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Aecus Partners launches three UCITS equity funds

Aecus Partners has announced the successful launch of its Irish public fund structure, the Aecus UCITS ICAV, comprising the Aecus Global Equity Fund, the Aecus Europe Equity Fund and the Aecus Continental Europe Equity Fund.

With over half of the €100M seed capital already deployed on day one, these daily-traded funds are registered for sale in France, the UK¹ and Ireland. The Continental Europe fund excludes UK securities and is also structured to meet the requirements of the Plan d'Épargne en Actions (PEA) in France.

The portfolios each comprise 25-35 companies with Defendable, Repeatable and Scalable (“DRS”) growth, according to the investment team. CEO and portfolio manager Arnaud Cosserat said, “The approach is all about finding quality that can last. The ability to defend and repeat success is what underpins a company’s ability to keep growing. What we’re looking for is rare, so it’s important that our approach remains all-cap to access the full spectrum of investment opportunities. We’re also focused on creating the right working environment to support good debate across the team and long-term thinking”.

With a focus on transparency and fairness, the funds’ share class range includes limited-capacity “seeder” classes at reduced management fees (0.45% p.a. vs the standard “A” share class at 0.70% p.a.), as well as “loyalty share classes” that feature a fee scale based on a client’s tenure in a fund, in order to reward long-term investors. The team will be monitoring product capacity carefully and is not afraid to close a strategy so that they can remain flexible across market capitalisations, in order to deliver optimal performance to investors.

Head of Investor Relations and Strategy Jane Russell said, “We’re thrilled that the fund launch has gone to plan this year, enabling us to cater to a broad clientele. Our focus now is on delivering product quality to our investors.”

About the ICAV

The ICAV board includes two Irish resident independent directors: Fiona Coughlan and Lorcan Murphy. Fiona was previously Head of Operations for Comgest (Dublin) and has over 25 years’ experience across financial services institutions. A director and Chair of several Irish UCITS funds, Lorcan has over 30 years of experience. He worked for over a decade with Barclays Global Investors and has held roles spanning operational management, risk management, compliance, product development and distribution.

Aecus Partners is the Manager of the ICAV. Other key service providers include Deloitte as Tax Advisor, Grant Thornton as Auditor and Byrne Wallace Shields LLP as Legal Counsel. The Secretary of the ICAV is Maple Secretaries Limited.

¹ NPPR (National Private Placement Regime) registration for professional investors only

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