## **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

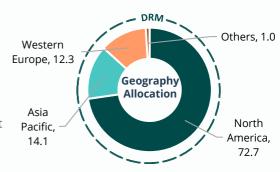
Maximize returns



Capital Appreciation compounded at 8% target return over longer term



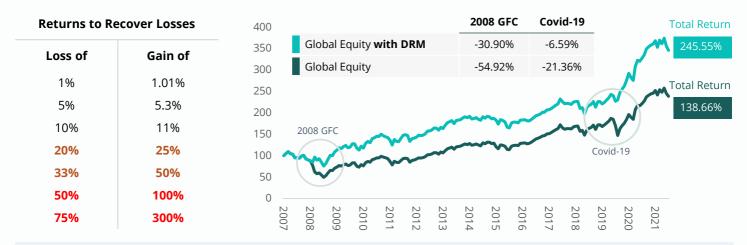
Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) Fixed budget Keep investors calm



Others include Central Asia, Africa/Middle East, South & Central America, and Eastern Europe.

## **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 <sup>1</sup>	YTD <sup>1</sup>
A USD	2.67	-2.36	-4.27	-0.68	5.65	4.03	1.67	6.50

Since January 2025, MME has enhanced its investment approach to better capture short- to medium-term trends, while maintaining a focus on long-term growth. With tighter risk management and stronger alignment to upward market movements, the strategy is now positioned to respond more effectively to market conditions and deliver more consistent, predictable returns going forward.

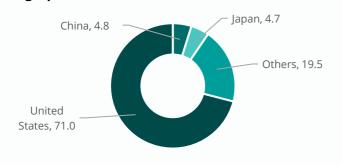
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Manager's estimated return net of fees. Actual returns may differ and will be updated in the following month. Source: Finexis Asset Management. Share class performance is calculated using NAV of the share class with income reinvested and including ongoing charges, excluding any entry and exit fees



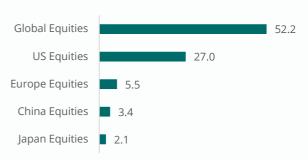


## **Strategy Characteristics**

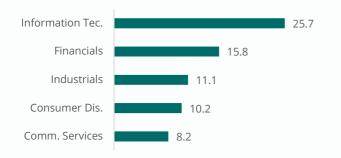
#### **Geographical Allocation, %**



#### Top 5 Market Allocation, %



## Top 5 Equity Sector Allocation, %



## Top 5 Fund Holdings, %

ISHARES MSCI ACWI ETF	28.1
ISHARES Core MSCI World ETF	24.2
AM S&P500 II ETF	7.1
ISHARES CORE EURO STOXX 50 ETF	5.5
ISHARES U.S. Equity Fac Rotation Active ETF	5.5

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 <u>undervalued opportunities</u> and avoid overpaying for any investment with only good stories.



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Seek inflection points in <u>sustainable trends</u> 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.









## **Market & Portfolio Developments**

July 2025 ushered in renewed optimism across financial markets. Alongside robust US economic data, sentiment was also driven by favourable US trade deals with key partners like Japan, the EU, and South Korea. Tariffs were once again the biggest driver of the month, with President Trump postponing the initial 90-day reciprocal tariff deadline (originally set to expire on July 9) to August 1. Against this backdrop, risk assets rallied while safe havens like Treasury bonds struggled in July.

Against this backdrop, MME delivered returns of 1.67% in July, extending year-to-date gains to 6.50%. In the past month, performance was driven by US equity positions which gained strongly on the back of a resurgent "Magnificent 7 exceptionalism" narrative. The key pillar of support came from Q2 earnings, with an earnings growth rate of more than 8% versus the expected 4%, led by tech and bank names.

Our baseline view is that the short-term risk-reward has become less favourable after the strong market rally since the April bottom - a brief consolidation appears imminent. At the same time, the risk of an imminent recession remains low (and earnings resilient) which continues to be supportive for markets further out. We've been trimming weaker positions and adding to those with stronger fundamental support to improve overall portfolio risk/reward.

With the next phase of trade policy and growth expectations taking shape for the second half of 2025, we remain vigilant. Volatility may return, but it will be an opportunity for our active and flexible approach to take advantage of.

#### **Fund Details**

Item	Class A
Currency	USD
ISIN (USD Class)	SGXZ35636000
Min. Subscription	USD 400,000
Min. Subsequent Subscription	USD 10,000
Management Fee	1.78%
Fund Name	Meranti Capital VCC Millennium Equity Fund
Dealing Frequency	Monthly
Inception Date	1 April 2021
Fund Domicile	Singapore

Fund Administrator

ASCENT Fund Services (Singapore)

Custodian

Standard Chartered Bank

Auditor

PWC LLP

Finexis Asset Management

Broker Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.

Legal Advisors BTPLaw LLC

Investment Manager

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