# ABOUT THE FUND

Proxy Renewable Long / Short Energy is a thematic ESG fund focusing on the Energy Transition theme. It is an actively managed AIF fund that invests globally in public equities. The fund is directional, utilises both long and short positions and invests in renewable energy and energy technology sectors.

The investment strategy is based on a combination of top down thematic and bottom-up fundamental growth-oriented approach. Investment decisions are made on a discretionary basis but supported quantitively.

### **RETURN HISTORY** EUR A SHARE CLASS, NET OF FEES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-16.36%	0.63%	3.75%	-3.88%	13.56%	-15.30	5.02%	-4.35%	8.61%				-11.92%
2023	7.10%	-2.50%	-3.70%	-4.27%	1.52%	-2.92%	-1.75%	-4.95%	-2.42%	-13.44%	2.84%	9.18%	-15.98%
2022	-6.34%	12.77%	2.53%	-4.21%	12.16%	1.55%	7.84%	-0.56%	-8.03%	-3.00%	11.28%	-8.39%	15.20%
2021	10.98%	-3.30%	0.19%	-5.52%	-6.12%	8.96%	-4.65%	0.71%	-1.23%	16.14%	-5.32%	-12.81%	-5.50%
2020	0.73%	7.84%	-8.99%	6.30%	4.97%	5.84%	9.34%	4.92%	2.84%	9.15%	13.57%	11.44%	90.28%
2019	11.60%	4.05%	0.19%	4.52%	-3.17%	6.19%	1.31%	0.70%	0.74%	-2.34%	3.83%	7.97%	40.67%
2018												-6.41%	-6.41%
		Perfo	ormanc	e Figur	es				Risk	Figure	S		
	Returr	n since in	ception	1	L <b>01.79%</b>			VaR (1-d	ay, 95%)		2.44	%	
	I	Return p.	.a.		12.8%			Net ex	posure		88	%	
		Volatilit	У		25.4%			Gross ex	posure		175	%	
	U	pside vol	atility		26.4%		L	ongest si	ngle stoo	:k	8.99	%	
	Dov	wnside vo	olatility		24.3%		SI	hortest si	ingle sto	ck	-3.57	'%	
		Sharpe			0.5			Max dra	awdown		-38.7	%	

#### Correlation Figures

Correlation	S&P500	MSCI World
Since inception	0.32	0.36
Last 12 months	0.15	0.27

Data as of 30 September 2024, Proxy P for EUR A share class. EUR A NAV 131.29. Strategy AUM \$40m USD.

The fund is denominated in EUR and offers unhedged and hedged share classes in EUR/USD/SEK/GBP/CHF/ISL. The underlying equity holdings are not currency hedged. Hedged share classes minimize tracking error to the EUR share class.

The fund was launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 with SEK A share class only. EUR and USD share classes opened during 2020 and therefore, the NAV and performance attribution before launch date of these share classes have been derived by currency converting the official SEK A share class NAV into EUR and USD.

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# COMMENT BY THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER

### Markets in general

The positive trend in global equity markets, which began in August, continued into September, reaching new record highs. This momentum was largely driven by lower interest rates, a result of increasingly dovish central banks implementing rate cuts. Recently, the Federal Reserve made its first rate cut, reducing rates by 50 basis points from 5.25% to 4.75%. Furthermore, the Fed has signalled plans to continue cutting by at least 25 basis points at each meeting, provided the inflation outlook remains consistent with its 2% target. If the labour market shows significant signs of deterioration, which could indicate a recession, the Fed may adopt a more aggressive stance with faster or deeper cuts. While recent employment data has softened slightly, it remains far from recessionary levels.

The combination of lower interest rates and a stable economy with strong corporate earnings has underpinned the strong performance of equities. While overall market valuations appear elevated, history shows that overvaluation alone rarely triggers a bear market. A more typical scenario involves another catalyst that, when combined with high valuations, creates instability. It's also worth noting that a significant portion of the market's high valuation is driven by large tech companies with strong growth prospects, while other sectors are trading at more traditional valuations, albeit with less optimistic outlooks.

As long as the labour market remains robust, we are confident that the economy is not heading for a recession. The most unexpected risk would be a resurgence of inflation due to lower rates and stronger growth—a natural consequence when stimulating a healthy economy.

#### **Energy Transition**

The Energy Transition sector saw strong gains in September, supported by declining rates and a weaker USD. The risk-off sentiment witnessed in August, sparked by recession fears, has largely faded. However, despite recent strength, the sector has remained flat over the past 12 months, reflecting significant investor scepticism. In our view, the sector is trading at a substantial discount to its fair value, with current valuations based on depressed earnings expectations. To realize a meaningful revaluation, the sector needs a fundamental shift, which would require significant positive earnings revisions. Encouragingly, this summer marked the first time in years that corporate results didn't trigger negative revisions, suggesting that earnings expectations may have stabilized.

Looking ahead, interest rates, power prices, and the broader economic environment will determine how earnings estimates evolve over the coming quarters. There are reasons to believe that quarterly results may turn more positive next year, assuming a supportive macroeconomic backdrop, especially in terms of lower interest rates.

In September, the Chinese government and the People's Bank of China (PBoC) implemented several fiscal and monetary stimulus measures, which were well received by the stock market. Energy Transition companies were among the main beneficiaries of this support. Overall, we are impressed by the progress of China's energy transition, with many Chinese companies demonstrating superior product quality and production capabilities compared to their Western peers. Contrary to the narrative often seen in Western media, we don't believe that China is simply propping up mediocre companies with massive subsidies. Rather, many of these companies are well-managed and benefit from strategic government support, similar to the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

## COMMENT BY THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER

We align with the view expressed by former ECB President Mario Draghi in September, highlighting the EU's structural challenges in competing in the Energy Transition space. However, we are sceptical that simply injecting more public funds (and thereby increasing public debt) will resolve these issues. The case of Swedish battery producer Northvolt is illustrative; despite significant access to capital, the company has struggled to produce high-quality batteries at scale and competitive costs. Addressing these operational challenges should be a priority, rather than focusing solely on funding. By contrast, one of our core holdings, China's CATL, does not face these issues and has succeeded not merely due to access to cheap capital but through operational excellence.

#### Proxy performance

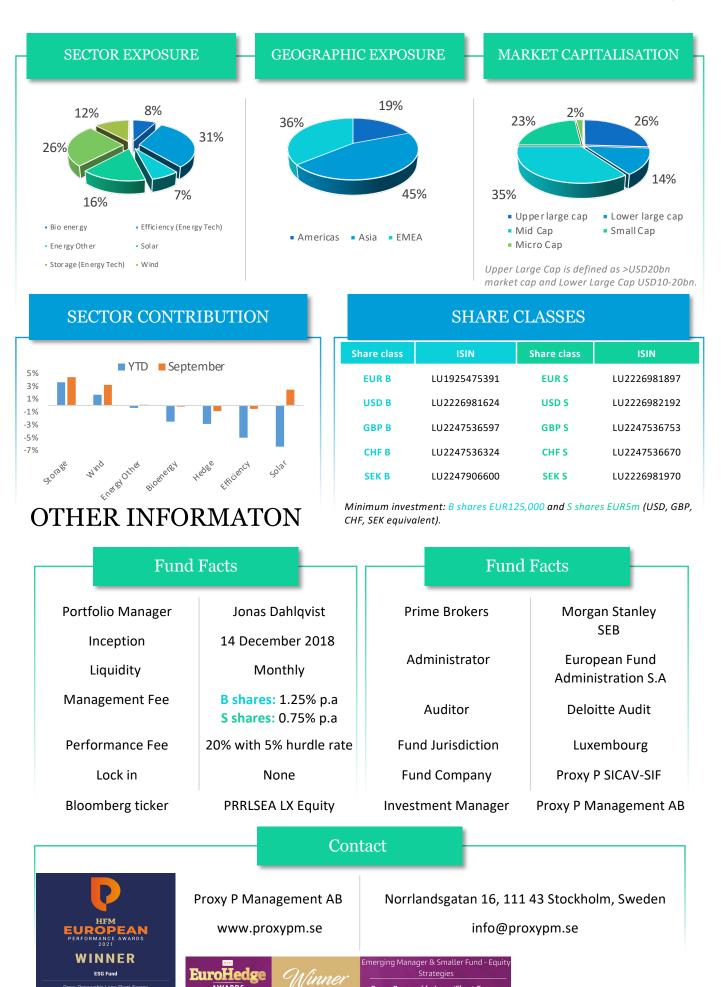
The Fund was up 8.61% in September for the EUR A share class.

The fund performed strongly in September, both in absolute and relative terms. Our China-related investments were standout contributors, benefiting from the month's rally. Polysilicon producer Daqo, wind power utility Longyuan, electric vehicle manufacturer BYD, battery producer CATL, wind turbine maker Goldwind, and wind shaft manufacturer Titan each gained between 18% and 38%, significantly boosting overall performance.

Our investment in these companies is not based on expectations of government stimulus, but rather on their superior corporate qualities, strong earnings potential, and attractive valuations. Currently, we maintain a high net equity exposure to the sector, reflecting our positive mid-term outlook on its fundamentals and valuation.

Our hedge positions remain small and are designed primarily for protection against large, unforeseen events. In September, these positions had a minor negative impact on performance. However, the fund is well-positioned for a "low growth – lower rates" environment, where demand for Energy Transition technologies is expected to increase over the mid-term.

## Proxy P



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## NAV & HISTORIC RETURNS

The fund is denominated in EUR. Please note that the various share classes are unhedged from a currency perspective.

SEK A	NAV	222.57											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-15.68%	0.41%	6.99%	-2.32%	10.49%	-15.80%	7.30%	-6.52%	8.40%				-10.49%
2023	7.91%	-4.11%	-1.52%	-3.78%	4.02%	-1.41%	-3.42%	-2.49%	-5.55%	-11.13%	-0.43%	6.31%	-15.86%
2022	-4.82%	14.25%	0.29%	-4.56%	13.77%	3.41%	4.78%	1.74%	-6.05%	-2.55%	10.83%	-6.32%	24.10%
2021	11.63%	-2.76%	0.57%	-6.11%	-6.50%	9.01%	-4.08%	0.66%	-1.79%	14.53%	-3.30%	- 12.11%	-3.59%
2020	2.37%	7.45%	-7.01%	4.63%	2.76%	5.70%	8.28%	4.74%	4.32%	8.08%	12.06%	9.79%	82.88%
2019	14.31%	5.35%	-0.73%	6.93%	-3.62%	5.79%	2.41%	1.82%	-0.03%	-2.07%	1.97%	7.50%	45.86%
2018												-7.40%	-7.40%

EUR A	NAV	131.29											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-16.36%	0.63%	3.75%	-3.88%	13.56%	-15.30%	5.02%	-4.35%	8.61%				-11.92%
2023	7.10%	-2.50%	-3.70%	-4.27%	1.52%	-2.92%	-1.75%	-4.95%	-2.42%	-13.44%	2.83%	9.18%	-15.98%
2022	-6.34%	12.77%	2.53%	-4.21%	12.16%	1.55%	7.84%	-0.56%	-8.03%	-3.00%	11.28%	-8.39%	15.20%
2021	10.98%	-3.30%	0.19%	-5.52%	-6.12%	8.96%	-4.65%	0.71%	-1.23%	16.14%	-5.32%	-12.81%	-5.50%
2020							9.34%	4.92%	2.84%	9.15%	13.57%	11.44%	62.99%

A shares are closed for new investments.

USD B	NAV	96.02											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-17.78%	0.21%	3.50%	-4.88%	15.27%	-16.41%	5.99%	-2.21%	9.46%				-11.34%
2023	8.94%	-4.84%	-1.38%	-2.77%	-2.01%	-0.69%	-0.76%	-6.47%	-4.84%	-13.61%	6.11%	10.49%	-13.45%
2022	-7.72%	12.94%	1.53%	-9.22%	13.83%	-0.94%	6.37%	-2.23%	-11.29%	-2.18%	16.41%	-5.55%	7.48%
2021	10.32%	-3.43%	-2.44%	-3.25%	-4.70%	5.64%	-4.70%	0.22%	-3.07%	16.34%	-8.30%	-11.95%	-11.96%
2020											15.78%	13.93%	31.91%

EUR B	NAV	88.06											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-16.39%	0.60%	3.71%	-3.93%	13.52%	-15.33%	4.97%	-4.40%	8.56%				-12.25%
2023	7.06%	-2.54%	-3.74%	-4.31%	1.47%	-2.96%	-1.80%	-4.99%	-2.44%	-13.47%	2.81%	9.13%	-16.38%
2022	-6.39%	12.73%	2.49%	-4.25%	12.09%	1.50%	7.94%	-0.59%	-8.21%	-3.04%	11.41%	-8.60%	14.59%
2021	10.94%	-3.35%	0.16%	-5.56%	-6.17%	8.91%	-4.69%	0.67%	-1.27%	16.16%	-5.41%	-12.85%	-5.98%
2020												11.42%	11.42%



# NAV & HISTORIC RETURNS

GBP B	NAV	82.60											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-17.70%	0.89%	3.64%	-4.04%	13.35%	-15.81%	4.31%	-4.43%	7.24%				-15.75%
2023	6.06%	-2.87%	-3.44%	-4.35%	-0.62%	-3.20%	-1.93%	-5.03%	-1.21%	-13.10%	1.72%	9.71%	-18.32%
2022	-6.83%	12.94%	3.46%	-4.79%	13.40%	2.80%	5.40%	1.91%	-6.47%	-5.16%	11.88%	-5.91%	21.19%
2021	9.92%	-4.85%	-1.41%	-3.60%	-7.17%	8.70%	-5.31%	1.24%	-1.06%	14.28%	-4.85%	-14.00%	-11.02%
2020												11.33%	11.33%

SEK B	NAV	88.67											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-15.71%	0.36%	6.97%	-2.27%	10.44%	-15.82%	7.25%	-6.55%	8.35%				-10.72%
2023	7.93%	-4.13%	-1.64%	-3.82%	3.97%	-1.44%	-3.45%	-2.53%	-5.58%	-11.17%	-0.47%	6.26%	-16.27%
2022	-4.87%	14.20%	0.25%	-4.60%	13.73%	3.48%	4.75%	1.71%	-6.10%	-2.60%	10.83%	-6.40%	23.61%
2021	11.60%	-2.79%	0.53%	-6.15%	-6.52%	8.96%	-4.12%	0.62%	-1.83%	14.54%	-3.40%	- 12.15%	-4.02%

USD B Hedged	NAV	77.01											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-16.26%	0.73%	3.88%	-3.88%	13.74%	-15.22%	5.12%	-4.35%	8.73%				-11.21%
2023	5.92%	-1.86%	-2.90%	-4.22%	1.55%	-2.74%	-1.64%	-4.79%	-2.43%	-13.39%	3.00%	9.27%	-14.96%
2022											9.67%	-6.99%	2.00%

EUR S	NAV	69.71											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-16.36%	0.65%	3.74%	-3.88%	13.56%	-15.30%	5.01%	-4.35%	8.62%				-11.92%
2023	7.10%	-2.51%	-3.69%	-4.28%	1.51%	-2.92%	-1.75%	-4.96%	-2.40%	-13.45%	2.85%	9.17%	-15.97%
2022	-6.34%	12.77%	2.53%	-4.22%	12.16%	1.54%	8.75%	-0.56%	-8.84%	-3.00%	11.79%	-8.83%	15.13%
2021											-6.13%	-12.80%	-18.15%

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