



# Meranti Millennium Equity

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## Our Strategy

Throughout human history, no society has enjoyed access to as vast information as we do today. While this abundance and convenience of information have their advantages, it has also brought constant anxiety to investors as they grapple with the decision to buy or sell. Not to mention the pressure they face during unexpected and potentially catastrophic events such as the 2008 Great Financial Crisis where the price of global equity markets declined sharply by -60%. **Meranti Millennium Equity strategy (MME)** is designed to set aside a fixed protection budget to help investors not only stay invested but also top up when markets are at their maximum fear, which is inevitable in the journey of any long-term equity investor.



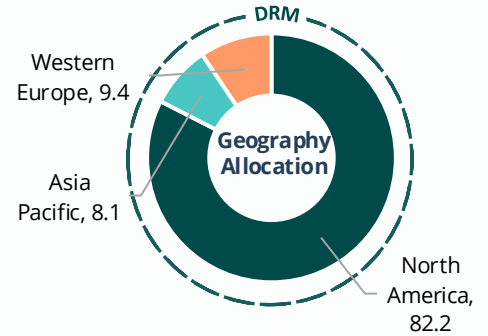
Invest Globally  
**No benchmark hugging**  
Maximize returns



Capital Appreciation  
**compounded at 8%**  
target return over  
longer term

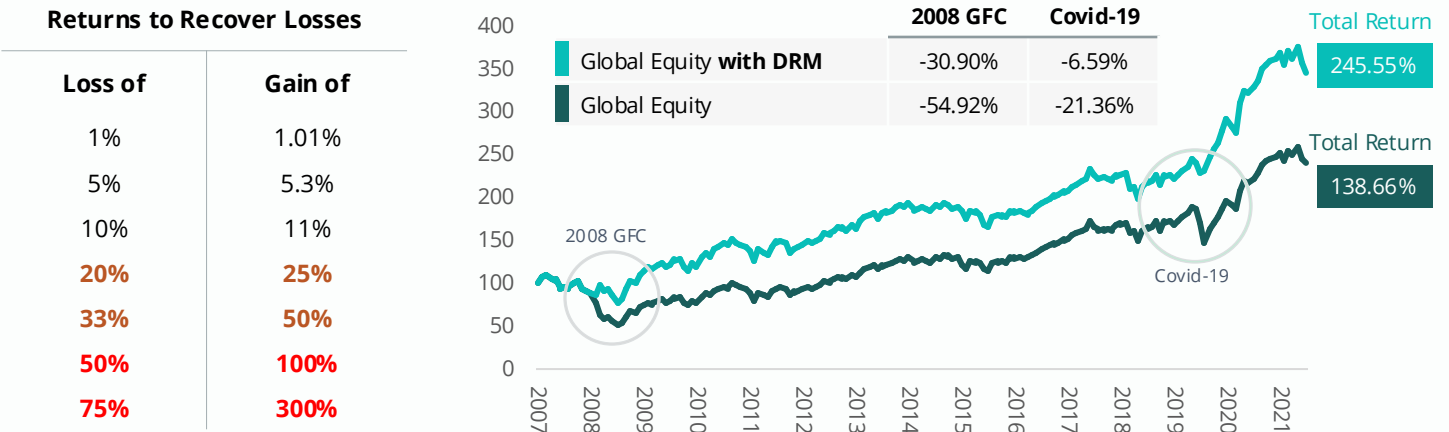


Dynamic Risk Management  
(DRM)  
Fixed budget  
Keep investors calm



## Power Of Loss Aversion In Both Returns And Emotions

Leverage on the Meranti Millennium Equity (MME) strategy to participate in the global economic growth without worrying about market crashes which can hurt investment returns significantly. The greater the loss, the harder it is for investors to recover:



In times of significant market downturns, such as the Great Financial Crisis of 2008 and the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, an investor using Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) to invest in global equities would have experienced smaller drawdowns and ultimately achieved a higher return than an investor without such protection.

## Historical Performance

### Monthly Return, %

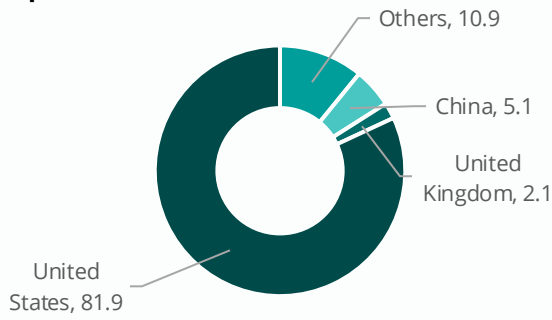
Class	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2019	9.55	2.96	-2.03	2.50	-6.83	5.99	1.15	-1.78	0.09	2.57	2.00	3.34	20.27
2020	-0.68	-4.70	3.90	7.49	0.78	2.48	6.42	3.99	-5.53	-0.02	13.61	7.06	38.78
2021	4.87	6.16	-2.40	3.50	2.15	0.97	-5.70	0.65	-2.34	2.62	-5.38	2.47	6.96
2022	-5.94	-1.61	-1.00	-8.28	-0.11	-6.38	3.45	-2.89	-10.21	2.97	9.92	-2.78	-22.00
2023	9.37	-4.95	-0.74	-2.56	-4.00	3.88	4.82	-6.19	-5.24	-7.47	6.57	5.60	-2.71
2024	-5.09	5.03	2.67	-5.48	2.80	-1.14	1.77	2.00	1.84	-2.76	1.71 <sup>1</sup>		2.79

Performance from 1/1/2019 to 1/7/2021 is calculated using a similarly managed composite portfolio fully invested net of estimated fees. Performance since 1/7/2021 is based on actual fund performance. <sup>1</sup> Manager's estimated return net of fees. Actual returns may differ and will be updated in the following month. Source: Finexis Asset Management. Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees

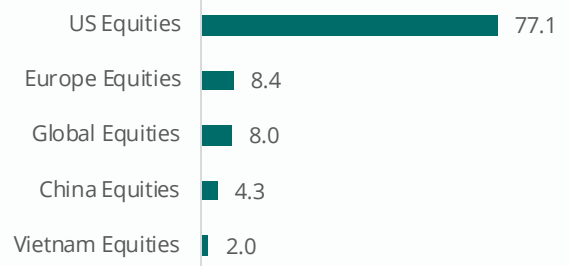


## Strategy Characteristics

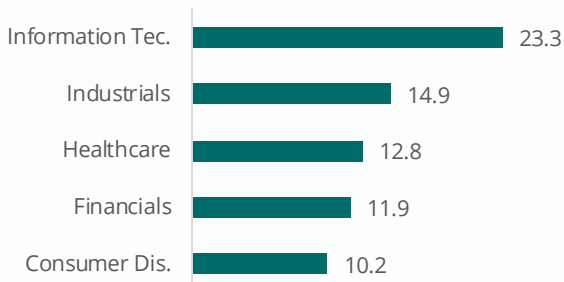
### Geographical Allocation, %



### Top 5 Market Allocation, %



### Top 5 Equity Sector Allocation, %



### Top 5 Fund Holdings, %

VanEck Morningstar Wide Moat ETF	28.7
SPDR S&P 500 ETF	20.8
GS US Equity Strategy	9.9
DNCA Invest Archer Europe	8.4
ISHARES MSCI ACWI ETF	8.0

Source: Finexis Asset Management. Others include countries in Asia Pacific, Western Europe, Africa/Middle East, and South & Central America. The top 5 market allocations and fund holdings are at the fund level. Geographical allocation and top 5 sector allocation are at the portfolio look-through level. For illustrative purposes only and does not constitute to any recommendations to invest in the above-mentioned country/sector/security.

## Discerning The Signals From The Noise

A three-pronged research process to identify signals that point us to **sustainable trends** which are underappreciated by the market, which come with **good fundamentals** and **attractive valuation**, with a higher likelihood of outperforming over the long term.



### Fundamental

Study financial and economic data (e.g. GDP, unemployment rate, and inflation rate etc.) that may drive market movement to find opportunities with **good fundamentals** that are underappreciated.



### Valuation

Picking the right valuation metrics (e.g. price-to-earnings, price-to-book, EV/EBITDA etc.) to spot **undervalued opportunities** and avoid overpaying for any investment with only good stories.



### Trend

Seek inflection points in **sustainable trends** to capture overlooked opportunities and avoid less recognised risks (such as the end of a bond supercycle).

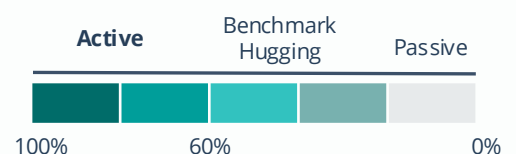
## High Level of Active Management

Many actively managed funds underperform because they have a low active share. This happens when a portfolio's holdings are very similar to the referenced benchmark, a practice commonly referred to as 'benchmark hugging'. In contrast, **funds with a high level of active management may have greater potential for outperformance in the long run**, as there is no way any fund can outperform the market if they are investing like the market.

By investing in areas where we have the greatest conviction and applying it to our whole portfolio, we aim to provide better returns over risk through a full market cycle.



Target active share > 80%



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## Market & Portfolio Developments

### Commentary

Two significant events dominated investor attention over the month: the U.S. presidential election and China's National People's Congress (NPC) meeting. The U.S. election was perceived as a key risk event, and investors expressed relief at its conclusion. The outcome was seen as pro-risk, contributing to U.S. equity markets reaching all-time highs. The anticipation surrounding the election had created volatility, but with the results in, markets began to stabilize and price in a more optimistic outlook.

Conversely, the results of China's NPC meeting did not meet investor expectations. Many offshore investors were hoping for substantial stimulus measures to enhance consumption amid rising tariff risks following Donald Trump's election. However, the announced RMB 10 trillion local debt swap program primarily aimed at addressing systemic risks associated with local government debt, failing to provide the anticipated support for consumption or property market stabilization. This disappointment halted the rally in Chinese equities, which had surged in September.

Following the U.S. election results, a "no-landing" scenario began to take shape in market expectations, characterized by resilient growth and persistent inflation with fewer anticipated rate cuts from the Federal Reserve. This environment favored U.S. equities, especially small-cap stocks and financials, while bond markets struggled due to concerns over inflation and fiscal deficits. The appointment of Scott Bessent as U.S. Treasury Secretary alleviated some fears regarding runaway inflation, leading to a decline in Treasury yields and a weakening of the U.S. dollar.

Barring any surprises, the **path of least resistance is for risk assets to continue grinding higher towards year end**. Fundamentals and sentiments are still supportive of a Christmas rally.

Looking forward, the **December FOMC meeting will be crucial, as markets will watch for any signs of a more hawkish stance from the Fed**. Additionally, the **sequencing and size of tariffs under Trump's administration remain a wildcard** that could impact market dynamics.

MME is positioned to benefit from diversifying in the rest of the US market such as the 493 stocks. While emerging markets retain a lot of potential, sentiment is not strong, hence they will be managed dynamically as two key global risk events unfold over the next one to two months.

### US Exceptionalism is set to continue, but Diversification is Essential

- With Trump's victory and the Federal Reserve's ongoing rate cuts, the narrative of **US exceptionalism continues to prevail**.
- That said, S&P 500 has risen by more than 20% for each of the past two years, and historical trends indicate that future index gains may be more modest. Also, there are market concentration and high valuation risks that long term investors should be worried about.
- More importantly, **the earnings growth gap between the 493 stocks and the Magnificent 7 is expected to narrow in 2025**. Therefore, for our US exposures we are positioned to benefit by diversifying in the rest of the market such as the 493 stocks.

Earnings	2023	2024	2025
Growth Progression: Mag 7 vs. Rest of Index	CY	CYE	CYE
Mag 7	40%	31%	20%
Rest of Index	-5%	3%	12%
S&P 500	1%	8%	14%

Source: Factset, Bloomberg

## Fund Details

Item	Class A	Class B
Currency	SGD, USD	
ISIN (SGD Class)	SGXZ32206252 (Distribution)	SGXZ53567772 (Accumulation)
ISIN (USD Class)	SGXZ35636000 (Distribution)	SGXZ56727852 (Accumulation)
Projected Distribution <sup>2</sup>	4% p.a.	-
Min. Subscription	SGD 500,000 USD 400,000	SGD 50,000 USD 40,000
Account Opening Fee <sup>3</sup> (One-time)	SGD 4,000 USD 3,000	SGD 4,000 USD 3,000
Min. Subsequent Subscription	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000	SGD 15,000 USD 10,000
Redemption Fees		
1st Year of Investment	-	3%
2nd Year of Investment	-	2%
3rd Year of Investment	-	1%
4th Year Onwards	-	0%
Management Fee	1.78%	0%
Performance Fee <sup>4</sup>	0%	20%
Fund Name	Meranti Capital VCC Millennium Equity Fund	
Dealing Frequency	Monthly	
Base Currency	USD	
Inception Date	1 April 2021	
Fund Domicile	Singapore	
Investment Manager	Finexis Asset Management	
Fund Administrator	ASCENT Fund Services (Singapore)	
Custodian	Standard Chartered Bank	
Auditor	PWC LLP	
Broker	Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.	
Legal Advisors	BTPLaw LLC	

<sup>2</sup>Please note that the distributions (if any) may be declared semi-annually based on the Investment Manager's discretion. If distributions are made, such distributions are not a forecast, indication or projection of the future performance of the Fund. <sup>3</sup>Waiver of account opening fees for investors through the platforms. <sup>4</sup>Charged on high water mark basis, with zero hurdle rate.

## Highlight of Sub-Fund Managers

### VinaCapital Vietnam Equity

VinaCapital is one of the largest investment management firms in Vietnam with assets under management of US\$ 4 billion. Being Vietnam's only multi-disciplinary investment manager covering the full range of traditional and alternative asset classes, they are uniquely positioned to leverage their broad perspective to create value for investors.

Their goal is to discover the best investment opportunities in Vietnam by leveraging their extensive relationships, local investment knowledge, analytical capabilities, and financial expertise. Such capabilities and local resources are important for investing in one of the fastest-growing emerging economies globally.

The VinaCapital Vietnam Fund (VVF) utilizes a bottom-up stock-picking approach combined with disciplined risk management to identify companies with high quality and earnings growth. The outcome is a high-conviction portfolio of companies that are expected to deliver long-term sustainable capital appreciation for investors.

**The strategy has delivered attractive long-term annualized returns of over 10% p.a. representing a meaningful outperformance over the local Vietnam markets since fund inception in July 2015.**



**20+ years  
experience**



**\$4 billion  
AUM Worldwide**



**Bottom-up  
stock selection  
strategy**

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## Share Class Performance History

### Monthly Return, %

SGD A	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	2.30	1.98	0.76	-5.35	0.65	-2.41	2.58	-5.42	2.40	-2.87 <sup>5</sup>
2022	-5.93	-1.62	-1.06	-8.39	-0.25	-6.48	3.33	-2.93	-10.59	2.89	9.60	-2.75	-23.04
2023	9.25	-5.00	-0.94	-2.64	-4.20	3.61	4.68	-6.42	-5.46	-7.63	6.42	5.38	-4.68
2024	-5.34	4.85	2.50	-5.62	2.64	-1.33	1.63	1.96	1.64	-3.16	1.54 <sup>1</sup>		0.70 <sup>1</sup>
USD A	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.65	-2.34	2.62	-5.38	2.47	-2.20 <sup>6</sup>
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USD B <sup>7</sup>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	1.95	1.62	0.77	-5.22	0.80	-2.20	2.78	-5.24	2.62	-2.51 <sup>5</sup>
2022	-5.80	-1.46	-0.86	-8.14	0.04	-6.24	3.62	-2.74	-10.07	3.12	10.09	-2.64	-20.57
2023	9.54	-4.81	-0.59	-2.42	-3.85	4.03	4.98	-6.05	-5.09	-7.34	6.73	5.76	-0.94
2024	-4.95	5.19	2.82	-5.34	2.95	-0.99	1.92	2.15	2.00	-2.62	1.86 <sup>1</sup>		4.48 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Manager's estimated return net of fees. Actual return may differ and will be updated in the following month. <sup>5</sup>Since inception of 1 April 2021. <sup>6</sup>Since inception of 2 August 2021. <sup>7</sup>Performance based on the Lead Series Source: Finexis Asset Management. Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees.

**About Meranti:** The Meranti fund series is named after the Meranti tree, which is native to Singapore and the region. It is a canopy and emergent tree; providing shade from its place at the top layer of a rainforest where sunlight is plentiful. To reach such great heights, the trees have a strong and wide system of roots to help provide stability while also gathering more nutrients. Likewise, Meranti funds were developed around a Dynamic Risk Mitigation process so that investors can invest with confidence and harvest the full potential of capital growth through market cycles.

**About FAM:** Finexis Asset Management is a Capital Markets Services (CMS) licensed fund management company established in Singapore, focusing on bringing institutional capabilities to private clients. The boutique set-up ensures that we are flexible, responsive and proactive. We embrace the latest technology and constantly improve our processes to complement our investment solutions. Constant evolution to fulfil our investor's needs is ingrained in our beliefs.

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