

## **Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS Fund**



Monthly Performance January 2021 Factsheet

Share Class EEE - GBP													
													YTD
2019		-1.28%	3.90%	4.60%	-11.94%	7.60%	1.60	% -5.10%	-0.28%	2.54%	4.20%	3.86%	8.47%
2020	2.05%	-4.49%	-7.70%	13.64%	5.05%	5.12%	7.90	% 10.97%	-4.32%	-2.62%	7.83%	6.54%	48.32%
2021	0.86%												0.86%

## **Fund Summary**

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to generate capital growth mainly through exposure to the development, advancement and use of technology. The Sub-Fund will be invested in global technology equities some of which are familiarised by the acronym "FAANG" defining the most well-known technology equities. Apart from the FAANG equities, the Sub-Fund will also invest in other large technology stocks. Up to 100% of the assets of the Sub-Fund may be invested in equities.

The Sub-Fund is expected to invest in companies which should benefit from the development, advancement and use of technology and communication services and equipment. The Sub-Fund will have no bias towards a particular geographic sector but may be biased towards securities within the technology, communication, computer software, media and information services and semiconductors and semiconductor equipment sector.



## Manager Comment

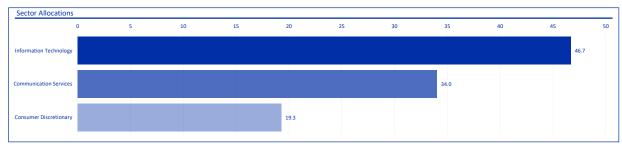
US investors had a confluence of factors to deal with to start the new year. COVID-19 vaccine rollouts began at the start of the month, giving investors hope, but confusion surrounding the rollout plan coupled with cautionary words from newly inaugurated President Biden about the speed of completing a vaccination plan, raised investor's concerns of a slower than expected recovery. The inauguration itself caused some concerns as a group of Trump supporters tried to storm the Capital just days before the swearing in ceremony. However, the primary driver of stocks prices in January centered around day trading of some heavily shorted stocks. Trading blogs organized an attack on overly shorted stocks and created the need for forced margin liquidation. These margin calls put pressure on stocks as individuals and institutions liquidated winning positions to meet the margin calls. The Dow Jones finished the month down 2%, the S&P 500 down 1.1% but the tech led Nasdaq closed out January up 1.4%. Only four S&P sectors had positive monthly performance, led by a rebound in beat down sectors of Energy, Real Estate, Consumer Discretionary stocks. Health Care also notched a positive return in January

The Federal Open Market Committee's first meeting of the new year was quiet with the Fed keeping interest rates unchanged and changing little to their monthly statement. The Fed still sees the US economy recovering but believes further fiscal stimulus from Washington is needed to keep the recovery moving ahead. No change to interest rates is expected until 2022

The FAANG+ UCITS Fund started the year with a positive performance in January, outpacing the S&P 500 and in line with Nasdaq Composite. Several changes were made to the portfolio to start the year. The fund lowered its exposure to Alibaba owing to the Chinese government investigations into the company and cofounder Jack Ma. The fund also reduced its weighting in underperformers Intel and IBM, adding Shopify and Square Inc to take advantage of the shift to online shopping. The fund's top performing stock in January was Tencent, as our Asian exposure helped drive performance. The funds top holdings are Alphabet (Google), Apple, Amazon.com, Netflix and Facebook.

Fund Details Total SICAV AUM FUR 256.48 Million Sub Fund Name Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS Fund Inc Management Company AQA Capital Ltd. Swissquote Bank Investment Advisor Castlestone Management LLC AQA Capital Ltd. Investment Manager: UCITS Liquidity: Daily

Top 10 Holdings	%
Alphabet Inc-Cl C	7.67
Apple Inc	7.64
Amazon.Com Inc	7.63
Netflix Inc	7.57
Facebook Inc-Class A	7.56
Microsoft Corp	4.52
Tesla Inc	4.16
Baidu Inc - Spon Adr	4.03
Nvidia Corp	3.82
Alibaba Group Holding-Sp Adr	2.99
Total	57.6



STOCKS UNITED STATES	78.50%
STOCKS CHINA	11.07%
STOCKS SOUTH KOREA	2.22%
STOCKS CANADA	0.88%
STOCKS TAIWAN	1.95%
STOCK EUROPE	2.01%
CASH	1.91%
EXPENSES / HEDGING	1.44%

Portfolio Breakdown			
Geographic Exposure	% NAV	Currency	% NAV
United States	78.50%	USD	97.99%
China	11.07%	EUR	2.01%
South Korea	2.22%		
Canada	0.88%		
Taiwan	1.95%		
Europe	5.36%		
Total	100.00%	Total	100.00%

Fund Statistical Re	turns														29 Jan	uary 2021
Class:		Class I	Class II	Class A	Class AA	Class AAA	Class B	Class BB	Class BBB	Class C	Class CCC	Class D	Class DDD	Class E	Class EEE	Class FFF
Currency:		USD	EUR	USD	EUR	GBP	USD	EUR	GBP	USD	GBP	USD	GBP	USD	GBP	GBP
Official NAV:		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,681.55	1,611.42	1,583.56	1,749.44	1,035.52	1,517.06	1,689.51	1,482.48	1,674.47	1,505.87	1,708.65	1,583.25	1,428.18
Avg Monthly Return:		N/A	N/A	2.29%	2.69%	2.02%	2.26%	1.76%	1.83%	2.21%	1.81%	2.17%	1.72%	2.26%	1.93%	3.29%
Annualized Return:		N/A	N/A	31.70%	38.47%	28.31%	31.24%	42.46%	25.32%	30.03%	25.17%	29.45%	22.92%	31.15%	26.07%	47.97%
Volatility (1 year):		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Negative Months:</b>		N/A	N/A	6	6	7	7	0	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	1
Positive Months:		N/A	N/A	17	12	16	18	2	16	17	14	17	16	17	16	8
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