

# **Trigon New Europe Fund**

### Fact Sheet | February 2019

#### Overview

Trigon New Europe Fund invests in listed equity securities of European Union new member states and accession countries. The Fund focuses on investments in Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Austria (companies with CEE exposure), Serbia, Bulgaria, the Baltic countries and can invest in Turkey. The Fund does not invest in Russia

The Fund includes around 30-40 thoroughly researched companies. The Fund's investment style is value investing, with active management and stock-picking used to identify attractively-valued equities. Trigon's investment team aims to visit all companies in which we invest, with a preference toward undervalued stocks with solid growth and good dividend yield.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund AUM: €117.3 mil **Positions:** 40 **UCITS IV:** Yes Auditor: PwC **Depository:** DZ PRIVATBANK Dealing: Daily Domicile: Luxembourg Launch: Apr 10, 2002

#### **Fund Manager's Comments**

In February, world markets continued in a positive mood, backed by the hopes of US-China trade deal and decreasing "risk" of rate hikes by the FED in 2019. Markets in New Europe region where less enthusiastic - regional index declined by 1.3% in euro terms, partially driven by drop in Polish financials. Trigon New Europe Fund performed much better, advancing by 2.9% during the month, 412 bps ahead of the regional benchmark. In YTD terms, the Fund is up by 6.1% vs 3.1% of the index return. In 5 and 10 years, the Fund has outperformed the benchmark index by 20.9% and 172.6%.

The tax saga in Romania took a more positive turn in February. New sector taxes that were planned with the extraordinary ordinance at the end of 2018, are being reviewed and potentially softened significantly. For example, latest news on the banking tax implies possibly 75% cut in the tax compared to the initial version. If true, BRD bank, the top holding in the Fund would be trading at 6.0x 2019 earnings multiple and offer 12.0% dividend yield. Based on 2018 earnings, which were released in February and beat analyst's forecasts 3rd year in a row by a wide margin, the bank is trading at 4.8x earnings and will pay 14.5% dividend yield in early May. In February, we spent one week in Romania, meeting company managements and industry specialists in order to form a better opinion on the possible tax implications. We are on the opinion that Romania continues to offer one of the best value in the region. The Fund had 22.2% allocation to Romania at the end of February, up by 2.0% compared to end of the January levels.

GDP growth showed strong resilience in Q4 2018 despite of strong headwinds from Western European neighbours, including Germany, the largest trade partner for our region. GDP growth was strong in Hungary and Czech Republic, coming respectively at 5.1% (5.1% in 3Q 2018) and 2.8% (2.5%) in yoy terms. In Poland, Romania and Slovenia yoy growth levels deteriorated from high base, in Poland to 4.9% from 5.1%, in Romania to 4.1% from 4.2% and in Slovenia to 4.1% from 4.8% level a quarter before.

Trigon New Europe Fund's portfolio trades on a weighted average of 10.4x 2019E earnings and 6.1x EV/EBITDA 2018E, multiples that cannot be considered demanding at current interest rate environment. Fund holdings offer a weighted average dividend yield of 6.4% on 2018E earnings backed by double-digit free cash-flow generation and over-capitalized balance-sheets.

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Performance (%) since strategy launch (net of fees)

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Year-to-Date	6.1%	6.0%	3.1%
1 month	2.9%	2.8%	-1.3%
3 months	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
6 months	4.5%	4.3%	0.8%
1 year	-1.1%	-0.8%	-0.8%
2 years	15.4%	13.5%	13.5%
3 years	49.0%	45.6%	42.6%
5 years	38.9%	35.7%	18.0%
Since launch	243.5%	246.1%	15.0%
Launch of unit	10.04.02	08.04.09	n/a*

Fund Details	Unit B	Unit D	Unit E
NAV	98.2400	21.9500	34.6100
12 months High	100.2000	22.4100	35.5500
12 months Low	90.7600	20.3700	32.1700
Management fee	0.75%	Up to 1.5%	Up to 2%
Performance fee	15% of return	none	none
	exceeding the		
	Benchmark*		
Subscription fee**	none	none	none
Redemption fee	none	none	none
ISIN	LU1687402633	LU1687403102	LU1687403367
Bloomberg code	TRICLBE LX	TRICLDE LX	TRICLEE LX
Lipper code	68481936	68481091	68481092
Min. subscription	€5 mil	€1 mil	No min.
Sharpe ratio (5 years)	0.66		
Daily volatility (1 year)	10.4%		

To receive the breakdown of the Fund's holdings or any other additional information, please send a request to funds@trigoncapital.com.

28-Feb-19	Unit A (EUR)	Unit A (USD)	Unit B
Year-to-Date	6.2%	-	5.8%
1 month	2.9%	2.1%	2.5%
3 months	-	-	0.7%
6 months	-	-	4.6%
1 year	-	-	-
2 years	-	-	-
3 years	-	-	-
5 years	-	-	-
Since launch	-0.4%	2.1%	-1.8%
Launch of unit	05.12.18	31.01.19	18.04.18

<sup>\*</sup>The benchmark index, MSCI EFM CeeC ex Russia TR (EUR), was created on February 2nd. 2008.

\*\*E units (old C unit) can be subscribed to as of April 6th, 2009, D units (old A unit) are again available as of September 1st. 2017.

movements can be followed in: Bloomberg, www.trigoncapital.com, www.morningstar.fi, www.ipconcept.com

Ge	eographic allocati	Sector alloca	ation	
Poland	3	0.8% Financials		43.0%
Romania	22.2%	Consumer	17.9%	
Hungary	12.7%	Energy	11.3%	
Slovenia	10.5%	Industrials	8.6%	
Turkey	7.0%	Health Care	7.6%	
Austria	6.7%	Telecoms	5.9%	
Czech	5.1%	Utilities	2.4%	
Estonia	2.2%	Real Estate	1.2%	
Croatia	1.2%	Materials	0.6%	
Cash	1.4%	Cash	1.4%	

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	CAGR*
2019	3.2%	2.9%												
2018	4.1%	-2.7%	-1.1%	-0.5%	-5.3%	0.0%	2.9%	-1.3%	-0.6%	-1.0%	5.6%	-5.2%	-5.7%	
2017	5.7%	2.5%	1.6%	2.9%	4.2%	-0.2%	5.4%	2.2%	-2.7%	0.3%	-1.6%	2.5%	24.9%	
2016	-5.7%	0.3%	6.6%	-1.5%	-1.1%	-2.1%	5.2%	3.5%	1.1%	1.5%	-0.4%	5.2%	12.7%	
2015	0.5%	4.2%	1.6%	4.8%	-0.6%	-4.1%	2.9%	-4.6%	-2.4%	3.4%	-1.0%	-1.1%	3.2%	
2014	0.4%	1.1%	-1.6%	0.4%	5.4%	0.4%	-4.7%	2.3%	0.5%	-2.2%	1.4%	-5.9%	-3.0%	
2013	2.7%	-1.4%	-0.7%	2.4%	4.0%	-3.2%	4.0%	2.1%	5.5%	3.5%	3.2%	0.1%	24.0%	
2012	7.2%	5.9%	-0.9%	-0.3%	-6.9%	5.3%	2.1%	2.8%	4.3%	-0.1%	-0.4%	3.4%	24.0%	2 years 8.5%
2011	4.0%	0.5%	1.4%	1.2%	-2.6%	1.3%	-3.0%	-6.9%	-7.7%	4.0%	-1.9%	0.4%	-9.5%	3 years 9.9%
2010	4.9%	1.1%	9.5%	1.1%	-5.9%	-4.0%	7.9%	0.8%	3.6%	-0.5%	0.0%	5.9%	25.8%	5 years 5.9%
2009	-8.2%	-12.5%	7.3%	15.9%	1.6%	5.9%	11.8%	12.5%	3.2%	-1.5%	-0.1%	0.8%	38.3%	
2008	-11.5%	1.1%	-1.8%	-4.7%	-3.3%	-13.1%	-3.4%	-2.4%	-14.1%	-27.7%	-2.1%	-7.0%	-62.5%	
2007	-0.1%	-0.5%	4.0%	2.6%	3.8%	5.4%	-2.8%	-1.0%	-1.9%	4.1%	-9.6%	-2.7%	0.4%	* Compound annual growth
2006	3.3%	1.3%	-1.5%	2.9%	-7.6%	2.0%	7.2%	-1.5%	0.2%	4.9%	1.7%	2.3%	15.5%	rate, i.e. average annualized
2005	3.6%	11.1%	-5.5%	-5.2%	3.7%	6.9%	3.7%	3.6%	5.6%	-3.6%	3.4%	2.2%	32.2%	performance of calendar years
2004	4.4%	4.3%	5.2%	1.1%	-0.5%	2.8%	0.9%	1.5%	4.3%	2.9%	3.1%	5.4%	41.6%	
2003	-3.7%	-1.5%	0.7%	9.0%	2.8%	-2.2%	6.8%	8.8%	-4.5%	4.3%	-3.3%	4.3%	22.2%	
2002	_	_	-	0.1%	-1.2%	-5.0%	-1.6%	4.2%	-4.7%	4.8%	7.0%	-1.5%	_	

\*Performance net of fees

Best calendar month

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	1M	3M	6M	1Y	2Y
Volatility (daily)	8.8%	11.5%	10.4%	10.4%	9.1%
Volatility (monthly)				11.3%	10.5%
Downside Risk Analysis					
Negative months/total	82/203	40%			
Worst calendar month	-27.7%				
Worst calendar quarter	-34.2%				
Upside Risk Analysis					
Positive months / total	121/203	60%			

15.9%

Best calendar quarter	29.9%	
Market Cap Allocation		

Micro Cap (up to 150m EUR) 1.1% Small Cap I (150 - 500m EUR) 12.7% Small Cap II (500m - 1bn EUR) 9.0% Mid Cap (1 - 3 bn EUR) 32.2% 43.4% Blue Chip (more than 3bn EUR)



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<b>Geographic Allocation</b>	
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	Feb-19	Aug-18	Feb-18
Poland	30.8%	27.5%	26.7%
Romania	22.2%	27.7%	20.5%
Hungary	12.7%	11.6%	6.8%
Slovenia	10.5%	11.2%	12.0%
Turkey	7.0%	6.7%	9.1%
Austria	6.7%	3.2%	5.3%
Czech	5.1%	-	6.9%
Estonia	2.2%	4.9%	3.7%
Croatia	1.2%	1.6%	1.6%
Latvia	-	-	0.4%
Cash	1.4%	5.7%	7.0%

### **Sector Allocation**

	Feb-19	Aug-18	Feb-18
Financials	43.0%	45.8%	43.0%
Consumer	17.9%	12.4%	6.5%
Energy	11.3%	13.2%	11.8%
Industrials	8.6%	3.3%	6.0%
Health Care	7.6%	10.3%	4.6%
Telecoms	5.9%	4.4%	4.3%
Utilities	2.4%	2.1%	1.9%
Real estate	1.2%	-	2.5%
Materials	0.6%	2.8%	8.6%
Other	0.2%	-0.1%	-
IT	-	-	3.6%
Cash	1.4%	5.7%	7.0%

Fund Details	Unit A (EUR)	Unit A (USD)
NAV	99.5900	102.1400
12 months High	100.3500	102.5500
12 months Low	93.1700	93.1700
Management fee	0.80%	0.80%
Performance fee	none	none
Subscription fee**	none	none
Redemption fee	none	none
ISIN	LU1687402393	LU1687402476
Bloomberg code	TRICLAE LX	TRICLAU LX
Lipper code	68481933	68481934
Min. subscription	€15 mil	\$15 mil

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**Fund Manager: AS Trigon Asset Management** 

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