

# ADVANCE EASTERN EUROPE

## Investment Objective

The goal of the fund is to ensure high investment results in the long-term by investing in Eastern European equities in 8 regional markets.



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### Fund Manager's Comment

Hopes for a favourable outcome from the trade dispute between USA and China were at the bottom of the continuous positive trend on global markets in February. Most markets finished the month in positive territory. The markets from the region of Central and Eastern Europe were mixed after posting strong returns in January. MSCI EFM Europe + CIS lost 1.2%, while the benchmark excluding Russia slid by 0.9%.

After a strong start of the year, the Russian market fell slightly in February as MOEX dropped by 1.4%. The Russian rouble received some support from the positive dynamics in the oil market, adding 1% against the euro.

Having posted a hefty return in January, the Turkish market remained stable in February, as BIST 100 is up by 14.5% since the beginning of the year. The Turkish lira was slightly on the retreat but nevertheless the 1.2% loss against the euro looks humble against the huge volatility of last year.

After heavy decline of the Romanian market in December and January as a consequence of the measures announced by the government targeted at filling the budget deficit entailing additional taxes on banks, energy and telecommunication companies, February was very strong for Romanian equities. Hopes that the measures may be revisited provided strong support as BET surged 10.4% while the decline of the Romanian lei was terminated after it touched an all-time low against the euro in January.

The strongest return among the markets in the fund's portfolio was posted by Greece, which is showing strength this year after a solid decline in 2018. In February the major Greek index advanced by 11.5% - the top performer in the region.

The other markets from the portfolio of the fund were mixed. The Croatian index added 2.1% to its value while the Serbian one lost another 3.4% after very weak performance in January as well. The Bulgarian market finished almost flat.

The fund's performance in February was better than both benchmarks, which was mostly a result of the good performance of the Romanian and part of the Turkish stocks in the portfolio.

### Fund Facts

Fund type	open-end
Fund Manager	Nadia Nedelcheva, CFA
Fund size	EUR 2.67 M
NAV/share	EUR 0.7096
Launch date	04.10.2006
Benchmark*	MSCI EFM Europe&CIS
Benchmark**	MSCI EFM Europe + CIS ex RU
Currency of account	Euro
Subscription fee	up to 1.50%
Management fee	1.5 % NAV p.a.
Redemption fee	none
Minimum investment	none

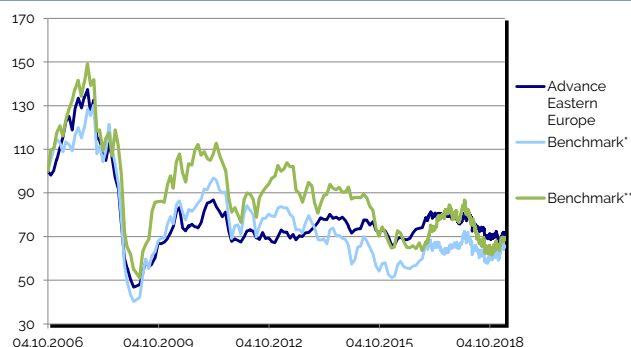
### Fund Identifiers

ISIN	BG9000016063
Bloomberg Code	ADVEAEU.BU
Reuters Lipper	65095316
Valor	3079269
WICN-German	AOMXVY

### Fund Results

	Fund	Benchmark*	Benchmark**
1 month	1.20%	-1.17%	-0.92%
1 year	-11.50%	-7.95%	-15.54%
Year to Date	4.61%	9.27%	6.18%
Since Launch (annualized)	-2.73%	-3.50%	-3.66%

### Fund Performance

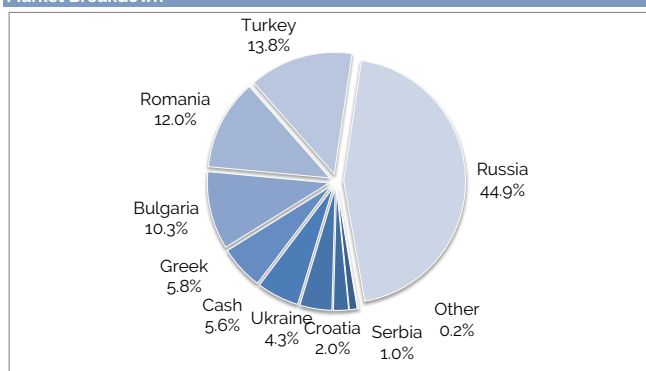


### Annual Performance

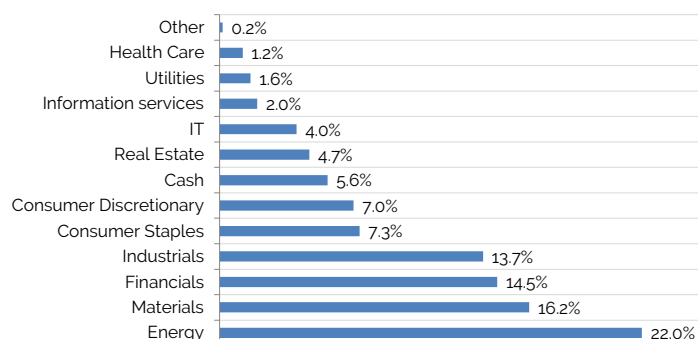
	Fund	Benchmark*	Benchmark**
2018	-12.25%	-11.12%	-20.91%
2017	4.42%	12.24%	22.39%
2016	11.31%	24.40%	-1.29%
2015	-2.29%	-8.32%	-22.13%
2014	-4.06%	-22.21%	2.24%
2013	6.64%	-11.15%	-16.81%
2012	4.07%	4.86%	34.08%
2011	-17.02%	-22.53%	-29.75%
2010	18.44%	21.65%	16.29%
2009	36.50%	73.42%	51.49%
2008	-61.94%	-66.63%	-56.45%
2007	25.91%	11.54%	20.71%

### Portfolio Breakdown

#### Market Breakdown



#### Sector Breakdown



### TOP 5 HOLDINGS

GMK Noriskii Nikel - Materials	Lukoil - Energy	JSC "NOVATEK" - Energy	JUMBO SA - Consumer Discretionary	X5 Retail Group N.V. - Consumer Staples
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