



# AVE MARIA WORLD EQUITY FUND

## Q3 2021 COMMENTARY

For the three months ended September 30, 2021, the total return on the Ave Maria World Equity Fund (AVEWX) was 0.11%, compared to the MSCI All Country World Index at -1.05% and the S&P Global 1200® Index at -0.65%. The returns for the Ave Maria World Equity Fund compared to its benchmarks as of September 30, 2021 were:

	Year to Date	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.^	5 Yrs.^	10 Yrs.^	Since Inception^*	Gross/Net Prospectus Expense Ratio
Ave Maria World Equity Fund	12.40%	26.73%	7.63%	9.05%	9.29%	7.51%	1.27%/1.26%
MSCI All Country World Index	11.12%	27.44%	12.58%	13.20%	11.90%	9.78%	
S&P Global 1200® Index	12.49%	28.46%	13.23%	14.12%	13.11%	10.92%	

^ Annualized \* Since Inception date is 4-30-2010

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value are historical and may fluctuate so that redemption value may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is quoted.** Performance data reflects certain fee waivers and reimbursements. Without such waivers, performance would have been lower. **Call 1-866-AVE-MARIA or visit [www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com) for the most current month-end performance.**

The adviser has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's ordinary operating expenses to an amount not exceeding 1.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets until at least May 1, 2022.

By geographic region, the United States provided the best returns among large global equity markets as measured by the S&P 500 Index, which advanced 15.92% in US dollars. The European markets provided the second-best return as measured by the S&P Europe 350 Index, which advanced 10.78% in US dollars. In US dollar terms, stocks in Japan and the emerging markets have lagged through the first three quarters of 2021. The Topix 150, which represents the large cap universe for Japan returned 6.61%, while the MSCI Emerging Market Index had a return of -1.24%.

Alcon, Inc., which manufactures eye care devices, was our best quarterly performer. The stock rallied following better than expected earnings due to market share gains in intraocular lenses and contact lenses. Murata Manufacturing Company's stock price rose, along with the Japanese market, after Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga announced that he would not seek re-election. This was followed a few days later by an announcement that Murata would be added to the Nikkei 225 benchmark. Finally, Canadian National Railway Company rallied after the Surface Transportation Board rejected its proposed independent voting trust, putting its acquisition of Kansas City Southern in jeopardy, which ultimately led to Canadian National Railway walking away from the deal.

### Top returns during the third quarter of 2021

Alcon, Inc.	14.53%
Murata Manufacturing Co., LTD	10.20%
Canadian National Railway Company	10.03%



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### Top returns during the first nine months of 2021

IQVIA Holdings, Inc.	33.69%
FirstService Corporation	32.41%
First Horizon National Corporation	31.10%

Rubis was our worst performing stock during the quarter. Rubis is a vertically integrated energy company focused on small markets where there is limited competition for must-have products. Rubis accomplishes this through its 71% ownership of a refinery in the French West Indies. Once products are refined, they are shipped by Rubis-owned and operated ships to various islands and countries where Rubis controls the local transportation of fuels and owns many of the gas stations. The stock may have underperformed because of Covid-related shutdowns, which negatively impacts or restricts tourism to the Caribbean region. Additionally, the recent assassination of the President of Haiti, followed by a devastating earthquake, negatively impacted operations.

Karoo000 Ltd. offers a comprehensive suite of telematics, which includes data analysis, mobile asset tracking, and managerial oversight of fleets for 1.4 million customers across 23 countries. The stock's underperformance may be attributable to stock sales and short selling in front of lock-up expiration (9/28/21), that permits insiders and major shareholders to sell shares for the first time since Karoo000 listed shares in the U.S.

StoneCo Ltd. provides solutions that enables merchants and integrated partners to conduct electronic commerce seamlessly across in-store, online, and mobile channels in Brazil. StoneCo was a market darling prior to a steep sell off in 2021, due to Covid induced lockdowns followed by the company's decision to suspend its credit solution business and establish a large reserve for bad debts. Following these events, the stock price of StoneCo more than halved and we initiated a position. We believe the recovery position is large.

### Bottom performers during the quarter

Rubis	-22.07%
Karoo000 Ltd.	-19.61%
StoneCo Ltd.	-16.78%

### Bottom performers during the first nine months of 2021

Rubis	-23.82%
Karoo000 Ltd.	-22.03%
StoneCo. Ltd.	-16.78%



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During the quarter, no positions were eliminated, while the fund initiated new positions in Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico SAB (Industrials) and StoneCo Ltd. (Technology).

Thank you for being a shareholder in the Ave Maria World Equity Fund.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

As of 9-30-21, the holding percentages of the stocks mentioned in this commentary are as follows; Alcon, Inc. (2.4%), Murata Manufacturing Co., LTD (2.1%), Canadian National Railway Company (1.4%), IQVIA Holdings, Inc. (4.6%), FirstService Corporation (1.6%), First Horizon National Corporation (2.0%), Rubis (1.1%), Karooooo Ltd. (0.8%), StoneCo Ltd. (0.9%) and Grupo Aeroportuario del Pacifico SAB (1.1%). Fund holdings are subject to change and should not be considered purchase recommendations. There is no assurance that the securities mentioned remain in the Fund's portfolio or that securities sold have not been repurchased. The Fund's top ten holdings as of 9-30-21: Microsoft Corporation (5.3%), Iqvia Holdings, Inc. (4.6%), Mastercard Incorporated (4.1%), Accenture PLC (4.0%), Coca-Cola European Partners (3.9%), Medtronic PLC (3.6%), Pioneer Natural Resources Co. (3.5%), S&P Global, Inc. (3.2%), Chubb Corporation (3.2%) and Lowe's Companies, Inc. (3.2%). The most current available data regarding portfolio holdings can be found on our website, [www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com). Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

**The Adviser invests only in securities that meet the Fund's investment and religious requirements. The returns may be lower or higher than if decisions were based solely on investment considerations.** The method of security selection may or may not be successful and the Fund may underperform or outperform the stock market as a whole. All mutual funds are subject to market risk, including possible loss of principal. The Fund's investments in small- and mid-capitalization companies could experience greater volatility than investments in large-capitalization companies. AVEWX invests in foreign securities and securities issued by U.S. entities with substantial foreign operations. Investments in these securities can involve additional risks relating to political, economic or regulatory conditions in foreign countries. These risks include less stringent investor protection and disclosure standards of some foreign markets, fluctuations in foreign currencies, and withholding or other taxes.

The investment performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. Performance data reflects certain fee waivers and reimbursements. Without such waivers, performance would have been lower. The MSCI All Country World Index is a broad global equity index that is designed to track broad global equity-market performance. Maintained by Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI), the index is comprised of the stocks of about 3,000 companies from 23 developed countries and 26 emerging markets. The Ave Maria World Equity Fund changed its primary benchmark from the S&P Global 1200<sup>®</sup> Index to the MSCI ACWI Index because the latter is more representative of the Fund's portfolio composition. The S&P Global 1200<sup>®</sup> is a global index, capturing approximately 70% of the world's capital markets. It is a composite of 31 local markets from seven headline indices, many of which are accepted leaders in their regions. S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index is a commonly recognized, market capitalization weighted index of 500 widely held equity securities, designed to measure broad U.S. equity performance. The S&P Europe 350<sup>®</sup> consists of 350 leading blue-chip companies drawn from 16 developed European markets. S&P/TOPIX 150<sup>®</sup> represents the large cap universe for Japan. It includes 150 highly liquid securities of leading, blue chip companies from each of the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS<sup>®</sup>) sectors of the Japanese market. Indexes do not incur fees and it is not possible to invest directly in an index. **Request a prospectus, which includes investment objectives, risks, fees, charges and expenses and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing. The prospectus can be obtained by calling 1-866-283-6274 or online at [www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com). Distributed by Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC.**



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