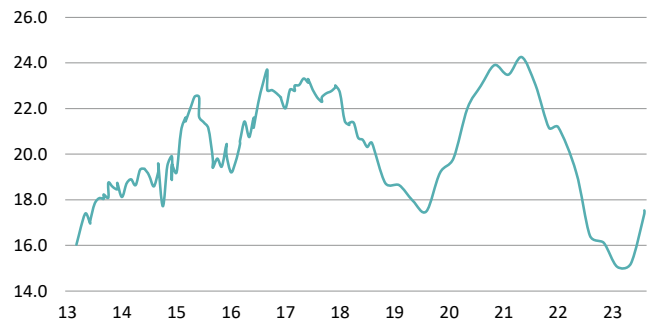
CROCI Global Dividends USD Strategy

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Accounting P/E	11.1
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Financial Leverage (%)	17.4

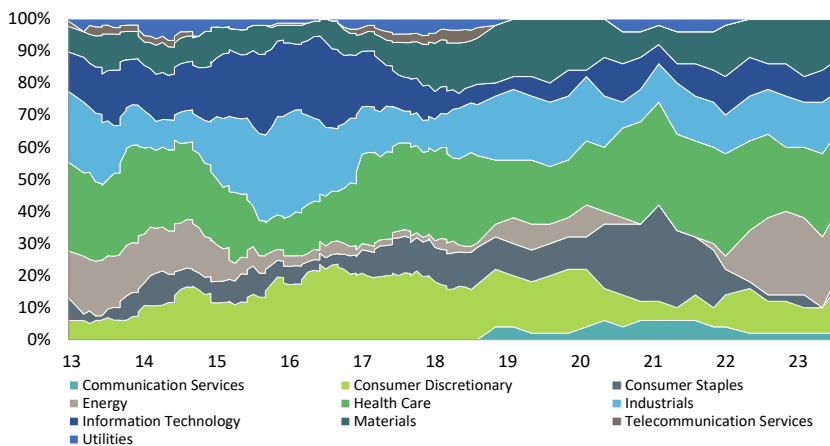
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI Global Dividends (USD)	MSCI World (USD)	MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	19.2%	18.3%	16.7%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.87	0.61	0.38
Dividend Yield	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
Correlation		0.79	0.84
Beta (Daily returns)		0.72	1.02
Maximum Drawdown ²	-49.1%	-57.8%	-63.4%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	20	51	55
Turnover (one-way)	70.4%		

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Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)

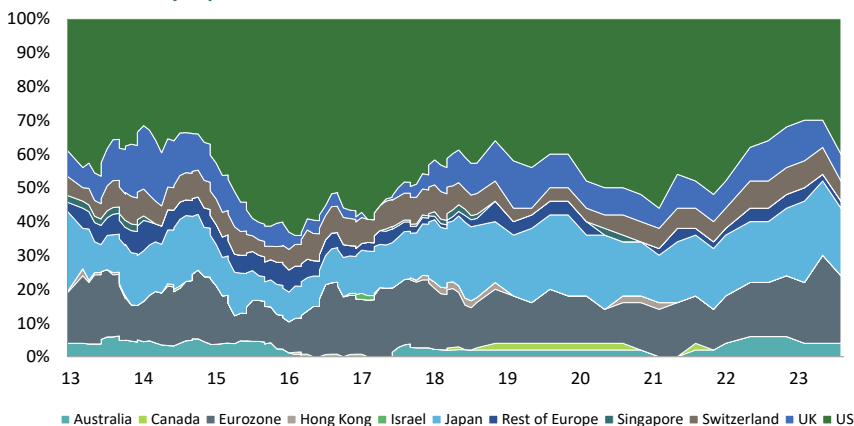


Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹		
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Materials	8.2%	7.3%
Real Estate	-2.4%	-
Utilities	-2.6%	-3.2%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹	
Country	Active Weight
Australia	2.1%
Canada	-3.1%
Eurozone	11.2%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	14.2%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.2%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	3.2%
UK	4.2%
US	-30.7%

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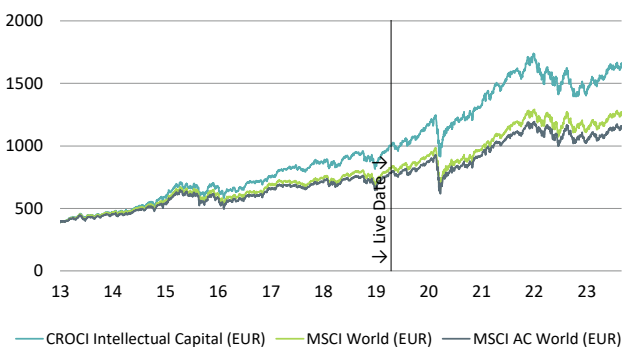
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CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy

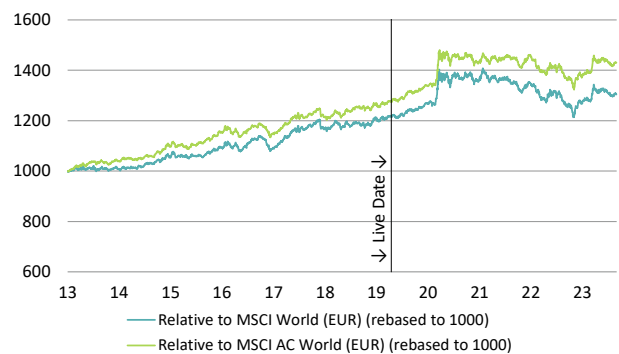
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Historical Performance	Live from 15 Apr. 2019								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI Intellectual Capital (EUR)	-0.4%	3.2%	11.0%	17.4%	9.6%	10.3%	11.8%	14.3%	12.2%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	10.5%
MSCI AC World (EUR)	-1.3%	4.7%	7.8%	12.9%	5.6%	10.8%	9.0%	10.7%	9.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.5%	-1.8%	2.4%	3.2%	2.5%	-1.6%	1.9%	2.8%	1.8%
vs. MSCI AC World (EUR)	0.9%	-1.5%	3.2%	4.5%	4.1%	-0.4%	2.8%	3.6%	2.9%

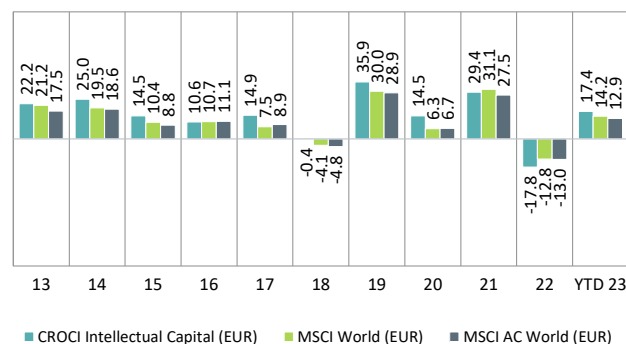
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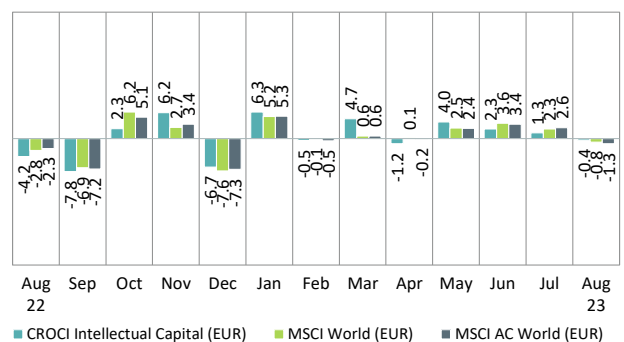
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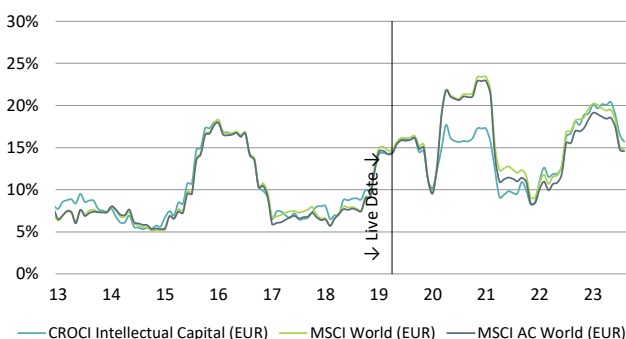
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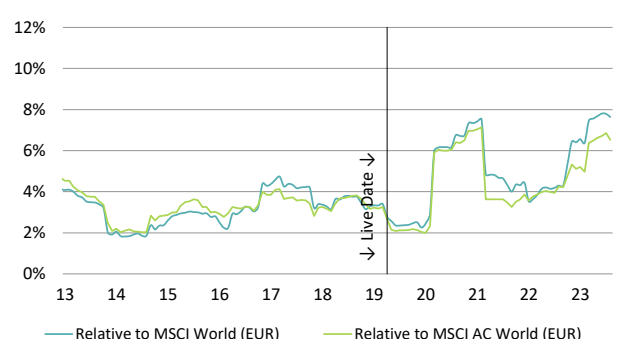
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
CROCI Intellectual Capital	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
Economic P/E	-	33.7
Accounting P/E	-	26.2
EV / NCI	-	8.1
Price / Book Value	-	7.7
CROCI (%)	-	23.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	3.7
Financial Leverage (%)	-	1.0

*Including Financials' shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-financial stocks

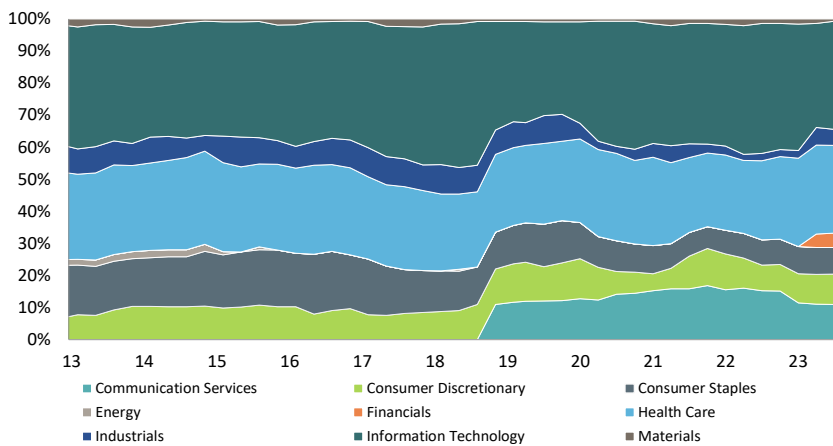
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI Intellectual Capital (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI AC World (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	15.7%	14.8%	14.6%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.46	0.32	0.22
Dividend Yield	1.4%	1.8%	1.9%
Correlation		0.93	0.95
Beta (Daily returns)		0.87	0.95
Maximum Drawdown ²	-39.4%	-53.4%	-53.1%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	21	48	48
Turnover (one-way)	47.0%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Eli Lilly	0.24%	Tencent Hld.	-0.18%
Alphabet	0.21%	PayPal	-0.14%
Novo-Nordisk	0.18%	Infineon Tech.	-0.13%
Cisco	0.16%	Qualcomm	-0.12%
Eaton	0.14%	Zimmer Biomet	-0.10%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)

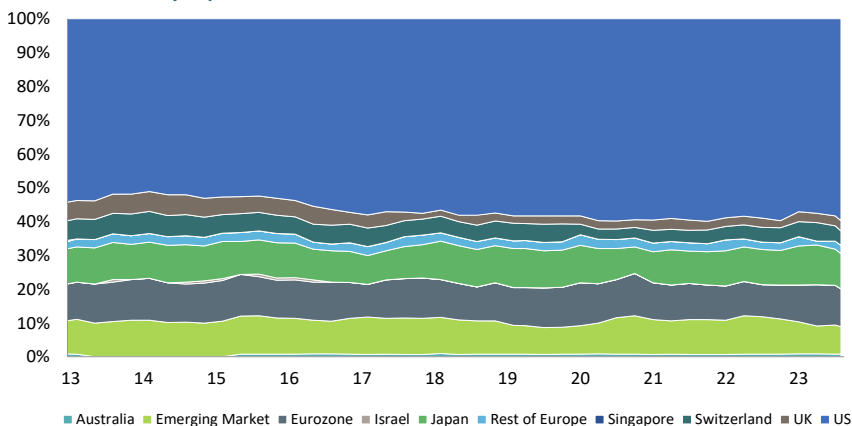


Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹	
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	4.1%
Consumer Discretionary	-2.2%
Consumer Staples	0.9%
Energy	-4.9%
Financials	-10.0%
Health Care	15.7%
Industrials	-6.0%
Information Technology	10.9%
Materials	-3.4%
Real Estate	-2.4%
Utilities	-2.6%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹	
Country	Active Weight
Australia	-1.2%
Canada	-3.1%
Emerging Market	8.2%
Eurozone	2.1%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	4.3%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.5%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	1.6%
UK	-1.0%
US	-10.1%

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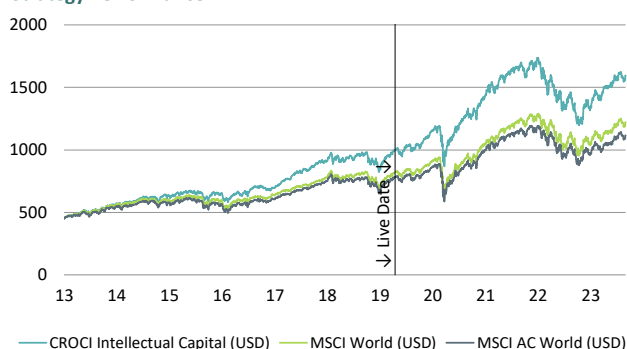
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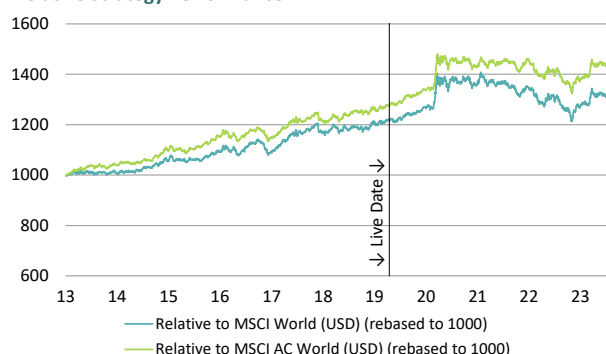
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Historical Performance						Live from 15 Apr. 2019			
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
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CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD)	-1.9%	5.1%	13.6%	19.3%	18.3%	6.8%	10.2%	12.1%	11.2%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	9.4%
MSCI AC World (USD)	-2.8%	6.6%	10.3%	14.8%	14.0%	7.2%	7.5%	8.6%	8.3%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.5%	-1.9%	2.5%	3.2%	2.7%	-1.6%	1.9%	2.8%	1.8%
vs. MSCI AC World (USD)	0.9%	-1.5%	3.3%	4.5%	4.4%	-0.4%	2.8%	3.5%	2.9%

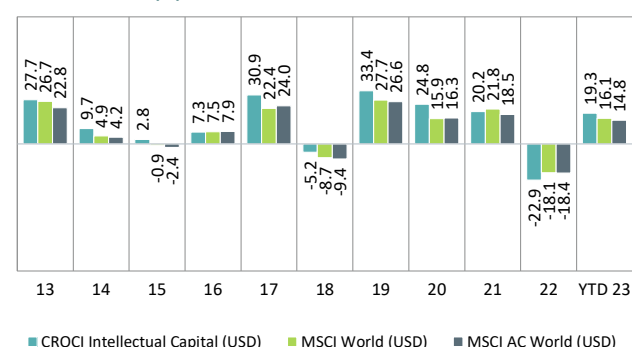
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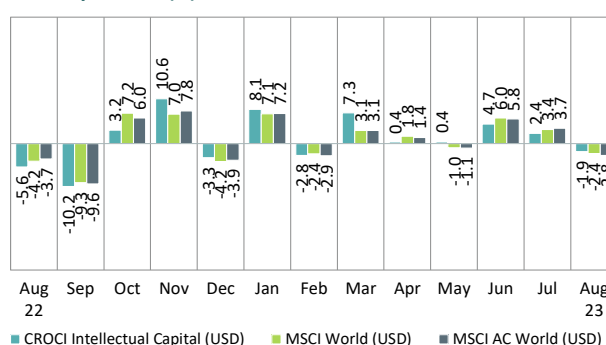
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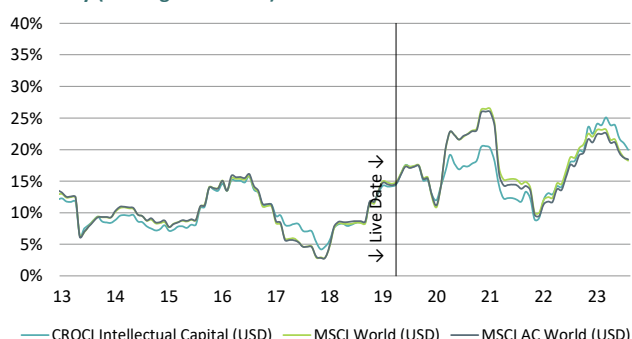
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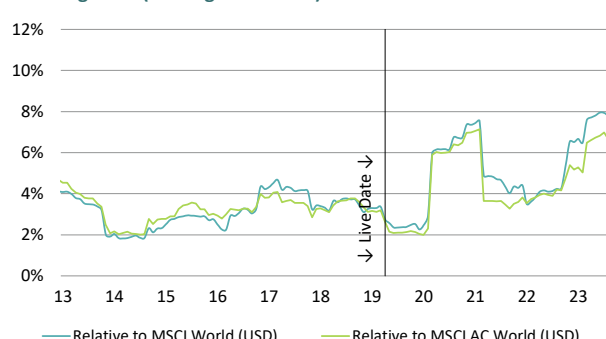
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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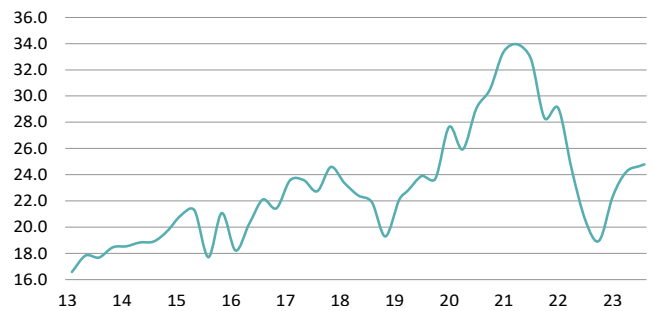
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
CROCI Intellectual Capital	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
Economic P/E	-	33.7
Accounting P/E	-	26.2
EV / NCI	-	8.1
Price / Book Value	-	7.7
CROCI (%)	-	23.9
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	3.7
Financial Leverage (%)	-	1.0

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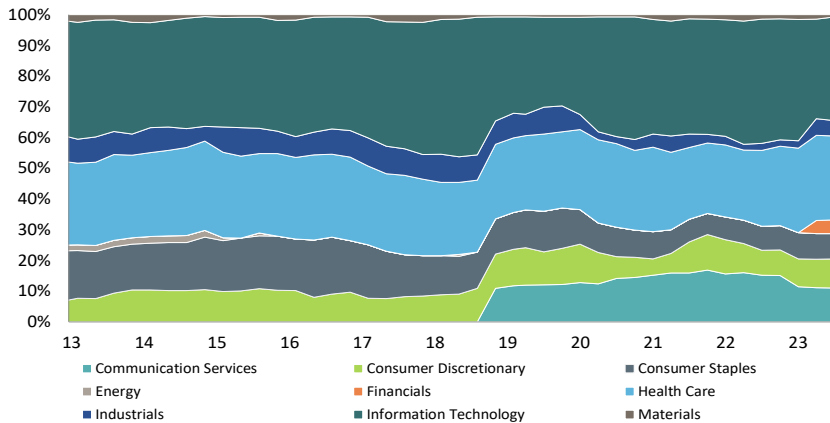
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI Intellectual Capital (USD)	MSCI World (USD)	MSCI AC World (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	20.0%	18.3%	18.5%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.69	0.61	0.51
Dividend Yield	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%
Correlation		0.95	0.96
Beta (Daily returns)		0.90	0.97
Maximum Drawdown ²	-46.3%	-57.8%	-58.4%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	23	51	51
Turnover (one-way)	47.0%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Eli Lilly	0.22%	Tencent Hld.	-0.22%
Novo-Nordisk	0.16%	PayPal	-0.15%
Cisco	0.14%	Infineon Tech.	-0.14%
Alphabet	0.13%	Qualcomm	-0.13%
Eaton	0.12%	Apple	-0.12%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)

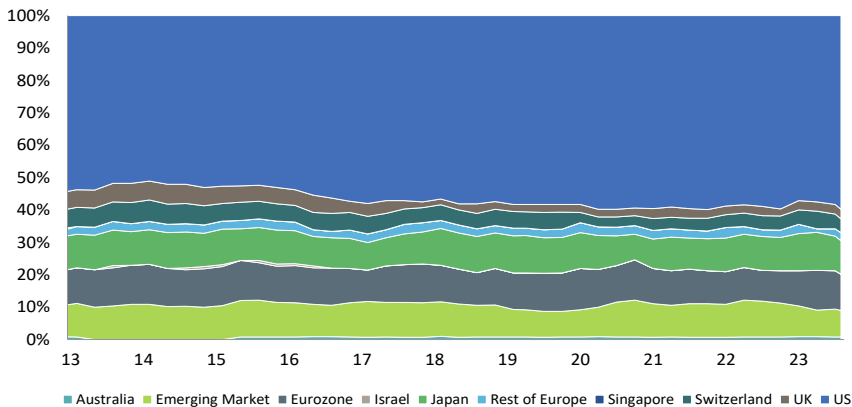


Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹	
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	4.1%
Consumer Discretionary	-2.2%
Consumer Staples	0.9%
Energy	-4.9%
Financials	-10.0%
Health Care	15.7%
Industrials	-6.0%
Information Technology	10.9%
Materials	-3.4%
Real Estate	-2.4%
Utilities	-2.6%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹	
Country	Active Weight
Australia	-1.2%
Canada	-3.1%
Emerging Market	8.2%
Eurozone	2.1%
Hong Kong	-0.6%
Israel	-0.2%
Japan	4.3%
New Zealand	-0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.5%
Singapore	-0.4%
Switzerland	1.6%
UK	-1.0%
US	-10.1%

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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Indices

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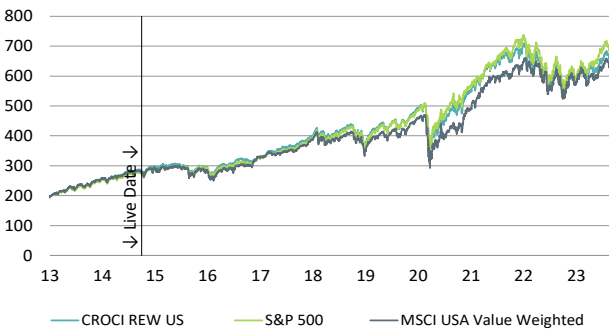
CROCI Real Earnings Weighted US Index

Ticker: DBCREUAR

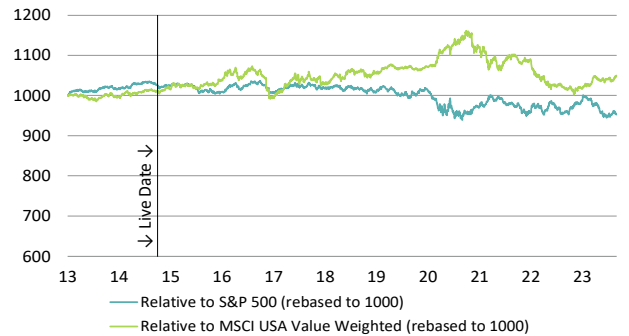
CROCI REW US is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of large-cap US stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings.

Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
CROCI REW US	-1.7%	8.6%	9.9%	14.2%	14.4%	10.4%	9.1%	11.4%	10.2%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	11.2%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.8%	7.6%	7.4%	10.9%	11.0%	13.7%	9.4%	10.8%	9.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-0.1%	0.5%	-4.3%	-4.2%	-0.9%	0.4%	-1.4%	-0.7%	-0.9%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	1.1%	1.0%	2.5%	3.3%	3.4%	-3.3%	-0.3%	0.6%	0.4%

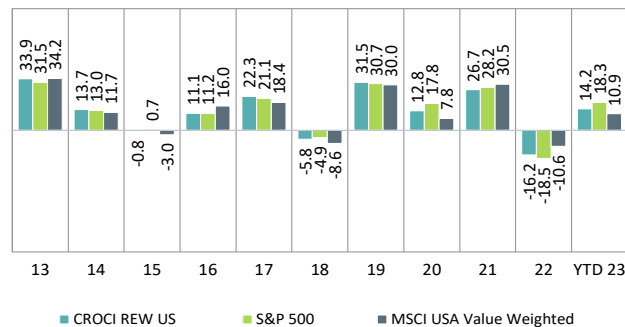
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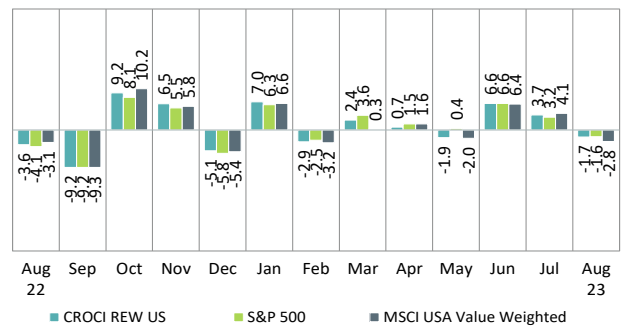
Relative Strategy Performance



Annual Returns (%)



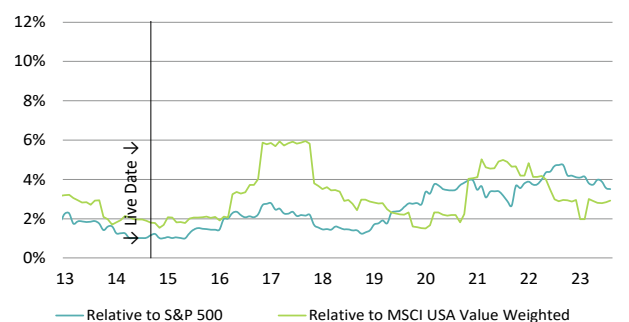
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted US Index

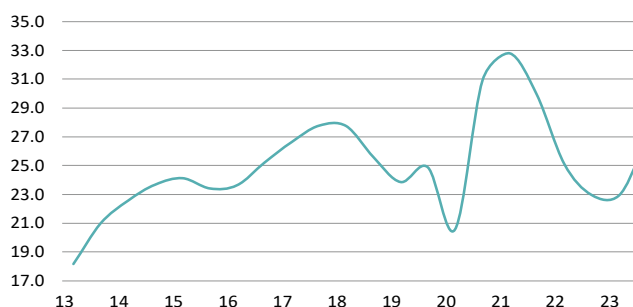
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
CROCI REW US	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
Economic P/E	33.6	34.4
Accounting P/E	24.2	25.1
EV / NCI	5.3	5.6
Price / Book Value	6.4	7.1
CROCI (%)	-	16.3
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	3.8
Financial Leverage (%)	-	4.2

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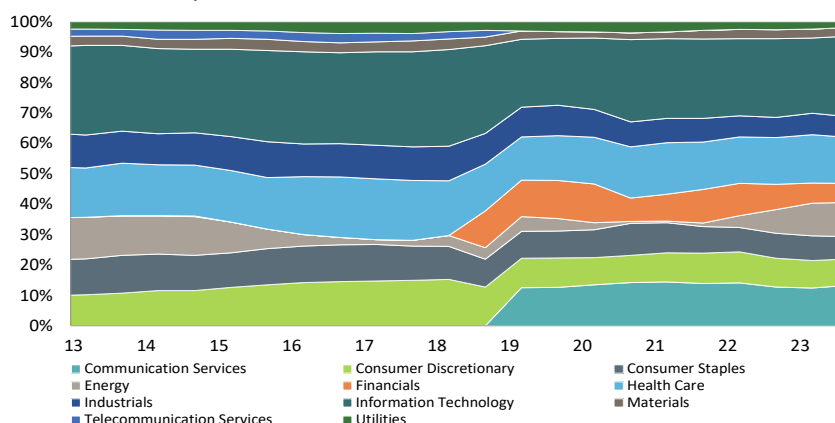
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI REW US	S&P 500	MSCI USA Value Weighted
Volatility (monthly)	19.5%	18.4%	20.0%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.51	0.59	0.32
Dividend Yield	1.5%	1.4%	1.8%
Correlation		0.98	0.99
Beta (Daily returns)		0.98	1.02
Maximum Drawdown ²	-47.1%	-55.7%	-61.3%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	22	43	47
Turnover (one-way)	17.4%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Eli Lilly	0.17%	Meta Platforms	-0.20%
Alphabet	0.08%	Apple	-0.10%
Cisco	0.08%	Qualcomm	-0.10%
Arista Networks	0.07%	PayPal	-0.07%
ExxonMobil	0.06%	JPMorgan Chase	-0.07%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 500¹

Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	4.3%
Consumer Discretionary	-2.3%
Consumer Staples	1.3%
Energy	6.8%
Financials	-3.7%
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Industrials	-0.6%
Information Technology	-5.4%
Materials	0.4%
Real Estate	-2.4%
Utilities	-0.4%

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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted US Mid Index

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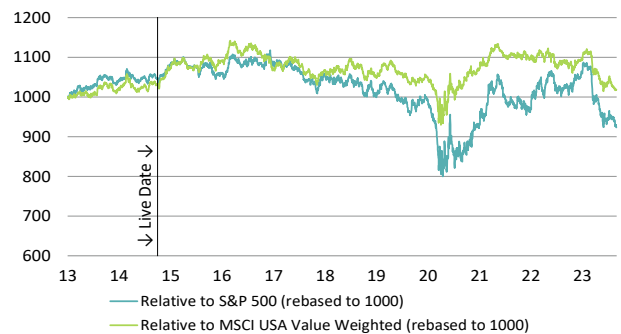
CROCI REW US Mid is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of US stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings and retaining the companies smaller than the 175 largest companies (according to market capitalization).

Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
CROCI REW US Mid	-4.0%	7.9%	-1.8%	3.1%	3.6%	13.6%	8.2%	10.8%	9.6%
S&P 500	-1.6%	8.1%	14.2%	18.3%	15.3%	10.0%	10.5%	12.2%	11.2%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	-2.8%	7.6%	7.4%	10.9%	11.0%	13.7%	9.4%	10.8%	9.8%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. S&P 500	-2.4%	-0.2%	-16.0%	-15.2%	-11.8%	3.6%	-2.3%	-1.4%	-1.5%
vs. MSCI USA Value Weighted	-1.2%	0.3%	-9.2%	-7.7%	-7.4%	-0.1%	-1.2%	0.0%	-0.2%

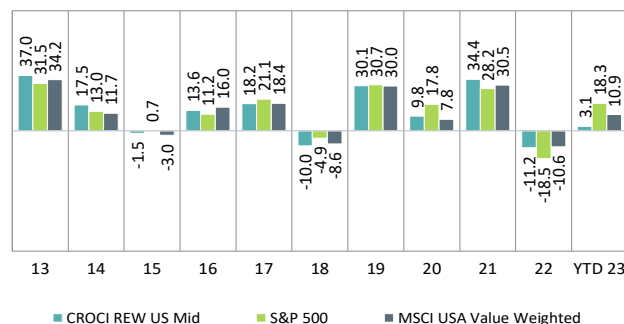
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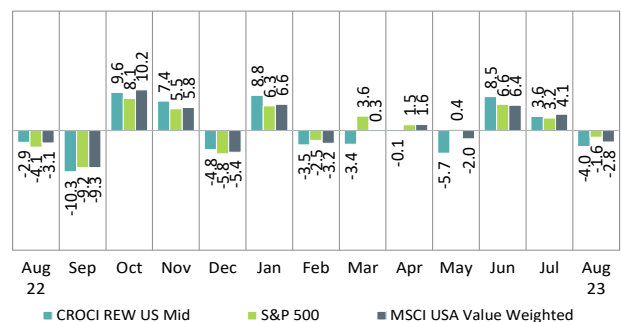
Relative Strategy Performance



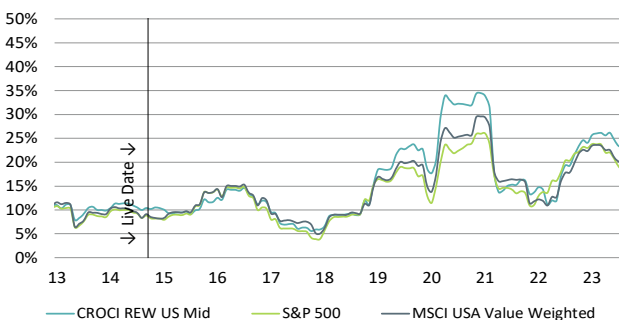
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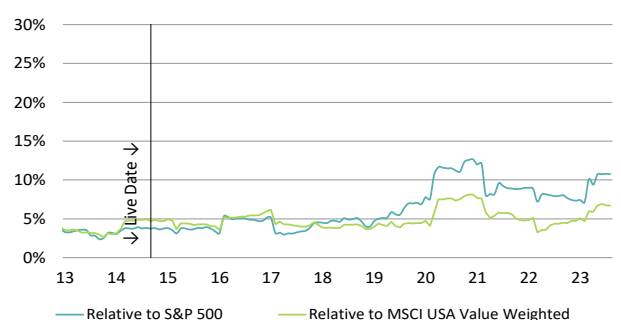
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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Prior to 13 Sep. 2016, the index CROCI REW US Mid defined mid cap US companies by reference to CROCI Economic Earnings. Effective from that date, mid cap US companies are defined by reference to market capitalization.

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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted US Mid Index

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
CROCI REW US Mid		
Economic P/E	25.4	26.7
Accounting P/E	14.4	15.4
EV / NCI	1.9	2.0
Price / Book Value	2.3	2.6
CROCI (%)	-	7.4
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.3
Financial Leverage (%)	-	38.1

*Including Financials shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-financial stocks

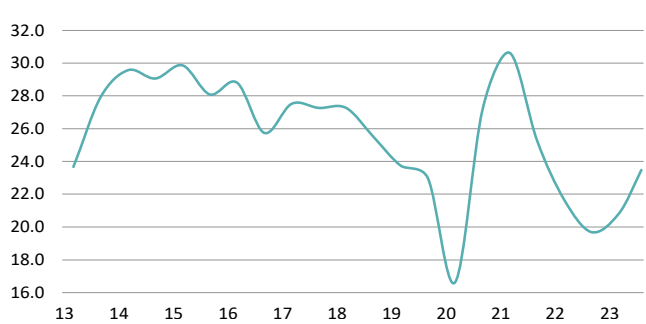
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI REW US Mid	S&P 500	MSCI USA Value Weighted
Volatility (monthly)	23.6%	18.4%	20.0%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	-0.04	0.59	0.32
Dividend Yield	1.6%	1.4%	1.8%
Correlation		0.92	0.97
Beta (Daily returns)		1.02	1.11
Maximum Drawdown ²	-53.5%	-55.7%	-61.3%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	7	43	47
Turnover (one-way)	45.7%		

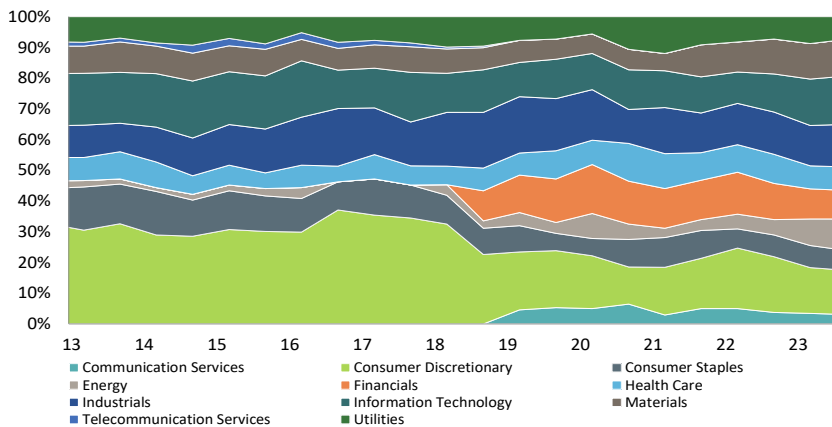
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
US Steel	0.18%	Discover Financial	-0.21%
Capri Hld.	0.15%	Resmed	-0.16%
Global Payments	0.13%	Dollar Tree	-0.14%
Cognizant	0.09%	Keysight Tech	-0.11%
APA Corp	0.07%	Intl Flavors & Fragranc	-0.11%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. S&P 500¹

Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	-5.7%
Consumer Discretionary	3.3%
Consumer Staples	0.5%
Energy	5.6%
Financials	-0.9%
Health Care	-5.6%
Industrials	5.9%
Information Technology	-15.3%
Materials	9.4%
Real Estate	-2.4%
Utilities	5.2%

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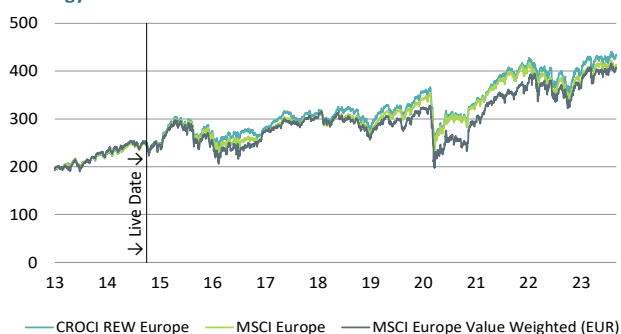
CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Europe Index

Ticker: DBCREETF

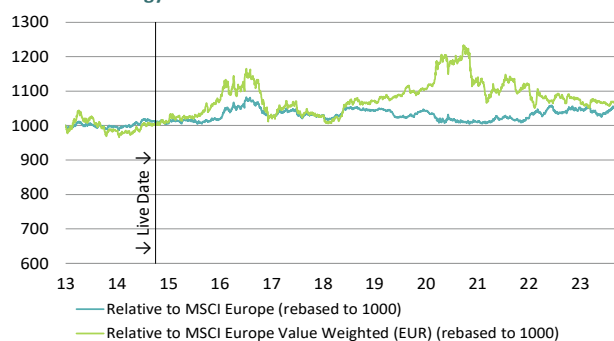
CROCI REW Europe is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of large-cap European stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings.

Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
CROCI REW Europe	-1.7%	4.6%	1.6%	10.6%	15.0%	12.4%	6.3%	7.5%	6.3%
MSCI Europe	-2.4%	1.9%	1.7%	10.6%	13.5%	11.0%	6.3%	7.0%	5.9%
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	-2.1%	4.7%	0.3%	11.6%	16.5%	16.7%	6.6%	6.9%	5.6%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI Europe	0.7%	2.7%	-0.1%	0.1%	1.5%	1.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
vs. MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	0.4%	-0.1%	1.3%	-0.9%	-1.6%	-4.3%	-0.3%	0.6%	0.7%

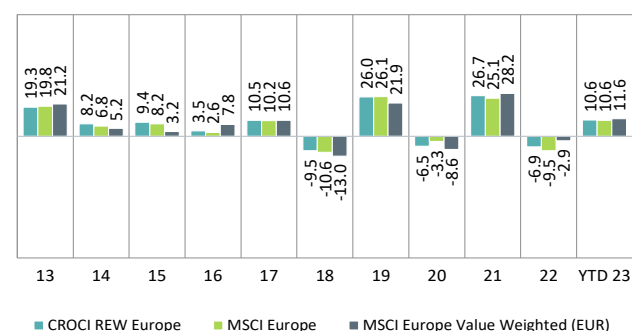
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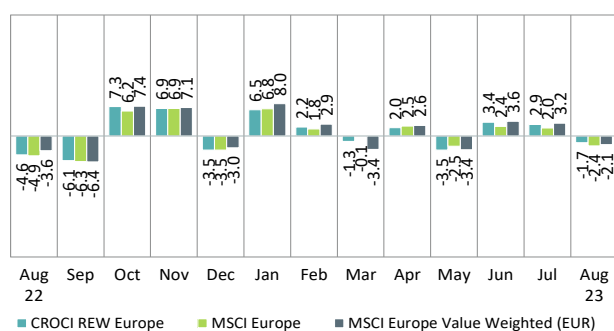
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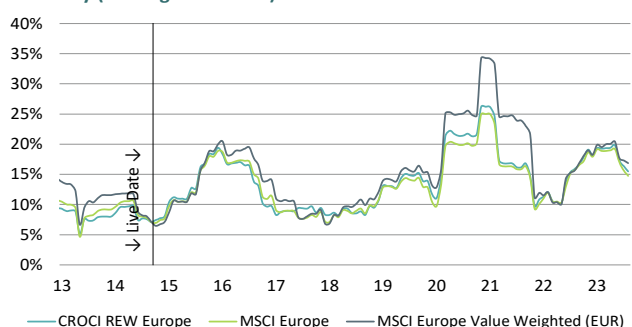
Annual Returns (%)



Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Europe Index

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1

	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
CROCI REW Europe		
Economic P/E	22.3	23.6
Accounting P/E	12.3	13.2
EV / NCI	1.5	1.6
Price / Book Value	2.0	2.3
CROCI (%)	-	6.8
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	5.8
Financial Leverage (%)	-	21.7

* Including Financials shows selected fundamental characteristics, which are comparable with non-financial stocks

Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)

	CROCI REW Europe	MSCI Europe	MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	15.5%	14.8%	16.9%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.81	0.75	0.84
Dividend Yield	3.4%	3.0%	4.1%
Correlation		0.97	0.98
Beta (Daily returns)		1.01	0.94
Maximum Drawdown ²	-47.3%	-58.5%	-64.2%
Max Drawdown Date	3 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	42	59	72
Turnover (one-way)	19.9%		

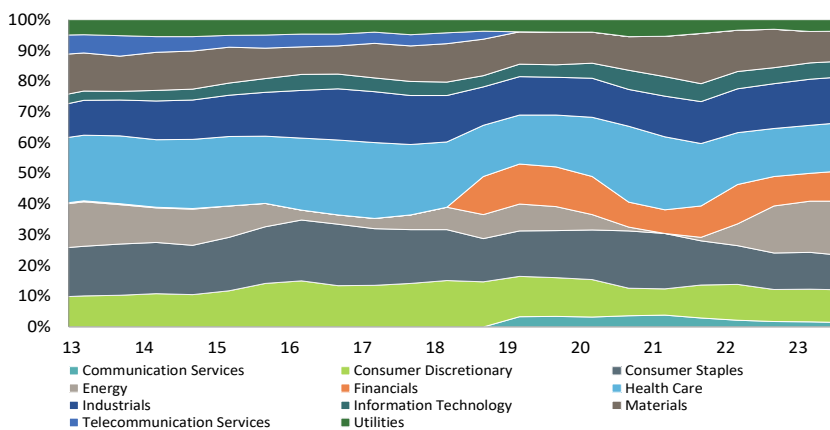
Monthly Contributors

Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Novo-Nordisk	0.23%	A P Moller	-0.16%
TotalEnergies	0.14%	Infineon Tech.	-0.10%
Equinor	0.14%	LVMH	-0.09%
Shell Plc	0.10%	HSBC	-0.09%
BP	0.05%	Stellantis	-0.07%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



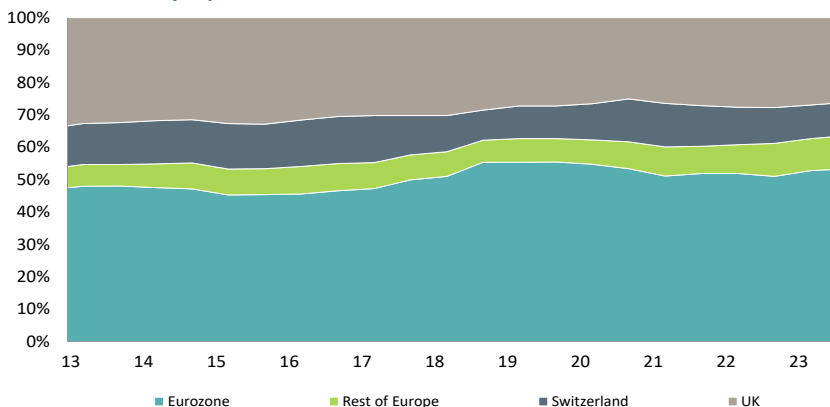
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI Europe¹

Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	-1.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.8%
Consumer Staples	-1.1%
Energy	11.6%
Financials	-7.4%
Health Care	-0.3%
Industrials	0.0%
Information Technology	-1.9%
Materials	2.8%
Real Estate	-0.8%
Utilities	-0.5%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI Europe¹

Country	Active Weight
Austria	1.2%
Belgium	0.0%
Denmark	-0.5%
Finland	0.2%
France	0.7%
Germany	-1.7%
Ireland	0.2%
Italy	3.4%
Netherlands	-3.1%
Norway	2.1%
Portugal	0.4%
Spain	0.8%
Sweden	-2.2%
Switzerland	-5.2%
UK	3.9%

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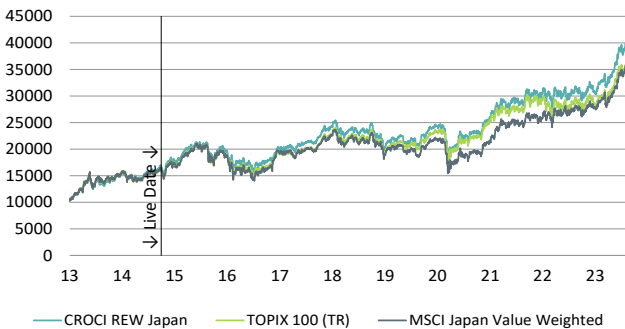
CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Japan Index

Ticker: DBCREJN

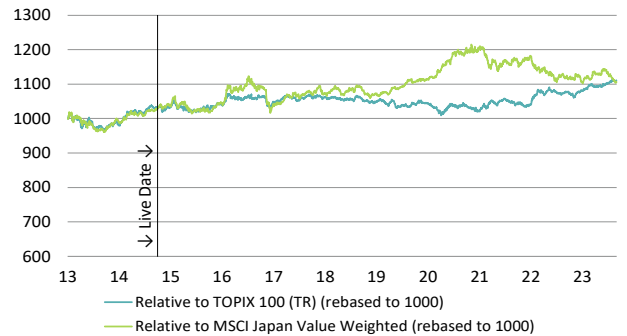
CROCI REW Japan is a highly diversified portfolio of companies from a broad universe of large-cap Japanese stocks which are covered by the CROCI Team. The portfolio is selected on a semi-annual basis, where each company's weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings.

Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
CROCI REW Japan	0.0%	10.3%	20.7%	29.3%	27.2%	19.6%	10.8%	11.7%	10.1%
TOPIX 100 (TR)	-0.2%	9.1%	19.1%	25.8%	23.0%	17.0%	9.9%	10.3%	9.2%
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	0.9%	14.0%	21.4%	29.2%	28.2%	22.4%	10.6%	10.3%	9.2%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. TOPIX 100 (TR)	0.2%	1.2%	1.6%	3.5%	4.1%	2.7%	1.0%	1.4%	0.9%
vs. MSCI Japan Value Weighted	-0.9%	-3.6%	-0.6%	0.1%	-1.1%	-2.7%	0.2%	1.5%	0.9%

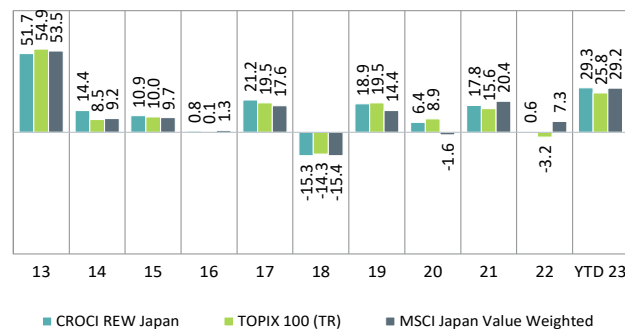
Strategy Performance



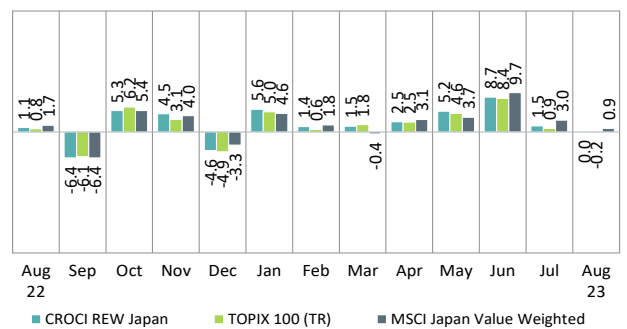
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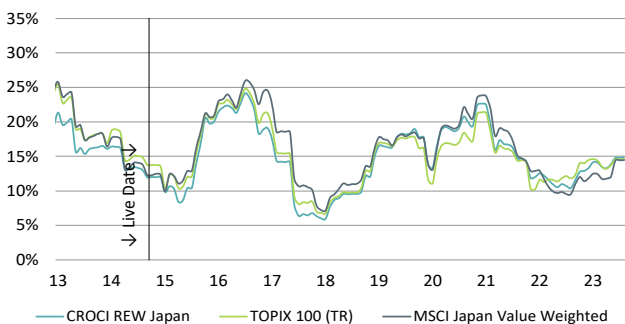
Annual Returns (%)



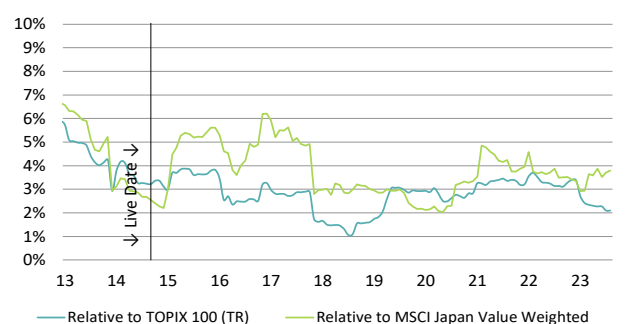
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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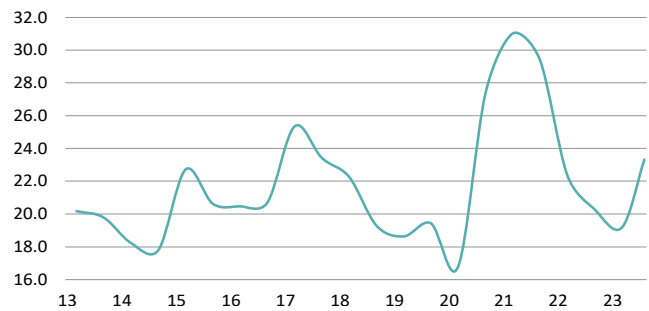
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
CROCI REW Japan		
Economic P/E	29.1	30.5
Accounting P/E	13.2	14.1
EV / NCI	1.1	1.2
Price / Book Value	1.3	1.5
CROCI (%)	-	4.0
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	3.4
Financial Leverage (%)	-	27.3

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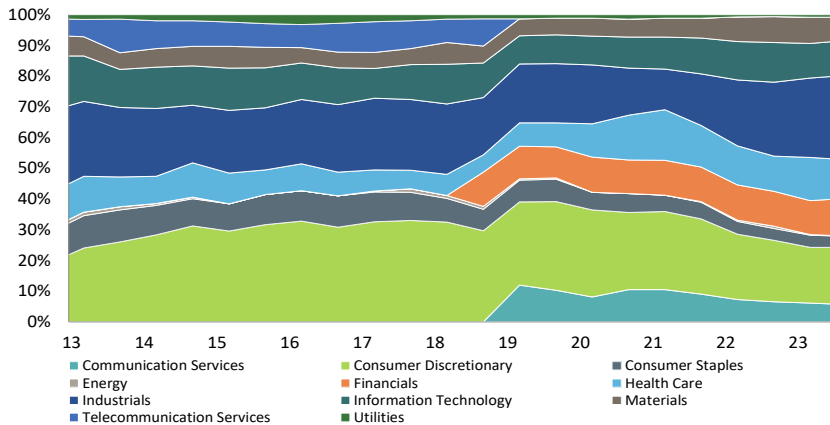
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI REW Japan	TOPIX 100 (TR)	MSCI Japan Value Weighted
Volatility (monthly)	14.9%	14.7%	14.5%
Sharpe Ratio (-0.04%)	1.82	1.57	1.95
Dividend Yield	3.4%	3.3%	3.5%
Correlation		0.99	0.98
Beta (Daily returns)		1.00	1.00
Maximum Drawdown ²	-59.2%	-62.8%	-60.1%
Max Drawdown Date	10 Mar. 2009	12 Mar. 2009	12 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	69	76	72
Turnover (one-way)	16.7%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Toyota Motor	0.18%	Sony	-0.26%
Recruit Hlds	0.10%	Daikin	-0.17%
Mitsub. Hvy Inds	0.10%	Symex	-0.12%
Chugai Pharma	0.10%	Olympus	-0.12%
Mitsui O.S.K.	0.09%	Itochu	-0.10%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. TOPIX 100 (TR) ¹	
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	-3.5%
Consumer Discretionary	-2.0%
Consumer Staples	-2.3%
Energy	-0.3%
Financials	-1.6%
Health Care	2.3%
Industrials	4.2%
Information Technology	0.4%
Materials	4.0%
Real Estate	-2.0%
Utilities	0.9%

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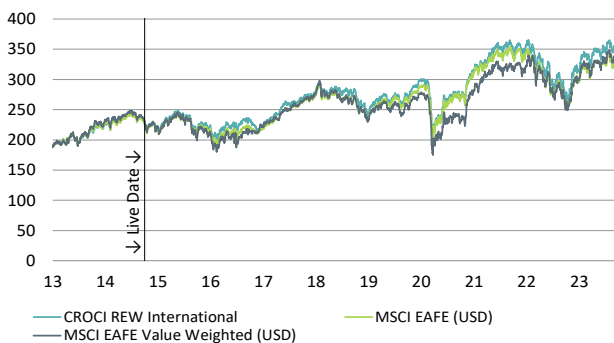
CROCI Real Earnings Weighted International Index

Ticker: DBCREIR

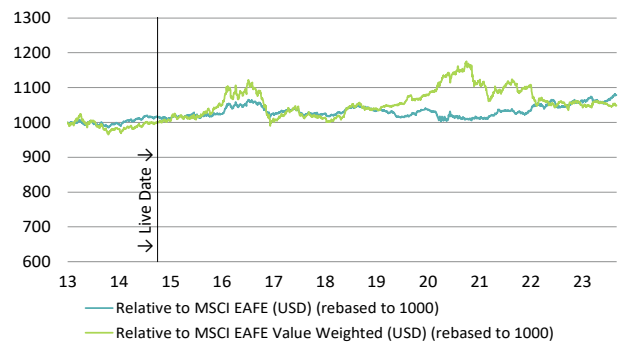
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Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
						3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Live
CROCI REW International	-3.1%	6.3%	5.4%	12.6%	21.6%	8.3%	4.7%	5.7%	4.9%
MSCI EAFE (USD)	-3.8%	3.8%	4.7%	10.9%	17.9%	6.1%	4.1%	4.9%	4.2%
MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	-3.3%	7.0%	4.9%	12.7%	21.8%	11.6%	4.9%	5.2%	4.4%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI EAFE (USD)	0.7%	2.5%	0.6%	1.8%	3.7%	2.2%	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%
vs. MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	0.1%	-0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	-0.2%	-3.3%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.5%

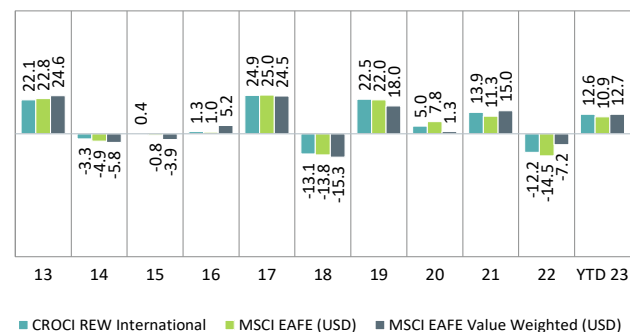
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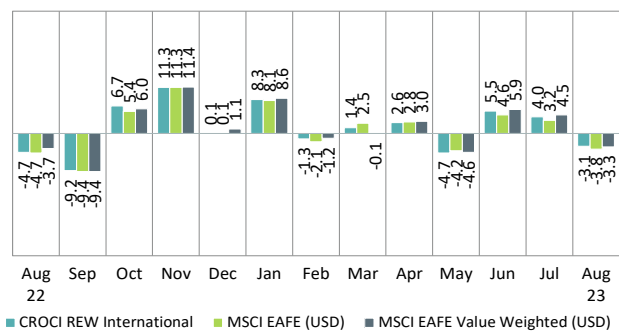
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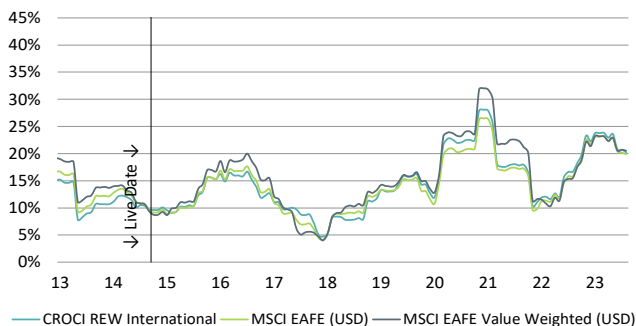
Annual Returns (%)



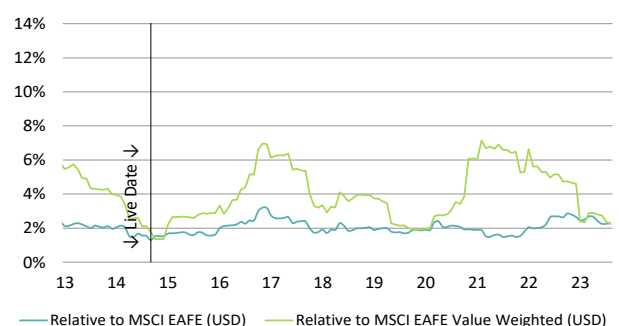
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted International Index

Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
CROCI REW International		
Economic P/E	22.7	24.2
Accounting P/E	12.2	13.2
EV / NCI	1.4	1.5
Price / Book Value	1.8	2.1
CROCI (%)	-	6.2
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	5.5
Financial Leverage (%)	-	22.9

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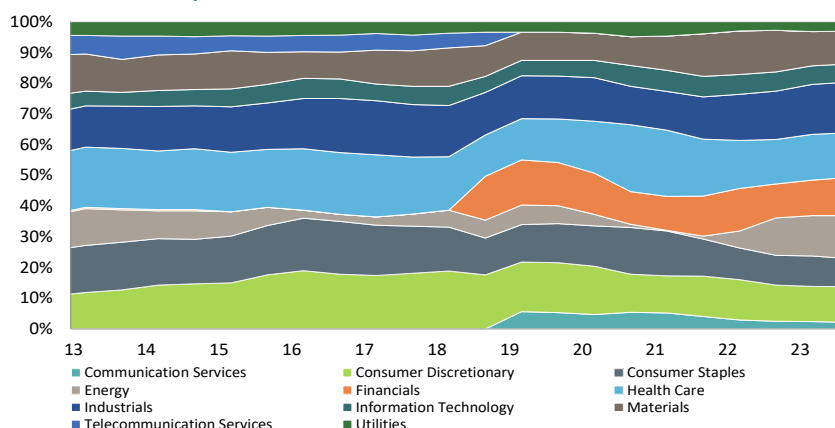
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI REW International	MSCI EAFE (USD)	MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	20.3%	19.9%	20.5%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.84	0.67	0.84
Dividend Yield	3.8%	3.3%	4.3%
Correlation		0.99	0.99
Beta (Daily returns)		1.04	1.03
Maximum Drawdown ²	-52.0%	-60.4%	-63.2%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	50	64	100
Turnover (one-way)	19.9%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Novo-Nordisk	0.13%	A P Moller	-0.12%
TotalEnergies	0.07%	LVMH	-0.08%
Equinor	0.07%	HSBC	-0.08%
Teva Pharma	0.03%	Infineon Tech.	-0.07%
Shell Plc	0.03%	Glencore	-0.06%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)

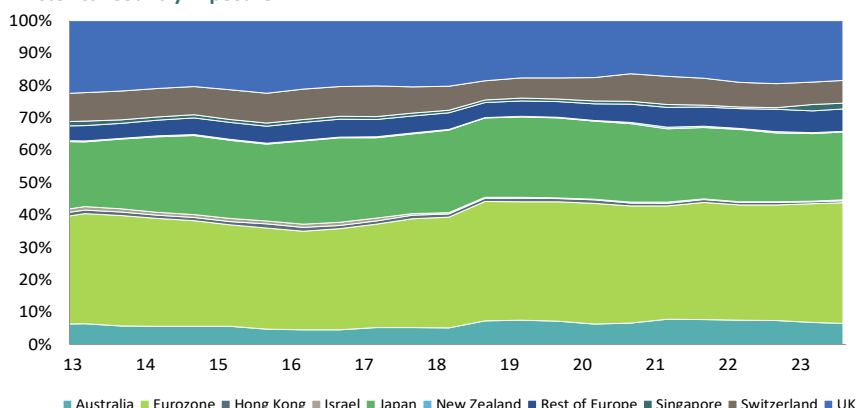


Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI EAFE ¹	
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	-1.8%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.7%
Consumer Staples	-0.7%
Energy	9.3%
Financials	-6.1%
Health Care	1.1%
Industrials	0.5%
Information Technology	-2.3%
Materials	3.2%
Real Estate	-2.3%
Utilities	-0.2%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI EAFE ¹	
Country	Active Weight
Australia	-0.8%
Eurozone	3.8%
Hong Kong	-1.8%
Israel	-0.4%
Japan	-1.8%
New Zealand	0.1%
Rest of Europe	-0.1%
Singapore	0.5%
Switzerland	-3.2%
UK	3.9%

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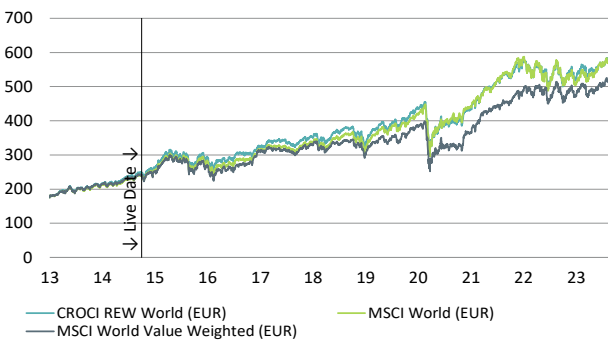
CROCI Real Earnings Weighted World EUR Index

Ticker: DBCREW7

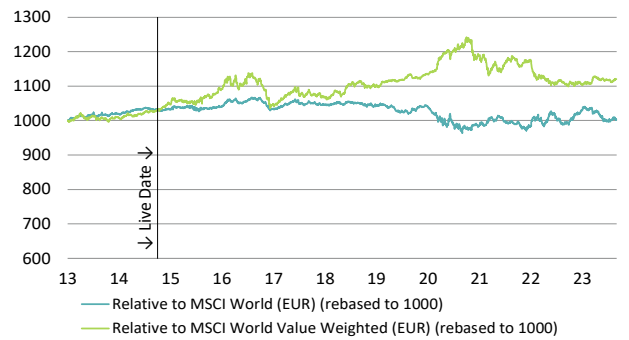
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Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	Annualised (if more than 1 year)			
CROCI REW World (EUR)	-0.9%	5.4%	5.1%	11.1%	7.8%	13.2%	8.8%	11.2%	9.9%
MSCI World (EUR)	-0.8%	5.1%	8.6%	14.2%	7.1%	12.0%	9.8%	11.4%	10.3%
MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	-1.5%	5.4%	3.8%	9.6%	6.5%	16.4%	8.7%	10.1%	8.9%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (EUR)	0.0%	0.3%	-3.5%	-3.1%	0.7%	1.3%	-1.1%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	0.7%	0.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%	-3.2%	0.1%	1.1%	1.0%

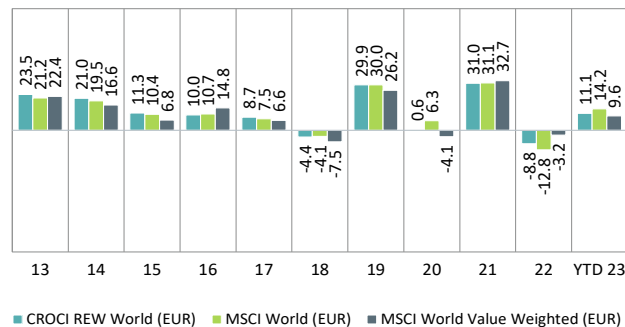
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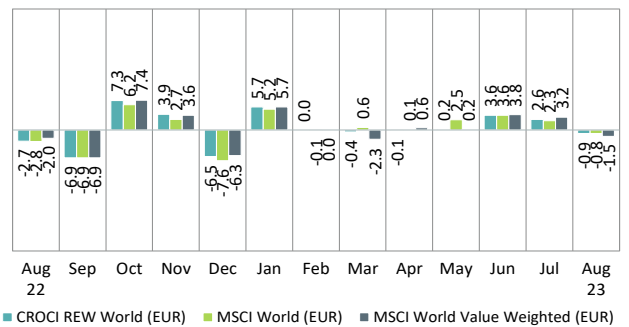
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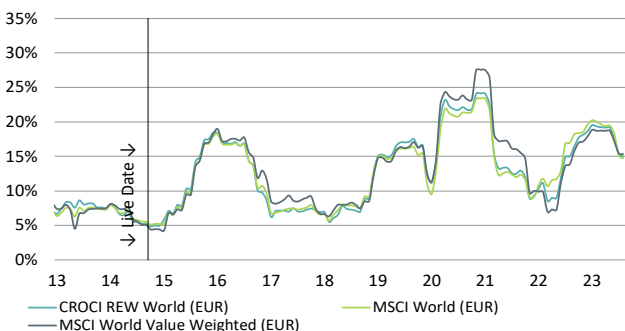
Annual Returns (%)



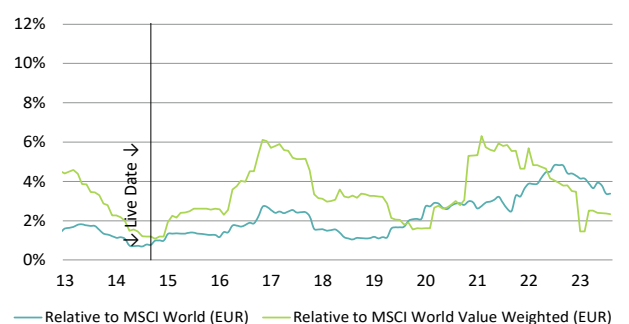
Monthly Returns (%)



Volatility (Trailing 12 Months)



Tracking Error (Trailing 12 Months)



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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted World EUR Index

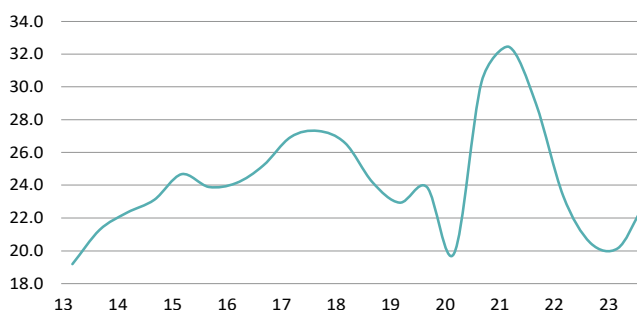
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
CROCI REW World	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
Economic P/E	31.5	32.8
Accounting P/E	21.4	22.7
EV / NCI	3.8	4.1
Price / Book Value	4.8	5.5
CROCI (%)	-	12.5
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.0
Financial Leverage (%)	-	6.9

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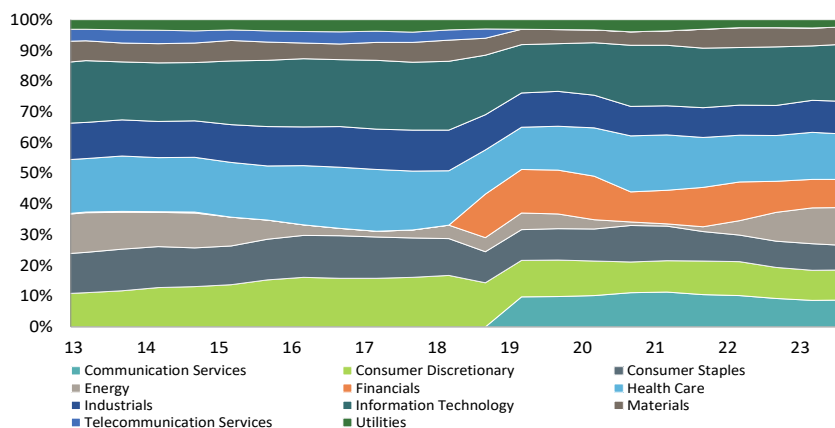
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI REW World (EUR)	MSCI World (EUR)	MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)
Volatility (monthly)	15.0%	14.8%	15.3%
Sharpe Ratio (2.38%)	0.36	0.32	0.27
Dividend Yield	2.2%	1.8%	2.6%
Correlation		0.97	0.99
Beta (Daily returns)		0.88	1.01
Maximum Drawdown ²	-44.0%	-53.4%	-58.7%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	22	48	51
Turnover (one-way)	18.5%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Eli Lilly	0.10%	Meta Platforms	-0.08%
Alphabet	0.06%	Qualcomm	-0.05%
Novo-Nordisk	0.06%	Infineon Tech.	-0.04%
ExxonMobil	0.05%	A P Moller	-0.04%
Cisco	0.05%	PayPal	-0.04%

Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)



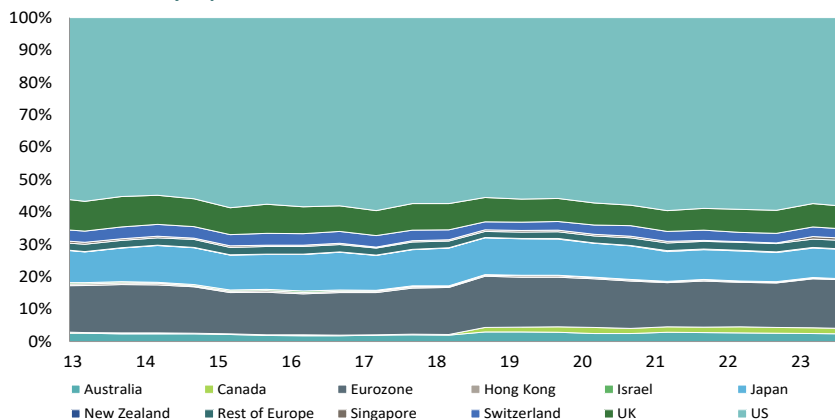
Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	1.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-1.6%
Consumer Staples	1.0%
Energy	7.4%
Financials	-3.9%
Health Care	2.2%
Industrials	0.2%
Information Technology	-5.8%
Materials	1.5%
Real Estate	-2.4%
Utilities	-0.2%

Historical Country Exposure



Active Country Exposure vs. MSCI World¹

Country	Active Weight
Australia	0.4%
Canada	-1.5%
Eurozone	6.0%
Hong Kong	-0.4%
Israel	-0.1%
Japan	2.9%
New Zealand	0.1%
Rest of Europe	0.8%
Singapore	0.3%
Switzerland	0.1%
UK	3.1%
US	-11.7%

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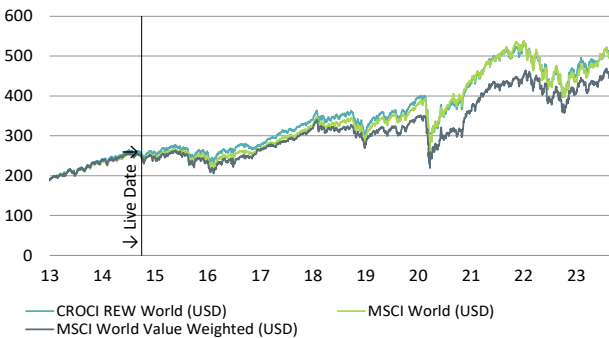
CROCI Real Earnings Weighted World USD Index

Ticker: DBCREWR

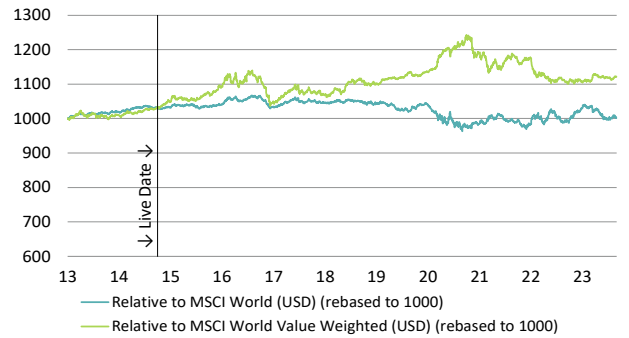
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Historical Performance	Live from 30 Sep. 2014								
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CROCI REW World (USD)	-2.4%	7.3%	7.6%	12.9%	16.4%	9.6%	7.3%	9.1%	8.1%
MSCI World (USD)	-2.4%	7.0%	11.1%	16.1%	15.6%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%	8.4%
MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	-3.1%	7.3%	6.2%	11.5%	15.0%	12.7%	7.2%	8.0%	7.1%
Excess Return vs. Benchmark									
vs. MSCI World (USD)	0.0%	0.3%	-3.6%	-3.2%	0.7%	1.2%	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.4%
vs. MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	0.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	-3.1%	0.1%	1.1%	1.0%

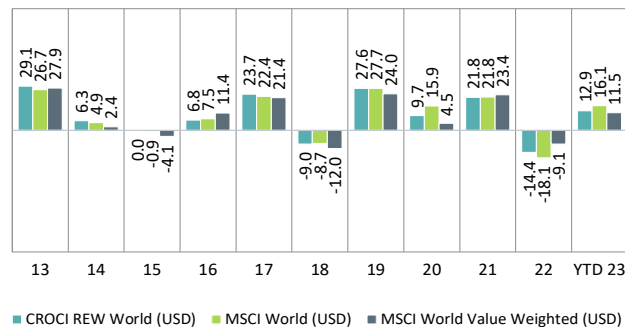
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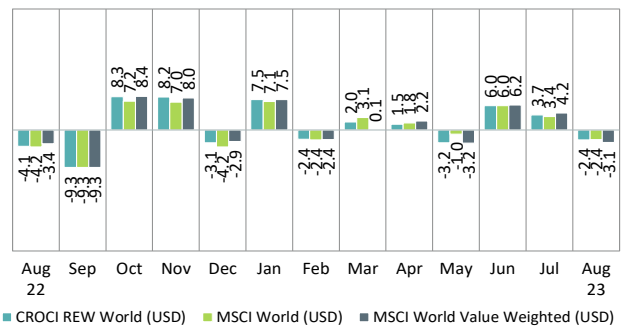
Relative Strategy Performance



Annual Returns (%)



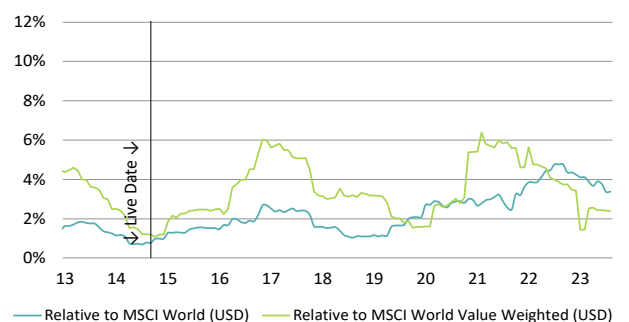
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CROCI Real Earnings Weighted World USD Index

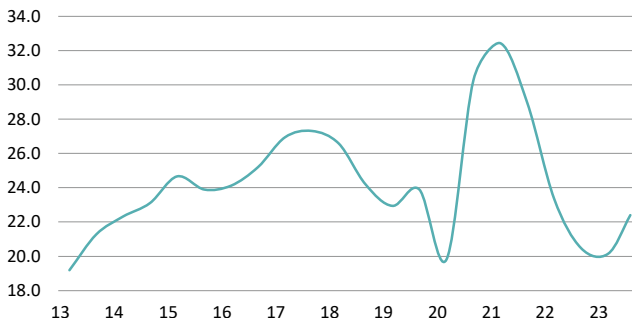
Portfolio's Fundamental Characteristics FY1		
	Including Financials*	Excluding Financials
CROCI REW World		
Economic P/E	31.5	32.8
Accounting P/E	21.4	22.7
EV / NCI	3.8	4.1
Price / Book Value	4.8	5.5
CROCI (%)	-	12.5
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-	4.0
Financial Leverage (%)	-	6.9

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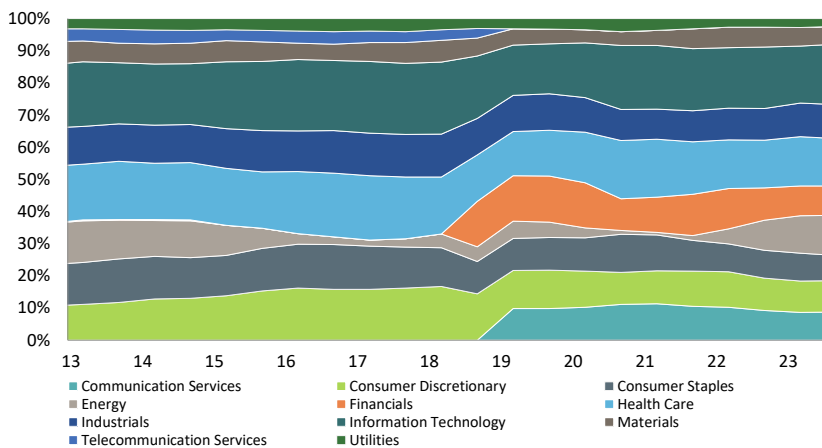
Portfolio Characteristics (Trailing 12 Months)			
	CROCI REW World (USD)	MSCI World (USD)	MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)
Volatility (monthly)	19.3%	18.3%	19.6%
Sharpe Ratio (4.53%)	0.61	0.61	0.53
Dividend Yield	2.4%	2.0%	2.8%
Correlation		0.98	0.99
Beta (Daily returns)		0.94	1.03
Maximum Drawdown ²	-49.8%	-57.8%	-61.9%
Max Drawdown Date	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009	9 Mar. 2009
Time to recovery (m)	24	51	55
Turnover (one-way)	18.5%		

Monthly Contributors			
Leading Contributors		Lagging Contributors	
Stocks	Contribution	Stocks	Contribution
Eli Lilly	0.10%	Meta Platforms	-0.10%
Novo-Nordisk	0.05%	Apple	-0.06%
Cisco	0.04%	Qualcomm	-0.06%
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Economic P/E (Trailing 12 Months)

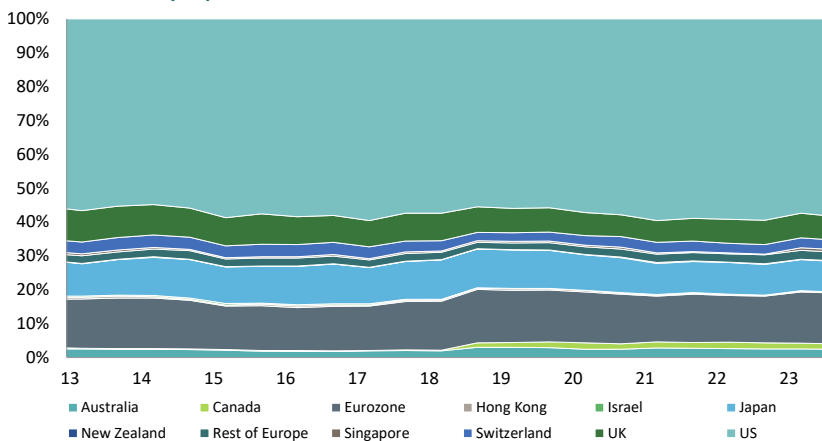


Historical Sector Exposure



Active Sector Exposure vs. MSCI World ¹	
Sector	Active Weight
Communication Services	1.6%
Consumer Discretionary	-1.6%
Consumer Staples	1.0%
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Financials	-3.9%
Health Care	2.2%
Industrials	0.2%
Information Technology	-5.8%
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ROLLING 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE AS OF 31 AUGUST 2023

Name	Currency	Live Date	08/22 - 08/23	08/21 - 08/22	08/20 - 08/21	08/19 - 08/20	08/18 - 08/19	08/17 - 08/18	08/16 - 08/17	08/15 - 08/16	08/14 - 08/15	08/13 - 08/14
CROCI US Strategy	USD	2 Feb. 2004	20.0%	-6.0%	43.7%	6.5%	-5.3%	19.2%	17.9%	8.1%	-8.8%	26.9%
CROCI US Dividends Strategy	USD	13 Mar. 2012	6.5%	1.7%	30.1%	12.9%	-1.3%	18.9%	16.3%	17.2%	-1.8%	20.6%
CROCI Euro Strategy	EUR	2 Feb. 2004	19.5%	-17.1%	26.8%	6.2%	-3.5%	6.4%	16.5%	13.0%	9.8%	18.9%
CROCI Japan Strategy	JPY	2 Feb. 2004	31.4%	6.6%	25.2%	16.9%	-10.4%	12.6%	25.4%	-5.8%	15.3%	15.5%
CROCI World EUR Strategy	EUR	29 Nov. 2010	6.0%	12.5%	30.4%	7.4%	1.4%	12.8%	9.7%	7.0%	6.0%	25.4%
CROCI World USD Strategy	USD	29 Nov. 2010	14.4%	-4.2%	28.7%	16.6%	-4.0%	10.4%	17.2%	6.4%	-9.8%	25.2%
CROCI Sectors Plus EUR Strategy	EUR	18 Nov. 2015	6.4%	14.5%	42.2%	23.8%	-5.7%	10.2%	14.7%	6.1%	2.9%	26.6%
CROCI Sectors Plus USD Strategy	USD	18 Nov. 2015	14.8%	-2.5%	40.4%	34.4%	-10.7%	7.8%	22.5%	5.4%	-12.4%	26.5%
CROCI Global Dividends EUR Strategy	EUR	15 Mar. 2012	12.3%	6.3%	20.8%	-4.0%	1.4%	10.5%	8.7%	10.3%	6.4%	23.4%
CROCI Global Dividends USD Strategy	USD	15 Mar. 2012	21.2%	-9.4%	19.2%	4.3%	-4.0%	8.1%	16.1%	9.6%	-9.5%	20.8%
CROCI Intellectual Capital EUR Strategy	EUR	15 Apr. 2019	9.6%	-6.1%	30.5%	18.1%	10.1%	17.3%	13.7%	13.9%	16.3%	23.0%
CROCI Intellectual Capital USD Strategy	USD	15 Apr. 2019	18.3%	-20.0%	28.8%	28.2%	4.2%	14.8%	21.4%	13.2%	-1.1%	22.9%
CROCI REW US Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	14.4%	-13.1%	35.5%	14.5%	0.4%	17.7%	15.2%	13.7%	-1.9%	26.0%
CROCI REW US Mid Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	3.6%	-7.4%	52.7%	5.8%	-4.3%	17.6%	10.1%	12.8%	2.5%	25.6%
CROCI REW Europe Index	EUR	30 Sep. 2014	15.0%	-6.5%	32.1%	-4.3%	-0.1%	7.0%	8.7%	2.5%	7.2%	19.1%
CROCI REW Japan Index	JPY	30 Sep. 2014	27.2%	6.4%	26.6%	9.8%	-11.0%	10.7%	21.6%	-9.2%	21.7%	22.1%
CROCI REW World EUR Index	EUR	30 Sep. 2014	7.8%	-0.1%	34.8%	1.7%	3.2%	15.5%	7.9%	9.9%	13.3%	22.8%
CROCI REW World USD Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	16.4%	-14.9%	33.0%	10.4%	-2.3%	13.0%	15.2%	9.2%	-3.6%	22.6%
CROCI REW International Index	USD	30 Sep. 2014	21.6%	-18.8%	28.6%	5.3%	-5.7%	6.6%	14.4%	3.1%	-6.8%	18.1%
ESTOXX 50	EUR	-	25.3%	-14.0%	30.5%	-2.5%	3.8%	1.8%	16.1%	-4.8%	5.7%	19.8%
MSCI AC World (EUR)	EUR	-	5.6%	-1.3%	30.3%	7.3%	5.4%	13.8%	9.7%	7.9%	10.2%	21.1%
MSCI AC World (USD)	USD	-	14.0%	-15.9%	28.6%	16.5%	-0.3%	11.4%	17.1%	7.2%	-6.3%	21.0%
MSCI EAFE (USD)	USD	-	17.9%	-19.8%	26.1%	6.1%	-3.3%	4.4%	17.6%	-0.1%	-7.5%	16.4%
MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	USD	-	21.8%	-13.6%	32.2%	-1.3%	-7.5%	3.2%	21.3%	-2.4%	-9.4%	17.6%
MSCI EMU Value	EUR	-	24.1%	-11.9%	30.9%	-9.0%	-3.6%	-2.0%	20.3%	-6.7%	3.4%	24.3%
MSCI Europe	EUR	-	13.5%	-7.9%	30.9%	-2.9%	2.4%	4.9%	11.9%	-2.6%	7.6%	18.0%
MSCI Europe Value	EUR	-	15.3%	-2.3%	30.4%	-12.1%	-3.0%	1.4%	15.5%	-6.7%	1.7%	21.8%
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	EUR	-	16.5%	-1.7%	38.9%	-10.7%	-3.1%	2.9%	17.3%	-5.3%	3.8%	19.7%
MSCI Japan Value	JPY	-	26.8%	12.1%	26.4%	1.5%	-11.5%	7.1%	20.0%	-14.5%	22.6%	14.1%
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	JPY	-	28.2%	11.6%	28.1%	2.9%	-12.2%	8.9%	22.0%	-14.0%	21.4%	15.8%
MSCI USA Value Weighted	USD	-	11.0%	-6.1%	41.0%	7.1%	-0.6%	16.4%	15.7%	10.5%	-3.2%	24.1%
MSCI World (EUR)	EUR	-	7.1%	-0.3%	31.5%	7.5%	5.9%	15.6%	8.8%	7.3%	12.7%	21.2%
MSCI World (USD)	USD	-	15.6%	-15.1%	29.8%	16.8%	0.3%	13.1%	16.2%	6.7%	-4.1%	21.1%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (EUR)	EUR	-	2.9%	8.5%	24.3%	-6.4%	8.2%	9.1%	4.9%	11.4%	6.2%	20.4%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield (USD)	USD	-	10.9%	-7.6%	22.8%	1.8%	2.5%	6.4%	11.7%	11.0%	-9.5%	19.8%
MSCI World Value (EUR)	EUR	-	2.3%	8.7%	32.9%	-9.5%	3.2%	9.9%	7.9%	7.4%	7.4%	21.6%
MSCI World Value (USD)	USD	-	10.2%	-7.4%	31.4%	-1.6%	-2.2%	7.3%	14.9%	7.0%	-8.5%	21.0%
MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	EUR	-	6.6%	6.9%	38.5%	-5.4%	1.4%	12.4%	11.2%	5.0%	8.8%	21.2%
MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	USD	-	15.0%	-9.0%	36.9%	2.8%	-3.9%	9.7%	18.4%	4.6%	-7.3%	20.7%
S&P 500	USD	-	15.3%	-11.6%	30.6%	21.2%	2.3%	19.0%	15.5%	11.8%	-0.1%	24.5%
S&P 500 Value	USD	-	16.5%	-5.1%	32.3%	2.6%	1.3%	12.4%	11.5%	12.2%	-4.0%	21.9%
S&P High Yield Dividend Aristocrats	USD	-	0.9%	1.4%	32.6%	-0.7%	3.2%	15.4%	7.0%	23.1%	0.0%	19.1%
TOPIX 100	JPY	-	23.0%	3.7%	25.4%	9.6%	-8.7%	10.8%	20.8%	-11.8%	22.3%	15.4%

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Appendix

CROCI

Cash Return on Capital Invested (CROCI) is a cash-flow-based analysis which, by making a series of economic adjustments to traditional accounting data, aims to make non-financial companies comparable - regardless of industry or domicile. The main areas where the “economic data” differ from the accounting data are as follows:

Net Capital Invested (NCI), the economic equivalent of book value, is derived from the reported numbers as follows:

CROCI aims to eliminate the effects of revaluations and inflation so that the CROCI asset base is shown in current cost terms.

Intangible assets (brands and R&D) are capitalised systematically by treating these expenses as investments in fixed assets. Operating leases are brought back on balance sheet and treated as capital invested as well.

Accounting schedules for depreciation are normalised and a measure of economic life is used.

CROCI, the economic equivalent of return on equity, is a real (inflation-adjusted) economic cash return. It is the internal rate of return of gross cash flows (taxed, adjusted EBDIT) over the average asset life of the company's assets against the gross capital invested.

Enterprise Value (EV) is the sum of all the holders having a claim on the company's cash flows. The EV consists of market value of equity, debt and other liabilities with probable claims on future cash flows, including warranties, some provisions, pension underfunding and leases.

EV/NCI is thus the CROCI equivalent of the price-to-book ratio. In the absence of growth, the EV/NCI should be directly proportional to the CROCI. Furthermore, if CROCI=The Cost of Capital (COC), then EV/NCI should be equal to one. Economic P/E is the CROCI version of the P/E ratio. Conventionally, the P/E ratio can be derived from price-to-book value (P/BV) divided by return on equity (E/BV or RoE). Thus:

Economic P/E = EV/NCI / CROCI

Definitions

Enterprise Value (EV): Market value of equity (market cap), debt, and other liabilities, such as pension underfunding, warranties, leases.

Net Capital Invested (NCI): Estimated replacement value of the economic asset base, comprising the inflation-adjusted tangible assets, capitalised intangible assets (e.g. brands, R&D), leases and net working capital

Cash Return on Capital Invested (CROCI): Real (inflation adjusted) economic cash return on the adjusted asset base, calculated as an internal rate of return over the company's estimated asset life

Economic P/E: EV / (CROCI * NCI) or (EV/NCI)/CROCI

EV/NCI: EV/NCI (Economic Asset multiple)

Dividend Yield: Trailing 12months Total Return – Price Return

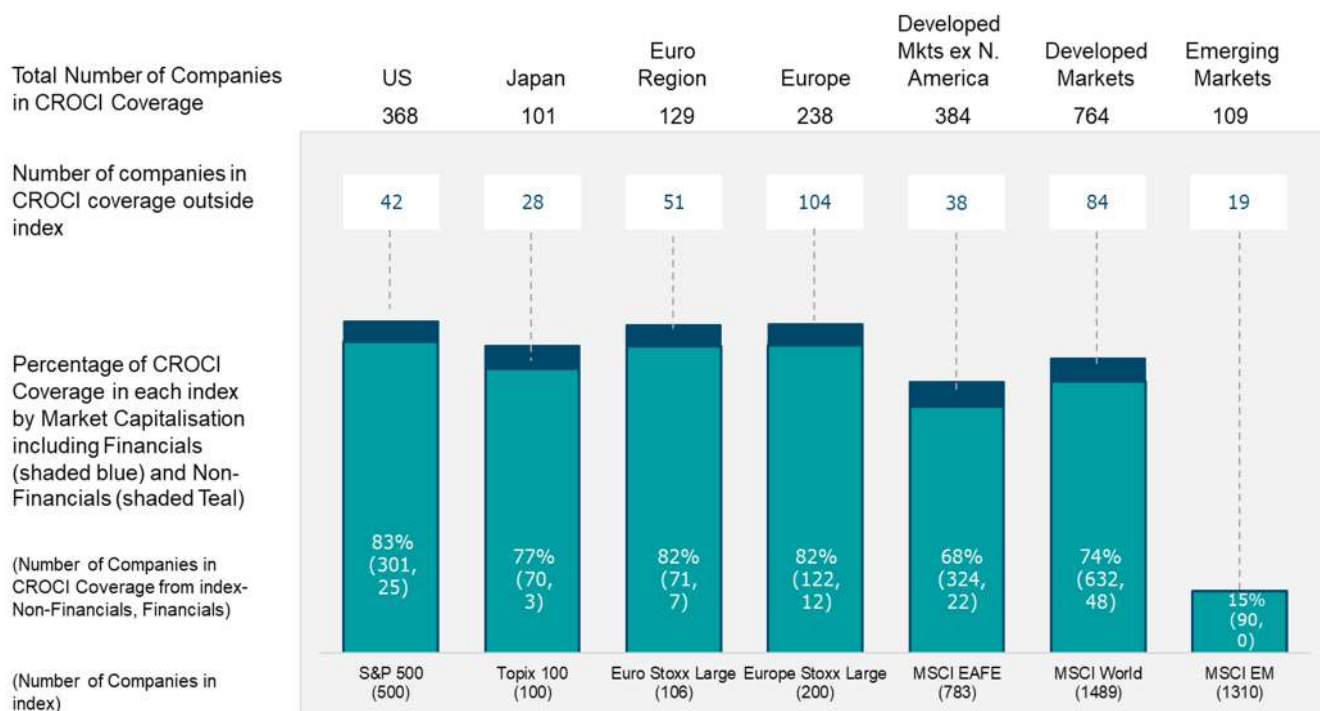
Free Cash Flow Yield: Free Cash Flow / EV

Leverage: Current Net Financial Liabilities / Current Market Cap

CROCI Real Earnings Weighted (CREW): CROCI Real Earnings Weighted Strategies seek to hold stocks where the companies weight is determined according to its CROCI Real Earnings. CROCI Real Earnings is a measure of the Economic Earning power of each stock according to the CROCI methodology and is calculated as CROCI * Net Capital Invested. This is then systematically adjusted to reflect the economic earnings attributable to equity. The construction methodology systematically manages sector exposure and seeks to moderate exposure to the largest companies. The methodology takes a position in each of the eligible CROCI covered companies in the stated selection universe.

Trailing numbers calculated as (No. of completed months in FY1)*FY1+(12-No. of completed months in FY1)*FY0.

CROCI Company Coverage Across Major Markets



Source: DWS, FactSet. Data as of 31 Dec. 2022

Benchmark Bloomberg Tickers

Benchmark	Bloomberg Ticker	Benchmark	Bloomberg Ticker
S&P 500	SPTR500N Index	MSCI World High Dividend (USD)	M1WDHVD Index
S&P 500 Value	SPNRSVX Index	MSCI World High Dividend (EUR)	M1WDHVD (EUR)*
S&P HY Dividend Aristocrats	SPHYDAN Index	MSCI World (USD)	NDDUWI Index
MSCI USA Value Weighted	M1USVWGT Index	MSCI World (EUR)	MSDEWIN Index
EURO STOXX 50	SX5T Index	MSCI World Value (USD)	NDUVWI Index
MSCI EMU Value	NDLVEMU Index	MSCI World Value (EUR)	NDUVWI (EUR)*
MSCI Europe	M7EU Index	MSCI World Value Weighted (USD)	M1WOVWGT Index
MSCI Europe Value	MSVEUNTR Index	MSCI World Value Weighted (EUR)	M1WOVWGT (EUR)*
MSCI Europe Value Weighted (EUR)	M7EUVWG Index	MSCI EAFE (USD)	M1EA Index
TOPIX 100 (TR)	TPXD100 Index	MSCI EAFE Value Weighted (USD)	M1EAVWGT Index
MSCI Japan Value	NAVLJN Index		
MSCI Japan Value Weighted	M4JPVWGT Index		

*The EUR version of the benchmark is not an actual Index and has been calculated by DWS by converting the respective USD version of the Index into Euros

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