

# Global Franchise Fund

'I' shares, USD

As at end February 2021



**Ratings**

Morningstar: ★★ ★

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**Key facts**

Portfolio manager: Clyde Rossouw  
 Fund size: USD 7.1bn  
 Fund launch date: 04.07.09  
 I Acc USD share class launch date: 04.07.09  
 Domicile: Luxembourg  
 Sector: Morningstar Global Large-Cap Growth Equity  
 Benchmark: MSCI AC World Net Return (MSCI World Net Return pre 01/10/2011)  
 'I' share class dealing currency: USD  
 Risk and reward profile (KIID SRRI): 5 out of 7

**'I' Share class charges**

Maximum initial charge: 5.00%\*  
 Annual Management charge: 0.75%  
 Ongoing charge: 0.95%

\*Ninety One does not retain any portion of the initial charge paid by you when buying shares in the Fund. Where you have agreed to pay an initial fee to your [financial] advisor or other intermediary, this will be deducted as agreed and instructed.

The Fund may incur further expenses (not included in the above Ongoing charge) as permitted by the Prospectus.

**Other information**

Valuation: 16:00 (17:00 month-end) SA Time  
 Transaction cut-off: 16:00 New York Time (forward pricing)  
 Minimum investment: USD1,000,000 lump sum

**'I' Acc USD**

ISIN: LU0426422076 Bloomberg: IGFIAGU LX  
 CUSIP: L5447Q208 Sedol: B51KPR5

**'I' Inc USD**

ISIN: LU0426423470 Bloomberg: IGFIIGU LX  
 CUSIP: L5447Q216 Sedol: B50W000  
 Payment Dates: 15 Jan

Please note, not all share classes are authorised for public sale in every country.

**Objectives and investment policy summary**

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests around the world primarily in the shares of companies.

The Fund focuses investment on companies deemed by the Investment Manager to be of high quality i.e. companies which have provided sustainably high levels of return on invested capital and free cash flow (a company's cash earnings after its capital expenditures have been accounted for), typically those associated with global brands or franchises.

Derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset) may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

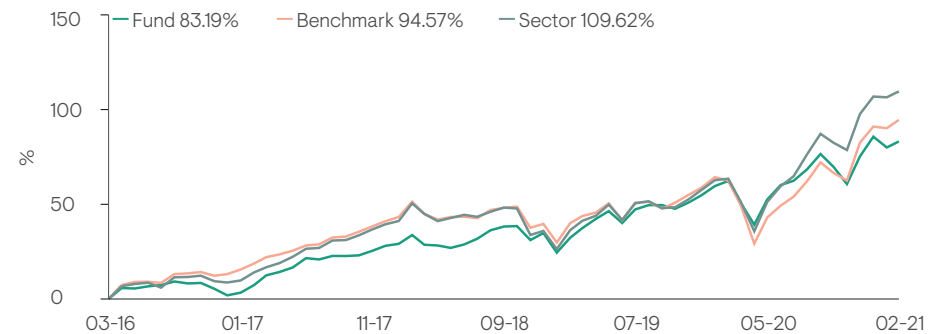
**Annualised performance (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark	Sector
1 year	21.6	30.2	38.6
3 years	12.5	10.3	13.1
5 years	12.9	14.2	16.0
10 years	11.3	8.9	9.2

**Fund statistics (%)**

10 YEARS	DATE*
Highest annualised return	28.6
Lowest annualised return	-3.6
*12 month rolling performance figures	
Annualised volatility (%)	19.4
Maximum drawdown (%)	-46.8

**Cumulative Performance**



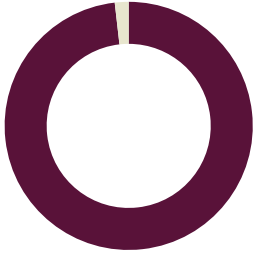
Performance data source: © Morningstar, dates to 28.02.21, NAV based, (net of fees, excluding initial charges), total return, in US dollars. The Fund does not track an index, any index shown is for illustrative purposes only. Performance would be lower had initial charges been included as an initial charge of up to 5% may be applied to your investment. This means that for an investment of \$1,000, \$950 would actually be invested in the Fund.

Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future and there is no guarantee that this investment will make profits; losses may be made. If the currency of this share class differs from your domestic currency, your returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

### Income distributions (cents per class unit)

An accumulation share will not make income payments to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class.

### Asset allocation (%)



Equity	98.2
Cash	1.8

### Top holdings (%)

Visa Inc	8.6
ASML Holding NV	6.1
Booking Holdings Inc	5.8
Moody's Corp	5.5
Microsoft Corp	5.4
Verisign Inc	4.4
Estee Lauder Inc	4.3
Intuit Inc	4.2
Nestle SA	4.0
Roche Holding AG	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.1</b>

**Number of equity holdings:** 27

### Sector analysis (%)

Information Technology	35.4
Consumer Staples	17.2
Financials	16.3
Health Care	12.8
Consumer Discretionary	8.4
Communication Services	8.1
Cash	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Geographic allocation (%)

United States	64.5
Europe ex UK	19.4
Emerging Markets	4.9
United Kingdom	4.3
Far East ex Japan	2.8
Other	2.3
Cash	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Top & bottom stock weightings vs benchmark (%)

Visa Inc	8.0
ASML Holding NV	5.7
Booking Holdings Inc	5.6
Moody's Corp	5.5
Verisign Inc	4.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	-0.9
Facebook Inc	-1.0
Alphabet Inc	-2.0
Amazon.com Inc	-2.2
Apple Inc	-3.4

### Top & bottom sector weightings vs benchmark (%)

Information Technology	13.7
Consumer Staples	10.4
Financials	2.2
Health Care	1.4
Communication Services	-1.5
Utilities	-2.7
Energy	-3.4
Consumer Discretionary	-4.5
Materials	-5.0
Industrials	-9.7

### Top & bottom country weightings vs benchmark (%)

United States	7.0
Switzerland	5.4
Netherlands	5.0
Israel	2.2
Ireland	2.0
Taiwan	-1.9
Canada	-2.5
China	-2.7
France	-2.9
Japan	-6.7

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**General risks**

The value of these investments, and any income generated from them, will be affected by changes in interest rates, general market conditions and other political, social and economic developments, as well as by specific matters relating to the assets in which they invest. Past performance should not be taken as a guide to the future. The Fund's objectives will not necessarily be achieved and there is no guarantee that these investments will make profits; losses may be made. This Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

**Specific fund risks**

**Charges from capital:** For Inc-2 and Inc-3 shares classes, expenses are charged to the capital account rather than to income, so capital will be reduced. This could constrain future capital and income growth. Income may be taxable.

**Concentrated portfolio:** The portfolio invests in a relatively small number of individual holdings. This may mean wider fluctuations in value than more broadly invested portfolios.

**Currency exchange:** Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives is not intended to increase the overall level of risk. However, the use of derivatives may still lead to large changes in value and includes the potential for large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Emerging market (inc. China):** These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than more developed markets as they may have less developed legal, political, economic or other systems.

**Equity investment:** The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

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## Glossary summary

**Alpha:** Jensen's alpha is a risk adjusted measure of a fund's performance relative to its performance comparison benchmark.

**Beta:** A measure of the volatility of a fund relative to its performance comparison index, i.e. how sensitive the fund is to movements in the market. A figure greater than 1 indicates that the fund will tend to outperform in a rising market and under perform in a falling one, i.e. is more volatile than the market. The reverse applies to a Beta of less than 1.

**Credit rating:** A score awarded by an independent rating agency to indicate the financial strength of the issuer of a bond, and the potential for a default on interest and principal payments. The top credit rating is 'AAA'. The lowest rating to be considered 'investment grade' is 'BBB'. Below 'BBB', bonds are termed 'sub investment grade' or 'high yield'. Average credit ratings are based on the individual bond ratings issued by the ratings agencies. For each bond, the ratings issued by each agency are combined to form a single rating based on the methodology that most closely matches the performance comparison index (PCI), otherwise median is typically used where there is no PCI. The portfolio rating is the weighted average of the above bond ratings.

### Distribution types

**Accumulation (Acc):** An accumulation share will not make income payments to shareholders but will instead accrue the income daily in the net asset value of the share class.

**Income (Inc):** An income share will distribute all or part of the income accruing in that share class.

**Income-2 (Inc-2):** These distribute the income accruing in the share class and charge all their expenses to capital. This maximises the income available for distribution – although it also reduces capital by an equivalent extent which could constrain future capital and income growth. This can be inefficient from a tax perspective in those countries where income tax rates are higher than those on capital gains.

**Income-3 (Inc-3):** These share classes are similar to Inc-2 share classes in that they charge all their expenses to capital in order to maximise the amount of distributable income. Additionally, Inc-3 share classes aim to provide a consistent distribution rate which is based on the investment manager's expectation of the long term underlying yield. To achieve this they may make distributions from capital or carry over excess income from one calendar year to the next. As the income rate is based on a forecast, there is a risk that future income generated by the fund is overestimated leading to distributions being taken from capital which could also constrain future capital and income growth.

**Duration:** This is a measure of risk for funds which invest in bonds as it predicts the sensitivity of the value of a fund's portfolio given changes in interest rates. The higher the value the greater the volatility of the fund's performance resulting from changes to interest rates. The Modified duration is shown.

**GSF:** Ninety One Global Strategy Fund.

**Information ratio:** A measure of a portfolio manager's skill against a performance comparison index. The over or underperformance of the fund relative to its performance comparison index is divided by the tracking error. In this way, we arrive at the value, per unit of extra risk assumed, that the manager's decisions have added to what the market would have delivered anyway. The higher the Information Ratio the better.

**KIID SRRI:** The Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI) which appears in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). A number on a scale of 1 to 7 based on how much the value of a fund has fluctuated over the past 5 years (or an estimate if the fund has a shorter track record). A rating of 1 represents the lower end of the risk scale with potentially lower rewards available whilst a rating of 7 reflects higher risk but potentially higher rewards.

**Maturity profile:** The average life of each bond in a fund's portfolio,

weighted by value.

**Morningstar 'star' ratings:** The overall rating for a fund, often called the 'star rating', is a third party rating derived from a quantitative methodology that rates funds based on an enhanced Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return measure. 'Star ratings' run from 1 star (lowest) to 5 stars (highest) and are reviewed at the end of every calendar month. The various funds are ranked by their Morningstar™ Risk-Adjusted Return scores and relevant stars are assigned. It is important to note that individual shareclasses of each fund are evaluated separately and their ratings may differ depending on the launch date, fees and expenses relevant to the share class. In order to achieve a rating the share class of a fund must have a minimum three-year performance track record.

**Ongoing charge:** This figure includes the annual management fee and administrative costs but excludes any performance fee or portfolio transaction costs (except in the case of an entry or exit charge paid by a fund when buying or selling units in another fund). Ongoing charges may vary from year to year.

**NAV:** The Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the value of the assets of a fund less its liabilities.

**Sector:** A peer group of funds managed to a similar investment policy. Not every fund will have a relevant sector, but for those that do, a full list of the funds included in the sector can be obtained from us on request.

**Tracking error:** A measure of how much a fund's returns deviate from those of its performance comparison index. The lower the number the closer the fund's historic performance has followed that of its performance comparison index.

**Volatility:** The amount by which the performance of a fund fluctuates over a given period.

**YTD:** Year to date.

### Yields

**Yield:** The Yield reflects distributions declared over the past 12 months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Yields do not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

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