

# CASTLESTONE

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CAPITAL



# Sectors and Weightings (%)

## SECTORS & WEIGHTINGS (%)\*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<b>45.47%</b>
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	<b>24.64%</b>
COMMUNICATION SERVICES	<b>23.08%</b>
FINANCIALS	<b>4.75%</b>
PRIVATE EQUITY	<b>2.06%</b>

## GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN (%)\*

UNITED STATES	<b>69.75%</b>
EUROPE	<b>18.49%</b>
CHINA	<b>4.87%</b>
TAIWAN	<b>1.89%</b>
SOUTH KOREA	<b>1.78%</b>
INDIA	<b>1.76%</b>
CANADA	<b>1.46%</b>

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)\*

THE LONDON TUNNELS PLC	<b>12.71%</b>
APPLE INC	<b>7.25%</b>
ALPHABET INC-CL C	<b>7.15%</b>
AMAZON INC	<b>7.04%</b>
FACEBOOK**	<b>7.02%</b>
NVIDIA CORP	<b>5.39%</b>
MICROSOFT CORP	<b>4.48%</b>
NETFLIX INC	<b>4.30%</b>
TESLA INC	<b>3.29%</b>
PRIVATE EQUITY (ESG) FUND INC	<b>2.06%</b>



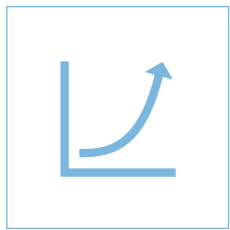
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\*\*META PLATFORMS INC

# FAANG+ Fund Objective

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 predominantly 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. However, the fund may invest up to 5% of the holdings into other technology related assets should the manager deem this feasible in order to achieve the investment objective of the fund. Up to 100% of the assets of the Sub-Fund may be invested in equities.

## Why invest in FAANG+ UCITS



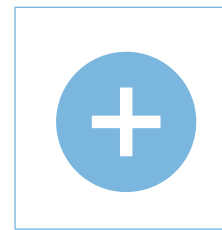
### Growth Story

FAANG+ offers exposure to companies that dominate the technology sector and have a history of strong growth over the long-term.



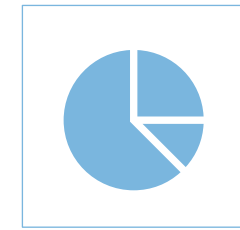
### Market Leaders in Different Sectors

UCITS diversified portfolio of the leading technology stocks in the S&P 500 Index and MSCI World Index. Exposure to some of the largest tech companies in the US, China, Taiwan, Korea & Europe.



### Inflows from Passive Investors

The S&P 500 is a market capitalisation weighted Index. The market cap of the FAANG+ stocks and Microsoft represent approximately 27% of the S&P 500 Index. This means that for every \$100 invested into the S&P 500 Index, approximately \$27 is invested into FAANG stocks and Microsoft.



### Broad Exposure to Global Technology Companies

FAANG+ holds names diversified across the Information Technology, Communication Services, Financial and Consumer Discretionary sectors, spread throughout four global geographic locations.

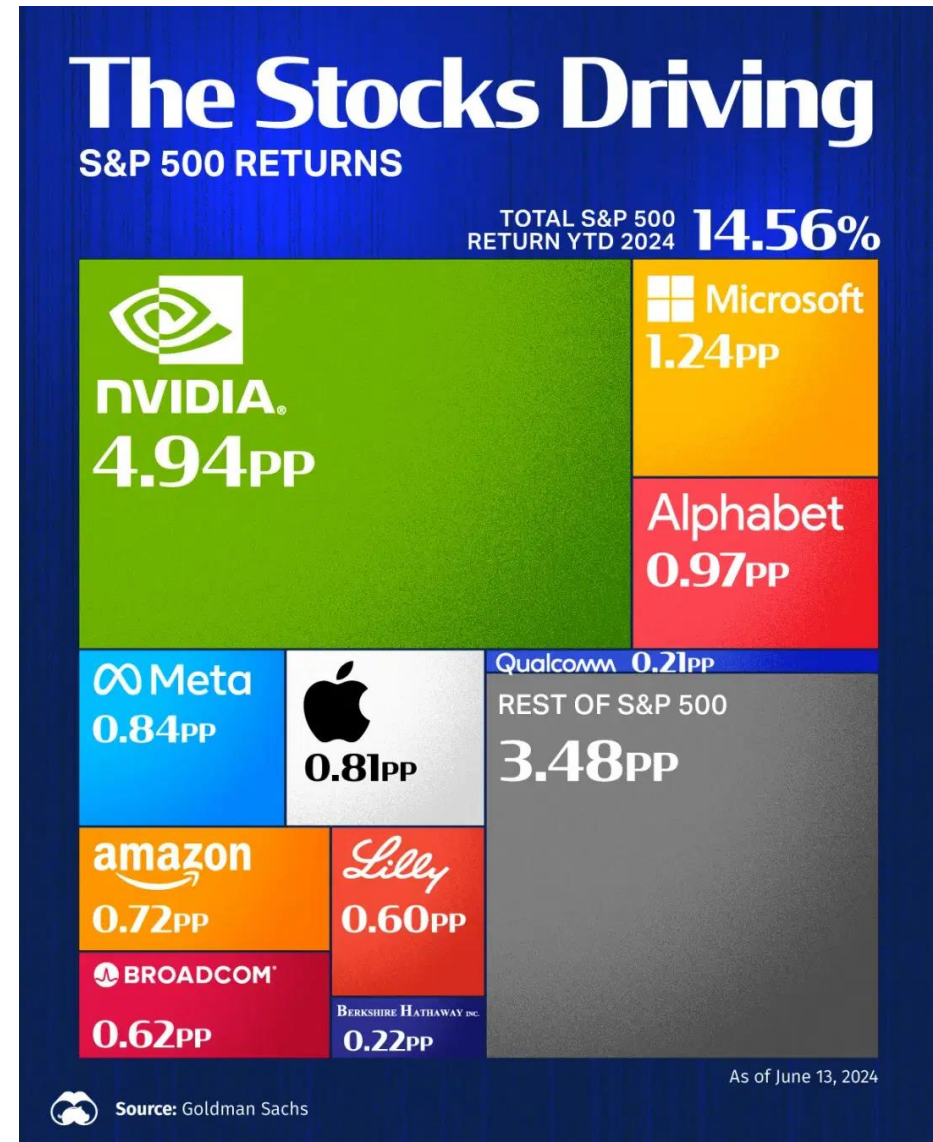
# The Stocks Driving S&P 500 Returns in 2024

As of the of 13 June, these were the percentage points added to the S&P by its top performers versus the rest of the index.

The S&P 500 is sitting at near-record highs, returning 15% year-to-date as of June 26, 2024.

Today, a limited number of stocks are powering the stock market's rally as investors pour money into companies that are advancing AI technologies.

This graphic shows the top 10 S&P 500 stocks driving stock market returns in 2024, based on data from Goldman Sachs.



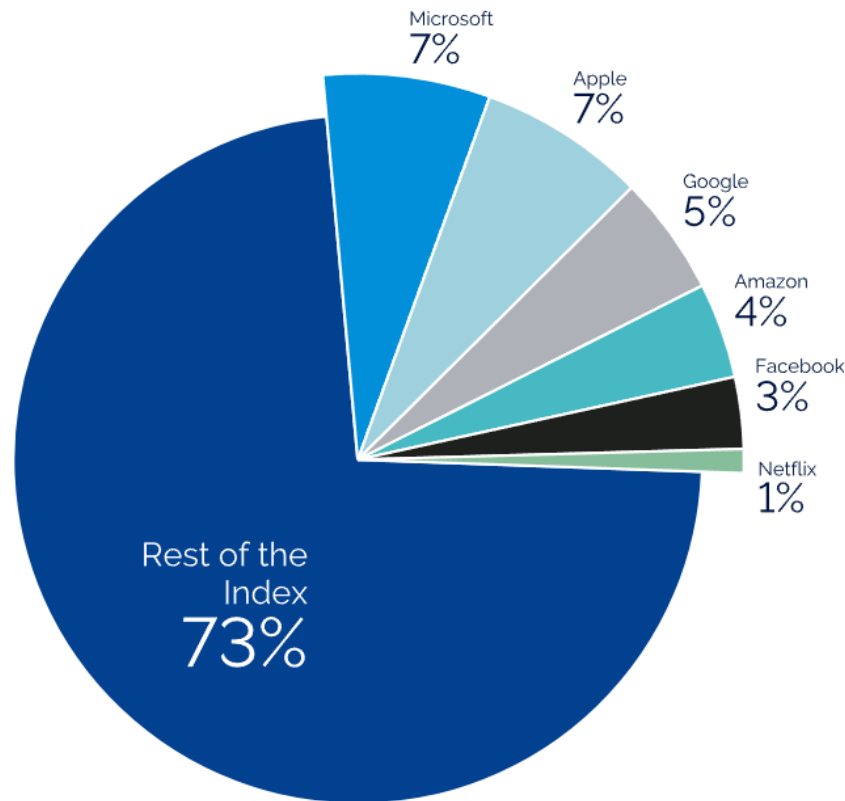
# Fund Weightings

WEIGHTING(%)*	COMPANY	TICKER	MARKET CAP **
1.75	ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	AMD US	\$256.28
1.35	AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC	AKAM US	\$13.74
1.61	ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING-SP ADR	BABA US	\$175.34
7.15	ALPHABET INC-CL C	GOOG US	\$2,275.97
7.04	AMAZON.COM INC	AMZN US	\$2,051.15
7.25	APPLE INC	AAPL US	\$3,368.74
2.02	ARISTA NETWORKS INC	ANET US	\$112.47
1.81	ASML HOLDING NV-NY REG SHS	ASML US	\$413.97
1.44	BLOCK INC	SQ US	\$39.60
1.92	BROADCOM INC	AVGO US	\$762.23
1.65	CISCO SYSTEMS INC	CSCO US	\$191.43
1.76	INFOSYS LTD-SP ADR	INFY US	\$79.28
1.28	INTEL CORP	INTC US	\$131.15
1.53	INTL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP	IBM US	\$162.17
12.71	LONDON TUNNELS PLC	TLT NA	\$0.15
1.67	MASTERCARD INC - A	MA US	\$407.83
7.02	META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	META US	\$1,278.03
4.48	MICROSOFT CORP	MSFT US	\$3,396.04
1.58	NETEASE INC-ADR	NTES US	\$60.96
4.30	NETFLIX INC	NFLX US	\$291.60
5.39	NVIDIA CORP	NVDA US	\$3,003.57
2.05	ORACLE CORP	ORCL US	\$170.57
2.06	PRIVATE EQUITY ESG FUND		
1.72	QUALCOMM INC	QCOM US	\$170.57
1.78	SAMSUNG ELECTR-GDR REG S	SMSN LI	\$350.31
1.91	SAP SE	SAP GY	\$227.40
1.46	SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A	SHOP US	\$83.43
1.34	SNAP INC - A	SNAP US	\$26.22
0.71	SNOWFLAKE INC-CLASS A	SNOW US	\$47.50
1.89	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR-SP ADR	TSM US	\$902.07
1.68	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD-UNS ADR	TCEHY US	\$441.07
3.29	TESLA INC	TSLA US	\$727.44
1.75	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC	TXN US	\$178.95
1.64	VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	V US	\$543.30

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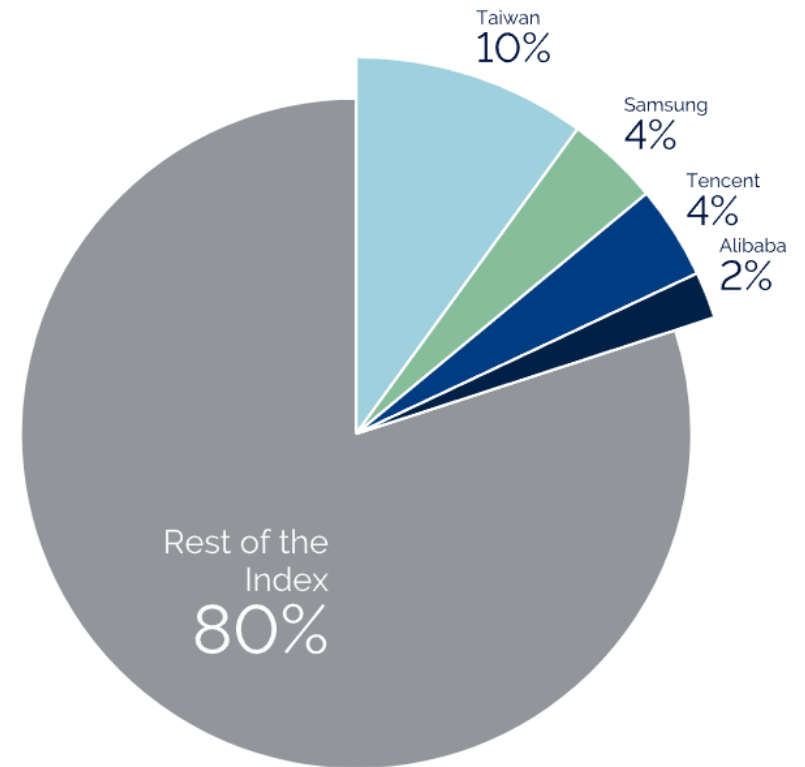
\*\*Billions as at 28/06/2024.

FAANG Stocks + Microsoft represents  
27% of the S&P 500 Index  
(as of 28/06/2024)\*



S&P 500 index\*

FAANG+ Stocks represent 20%  
of the MSCI EM Index  
(as of 28/06/2024)\*\*

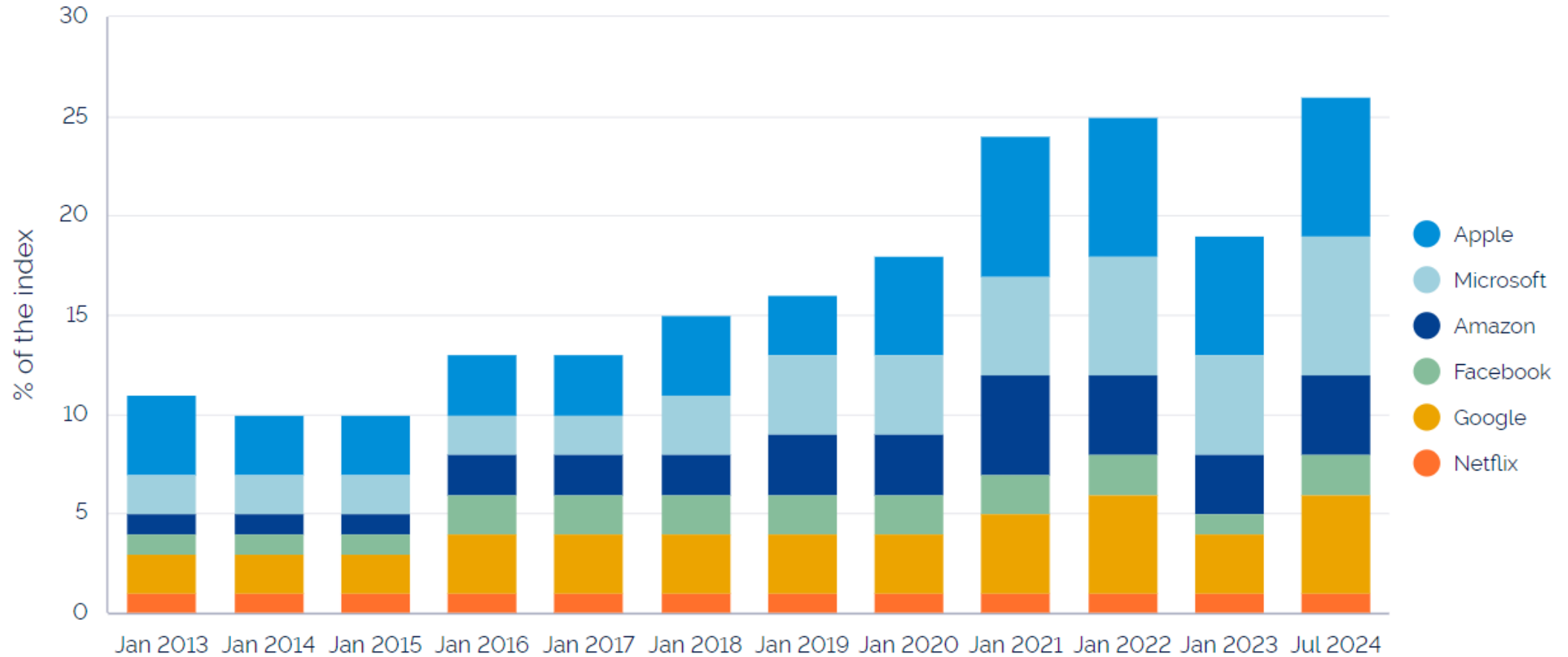


MSCI EM Index\*\*

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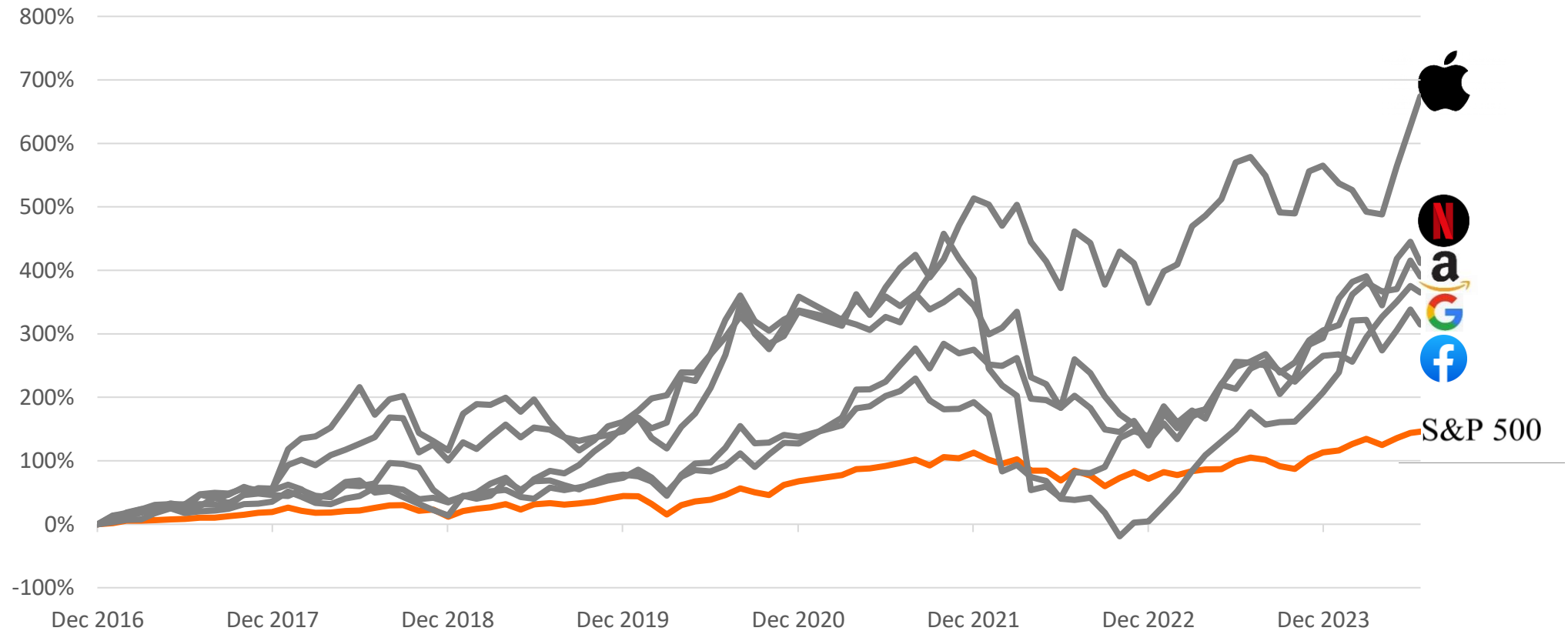
# FAANG+ Stocks as a % of the S&P 500 index



# FAANG Stocks VS The S&P 500 index (since 2017)

Total Return for the Period 30/12/2016 – 19/07/2024

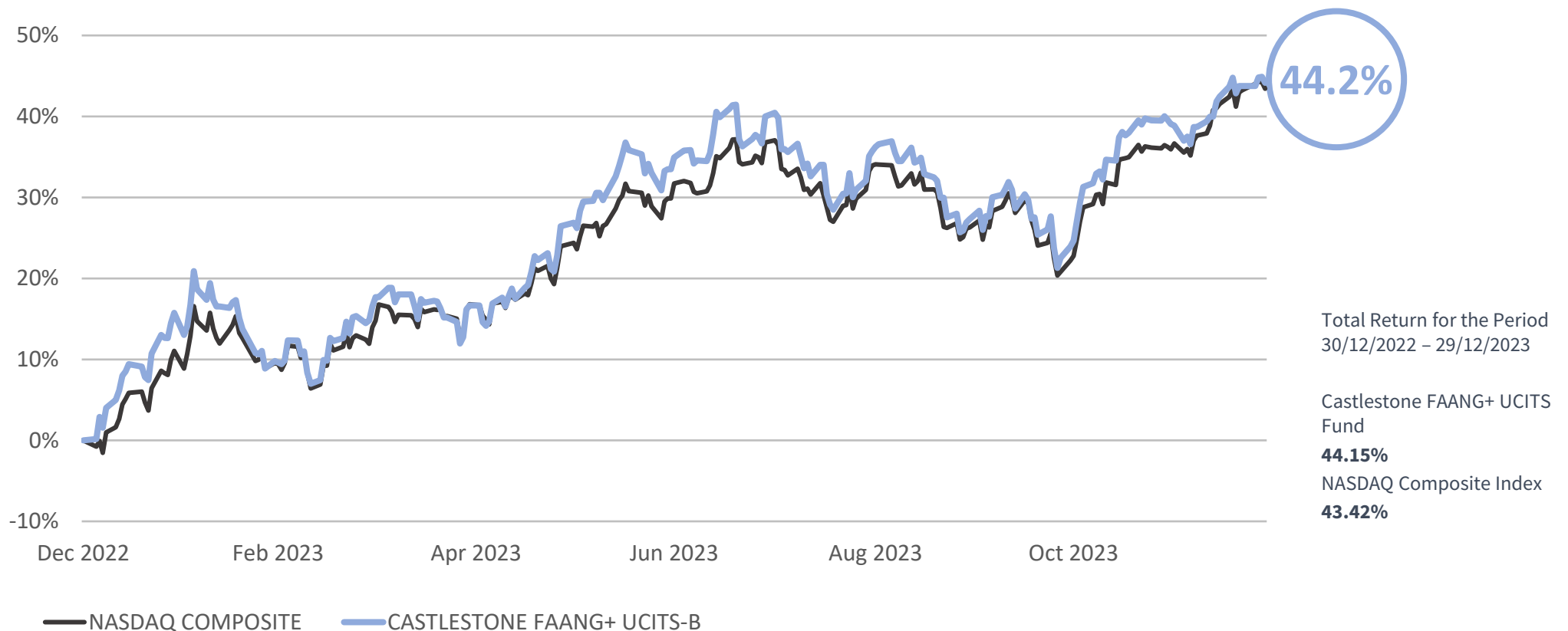
Apple	<b>674%</b>	Google	<b>365%</b>
Netflix	<b>412%</b>	Facebook*	<b>314%</b>
Amazon	<b>390%</b>	S&P 500 index	<b>146%</b>





# FAANG+ vs NASDAQ (2023)

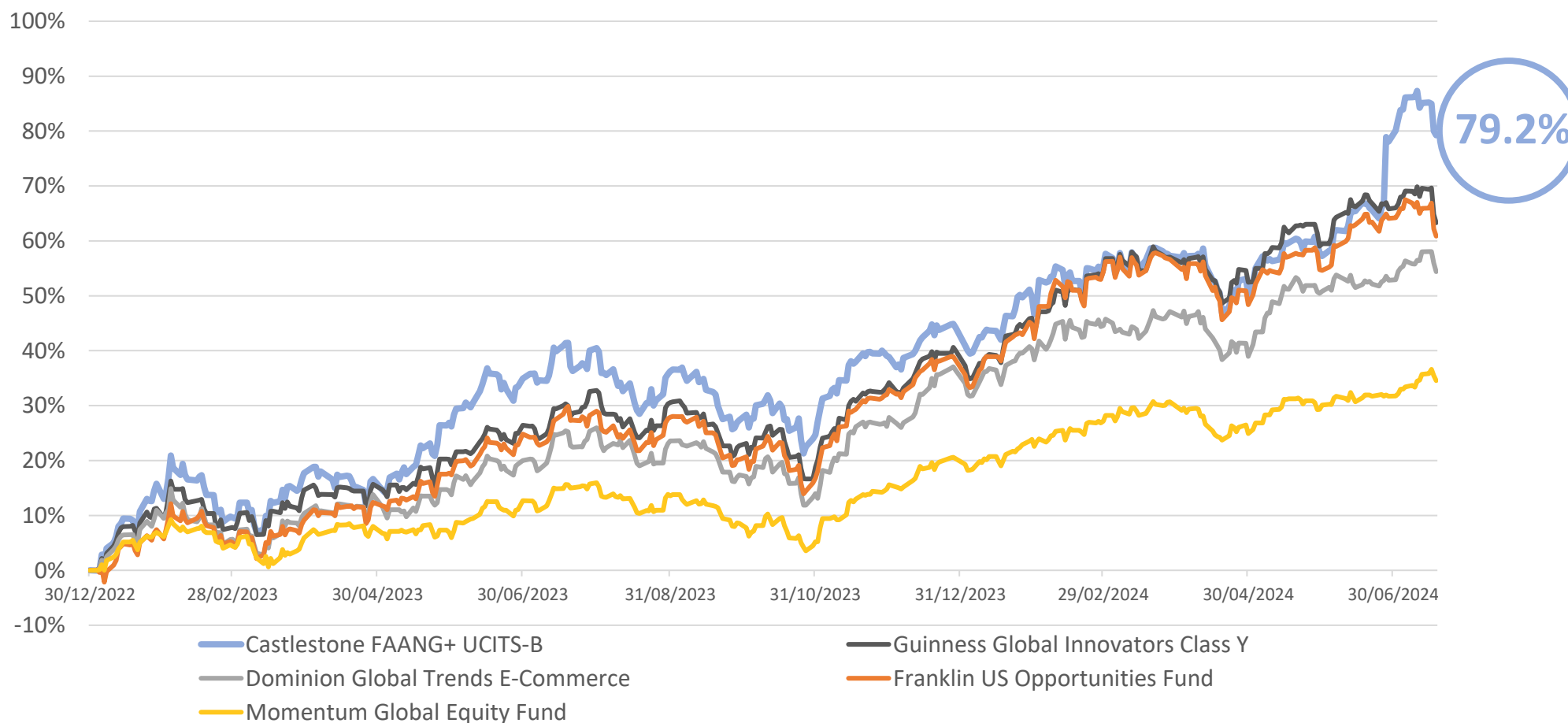
The Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS Fund has performed well versus the major US Indices. Equities posted a strong performance in 2023 with the technology sector leading the advance. The announced partnership between Microsoft and Open AI helped focus investors' attention on the potential power of Artificial Intelligence. We expect that theme to continue in 2024 as IT budgets for better than 66% of US companies are expected to grow in 2024. The FAANG+ fund's focus on the leading technology names helped it to a better than 40% rise year to date, outpacing the Nasdaq Composite.



# FAANG+ vs COMPETITORS (2024)

Performance for the Period 30/12/2022 – 19/07/2024

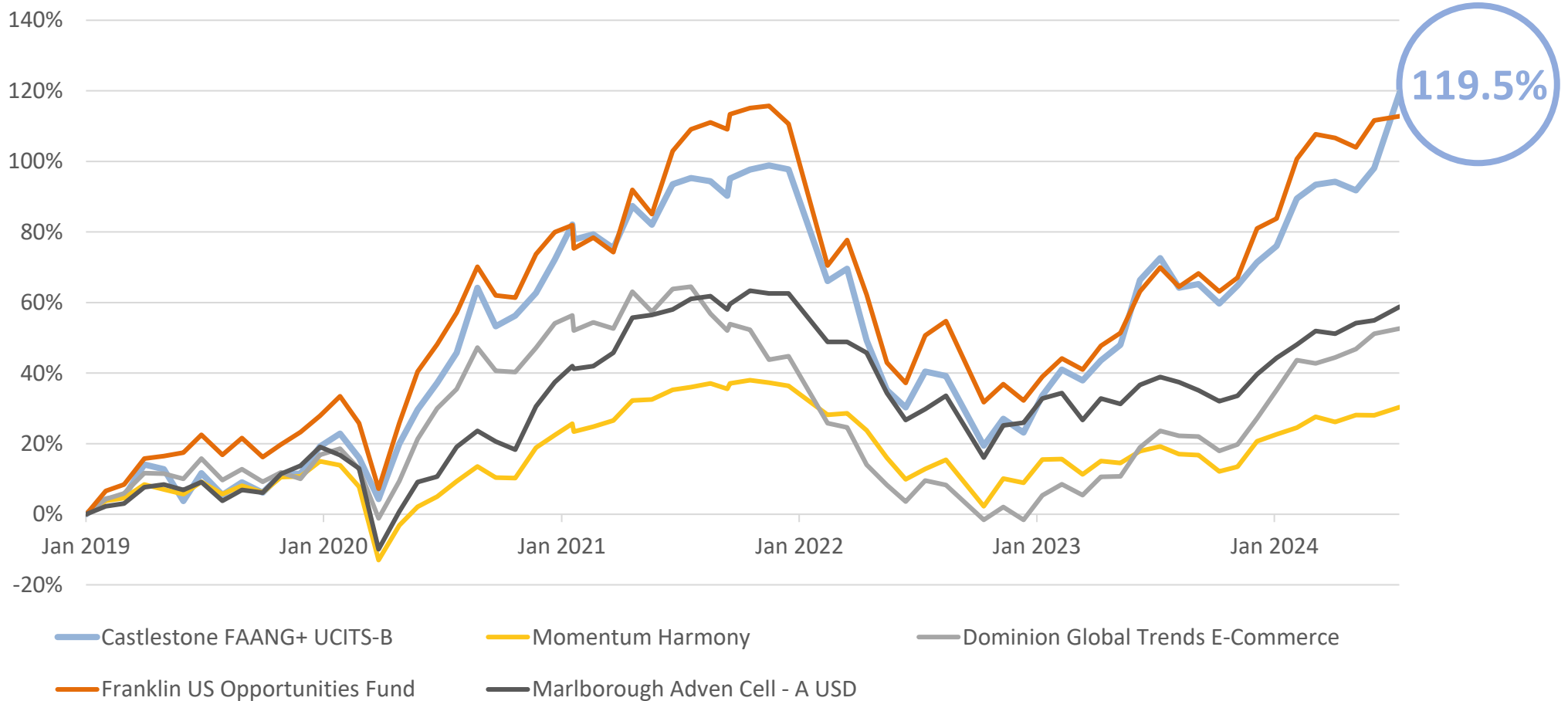
Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS Fund	<b>79.23%</b>	Dominion GI Trd Ecomm-i Usd	<b>54.38%</b>	Guinness Global Inovators FD-Y USD ACC	<b>63.29%</b>
Momentum GF Global Equity Fund	<b>34.53%</b>	Franklin U.S. Opportunities Fund	<b>60.84%</b>		



# FAANG+ vs COMPETITORS (Since Inception) (09/01/2019 - 19/07/2024)

Performance for the Period 09/01/2019 - 19/07/2024

Castlestone FAANG+ UCITS Fund	<b>119.52%</b>	Franklin U.S. Opportunities Fund	<b>112.82%</b>	Momentum Global Funds - Harmony Portfolios US	
Dominion GI Trd Ecomm-i USD	<b>52.60%</b>	Marlborough Adventurous Cell- A USD	<b>58.78%</b>	Dollar Growth Fund	<b>30.33%</b>



# Fund Overview

## **AQA UCITS Fund SICAV plc**

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## **Investment Objective**

The Fund will focus on US and global tech companies. The Fund will have no leverage and only hold exchange traded equities diversified under 5/10/40 rules of UCITS. The fund will also have the ability to use an option strategy targeting premium income from selling covered call options against the underlying holdings.

## **What is FAANG ?**

Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google. Each of the FAANG stocks is included in the S&P 500 Index. Since the S&P 500 is a broad representation of the market, the movement of the market mirrors the movement of the index. Together, the FAANGs make up approximately 20% of the S&P, which has a total of 500 of the largest companies trading on the NYSE and NASDAQ. Adding Microsoft to the FAANGs represents approximately 27% of the S&P 500 Index.

## **Holdings Concentration**

We aim to maintain weightings for the top 5 holdings (FAANG) as close to 8% as possible. These 5 stocks cannot be over 40% of the portfolio. No other holding can be above 5% of the portfolio. This helps clients who become concerned on soaring selected firm valuations skewing the portfolio concentration.

## **Why Own FAANG+ Stocks ?**

FAANG+ stocks are some of the most popular and attractive stocks to own and should be considered in a portfolio due to their high growth potential. Approximately 27% of all money going into tracker funds of the S&P 500 Index and ETFs related to them both are allocated to FAANG+ stocks.

## **What is "+" ?**

The equivalent? major tech names in Emerging Markets that have the largest market capitalizations and so weightings in the index (MSCI Emerging Markets). We have also included the next major tech names in developed markets to give the portfolio diversification across more stocks.

# Fund Information

**Transparent :** 100% transparency of the holdings of the Fund.

**No leverage:** The Fund does not employ leverage which can distort returns (positively or negatively)

**Diversified portfolio:** Holdings across global technology and communication sectors. Available in USD, EUR, GBP.

**Daily liquidity:** - The fund will invest predominantly into equities that are exchange listed and liquid. However, the fund may invest up to 5% of the holdings into other assets should the manager deem this feasible in order to achieve the investment objective of the fund.

CLASS ID	ISIN NUMBER	BLOOMBERG TICKER	TYPE OF SHARE CLASS	CURRENCY	MIN INVESTMENT / HOLDING	MIN SUBSEQUENT INVESTMENT	SUBSCRIPTION FEE	CDSC	MANAGEMENT FEE	ONGOING SALES CHARGE
A	MT7000024030	CASFAUA MV	RDR / Clean	\$ USD	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	-	-	1.75%	-
AA	MT7000024048	CASFUAA MV	RDR / Clean	€ EUR	€ 10,000	€ 1,000	-	-	1.75%	-
AAA	MT7000024055	CASFAAA MV	RDR / Clean	£ GBP	£ 10,000	£ 1,000	-	-	1.75%	-
B	MT7000024063	CASFAUB MV	CDSC	\$ USD	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	-	Up to 6%	1.75%	1.00%
BB	MT7000029005	CASFABB MV	CDSC	€ EUR	€ 10,000	€ 1,000	-	Up to 6%	1.75%	1.00%
BBB	MT7000024071	CASFBBB MV	CDSC	£ GBP	£ 10,000	£ 1,000	-	Up to 6%	1.75%	1.00%
C	MT7000024089	CASFAUC MV	Sub fee	\$ USD	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	Up to 6%	-	1.75%	1.00%
CCC	MT7000024097	CASFCCC MV	Sub fee	£ GBP	£ 10,000	£ 1,000	Up to 6%	-	1.75%	1.00%
D	MT7000024543	CASFAUD MV	CDSC	\$ USD	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	-	Up to 4%	1.75%	1.00%
DDD	MT7000024550	CASFDDD MV	CDSC	£ GBP	£ 5,000	£ 500	-	Up to 4%	1.75%	1.00%
E	MT7000024568	CASFAUE MV	Sub fee	\$ USD	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	Up to 4%	-	1.75%	1.00%
EEE	MT7000024576	CASFEEE MV	Sub fee	£ GBP	£ 5,000	£ 500	Up to 4%	-	1.75%	1.00%
F	MT7000034880	AQCAFUF MV	Sub fee	\$ USD	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	Up to 4%	-	1.25%	-
FFF	MT7000052338	CASFFF MV	Sub fee	£ GBP	£ 1,000	£ 500	Up to 4%	-	1.25%	-

# Key Facts

## QUICK FACTS

<b>Asset Class</b>	Equity-Global
<b>Regulatory Structure</b>	UCITS
<b>Domicile</b>	Malta
<b>Launch Date</b>	02/01/2019
<b>Sub Fund Base Currency</b>	USD
<b>Share Class Currencies</b>	USD/GBP/EUR
<b>Share Class Available</b>	Entry/Exit/Clean
<b>Minimum Initial Investment</b>	10,000/5,000/1,000
<b>Dealing frequency</b>	Daily
<b>SICAV Size</b>	*€271.00 m
<b>SICAV</b>	AQA UCITS SICAV PLC

## COUNTERPARTIES

<b>Advisor</b>	Castlestone Management LLC
<b>Fund Manager</b>	AQA Capital Ltd
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<b>Administrator</b>	Calamatta Cuschieri Fund Services Ltd
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<b>Regulator</b>	Malta Financial Services Authority

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