

### Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund

**An Afternoon with Artemis 2025** 

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### Benefiting from our broad and highly experienced team

#### **US EXTENDED ALPHA**

**Consumer Staples** 

and Healthcare



James Dudgeon Co-Manager



**Adrian Brass Lead Manager** 



Will Warren Co-Manager

#### **US Team Head**



**Cormac Weldon US** Select and **Smaller Companies** 

#### **US RESEARCH TEAM**

**Industrials** 



Co-Manager



Olivia Micklem Co-Manager **US Smaller** Companies





**James Dudgeon** Co-Manager **US Extended Alpha** 

**Technology** 



Will Warren Co-Manager **US Extended Alpha** 

**Financials** 



**Zuoyi Zhou** Fund Analyst

The team benefits from leveraging the research, experience and thinking of the wider teams at Artemis

Artemis investment teams

Stewardship

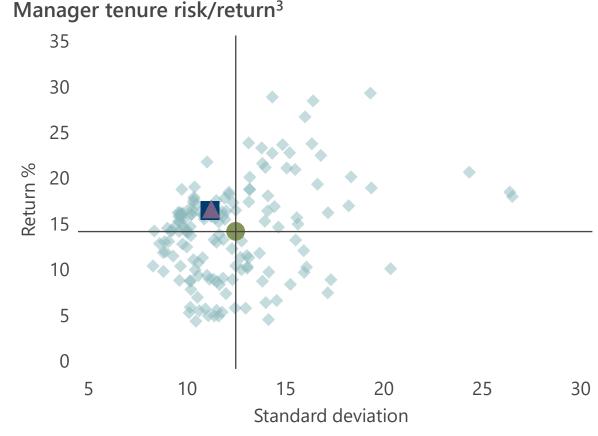
Risk

Broad coverage with experience on both long and short side

### Targeting long-term performance without increasing volatility

### Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund	<b>S&amp;P 500 NR</b>	S&P 500 TR
3 months	8.9	9.6	9.7
1 year	26.9	26.7	27.3
Manager tenure <sup>2</sup>	42.8	41.7	43.3
3 years	37.0	37.9	39.8
Since launch	374.2	334.4	359.5



Artemis US Extended Alpha I Acc GBP S&P 500 TR IA North America Peer group (1%-100%): IA North America

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### The Artemis US Extended Alpha proposal

### WHY ARTEMIS FOR US EQUITIES?

- Highly experienced lead portfolio manager
- Dedicated team of tenured sector specialists
- Process aims to generate long and short alpha

### WHY 130/30?

- Greater flexibility for active stock selection
- Shorting to capture alpha from huge number of underperforming stocks
- Not constrained by market concentration
- Enhanced return potential without increasing risk



### Benefits of the 130 / 30 structure

### Enhanced return potential without increasing risk



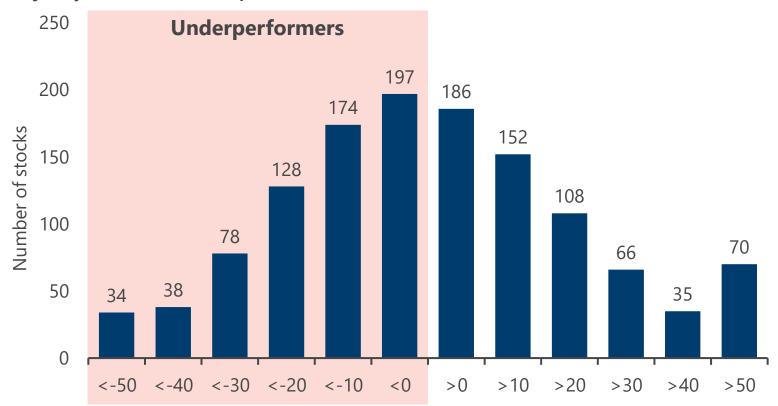
USEA fund guide parameters			
Indicative no. 50 – 70 Long 60 – 80 Shorts			
90-110%			
130-160%			

Source: Artemis.

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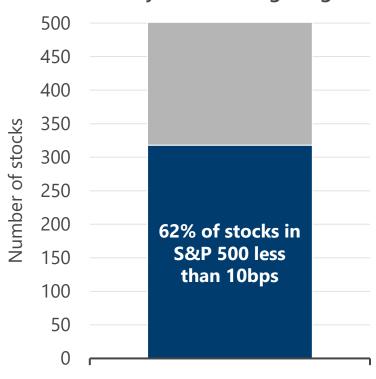
### Incremental alpha from shorting

### Majority of stocks underperform the S&P500<sup>1</sup>

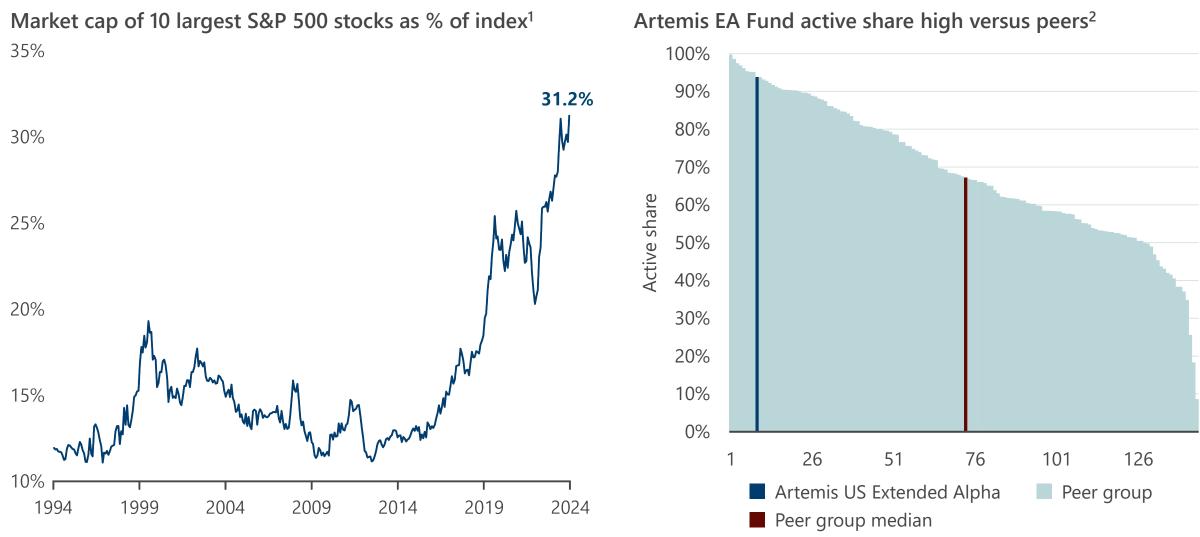


Annual % performance relative to the S&P 500 on average over the past ten years of each stock in the S&P 1500 (>\$1bn cap)

### Most stocks tiny market weighting<sup>2</sup>



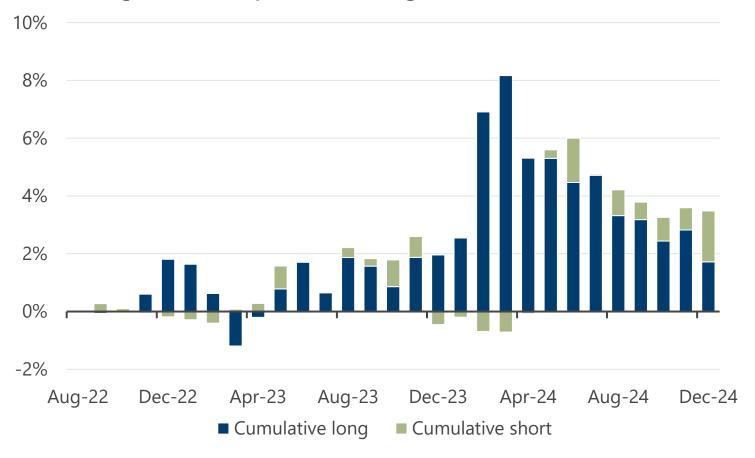
### Not constrained by market concentration



Source: <sup>1</sup>UBS, 'US Equity Strategy' report as at 6 January 2025. <sup>2</sup>Morningstar/Artemis as at 31 July 2024. Note: peer group is IA North America. Artemis calculations including gross exposure. Funds are Luxembourg and Irish domiciled funds.

### Alpha potential on both the long and short side

### Positive long and short alpha since manager tenure<sup>1</sup>



### Positioned for long and short opportunities

- **Recovery potential** in infrastructure, life sciences, packaging and banks
- Many compounders at depressed valuations
- Market growth to **potentially broaden**

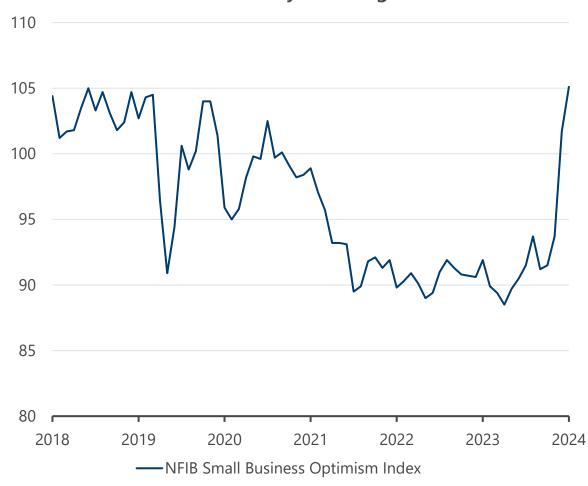
- Broad range of unattractive value traps
- Danger high from DOGE, doubtful recovery, and Al hype & disruption

 Longs growing faster and with better revisions than shorts but at similar valuation Macro backdrop providing attractive long and short ideas



### The Trump 2.0 effect

### Small business confidence skyrocketing<sup>1</sup>



### From rolling recession to synchronised recovery<sup>2</sup>

	CY21	CY22	CY23	CY24	CY25E
S&P 500	49.3%	4.4%	1.7%	8.7%	13.7%
Automobiles & Components	158.8%	25.7%	-5.9%	-4.4%	7.8%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	77.0%	-8.8%	-6.1%	3.7%	-7.0%
Consumer Services	-163.5%	261.0%	165.2%	1.0%	15.1%
Consumer Discr Distribution & Retail	35.7%	-19.0%	32.3%	27.7%	13.6%
Consumer Staples	8.8%	1.1%	8.7%	3.2%	4.9%
Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	18.2%	-10.3%	6.6%	2.9%	6.2%
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	10.8%	7.7%	7.1%	1.3%	3.8%
Household & Personal Products	-7.8%	-0.2%	16.6%	8.9%	6.5%
Energy	NM	158.2%	-29.2%	-23.0%	3.2%
Financials	67.2%	-15.6%	8.2%	12.2%	8.5%
Banks	103.0%	-20.6%	6.8%	-0.3%	3.3%
Financial Services	59.5%	-9.1%	2.9%	20.2%	11.6%
Insurance	22.7%	-19.9%	29.0%	20.6%	10.7%
Health Care	24.6%	5.2%	-20.2%	2.5%	20.1%
Health Care Equipment & Services	22.6%	-5.2%	5.4%	1.4%	8.8%
Pharma, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	25.9%	11.6%	-33.8%	3.4%	29.5%
Industrials	68.9%	27.6%	12.8%	-2.4%	18.6%
Capital Goods	37.6%	7.9%	18.4%	-4.1%	20.3%
Commercial & Professional Services	21.3%	8.4%	11.4%	11.1%	8.8%
Transportation	-341.6%	160.7%	-0.1%	-3.4%	19.1%
Information Technology	37.6%	-0.7%	8.0%	22.7%	20.4%
Software & Services	24.1%	5.5%	18.0%	13.6%	11.4%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	46.3%	-4.2%	3.0%	12.8%	12.4%
Semiconductors	44.4%	-3.2%	1.8%	48.9%	38.2%
Materials	78.2%	8.2%	-20.9%	-11.7%	14.8%
Real Estate	26.9%	-5.1%	26.4%	3.9%	6.8%
Communication Services	40.4%	-21.5%	23.1%	20.2%	14.2%
Media & Entertainment	58.7%	-25.4%	36.7%	27.0%	17.0%
Telecommunication Services	7.6%	-11.4%	-7.3%	-2.3%	2.1%
Utilities	8.7%	4.2%	6.6%	20.7%	4.9%

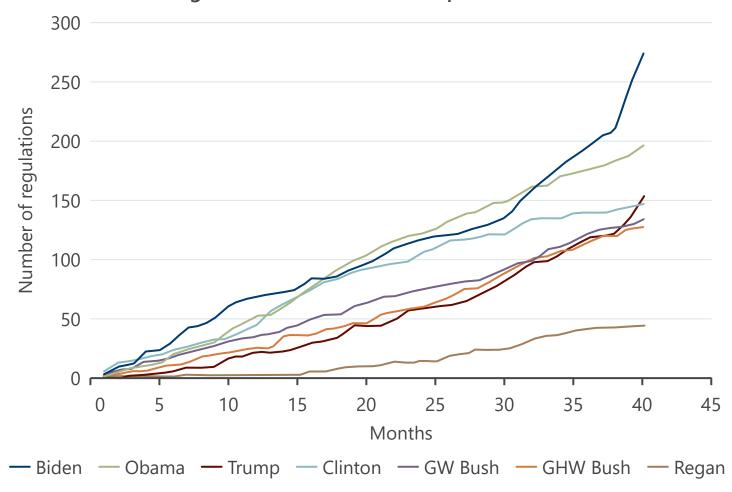
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### **DOGE** unorthodoxy

"Up to \$2tn of Federal cost efficiencies"<sup>1</sup>



### Cumulative new regulations issues over each president<sup>2</sup>



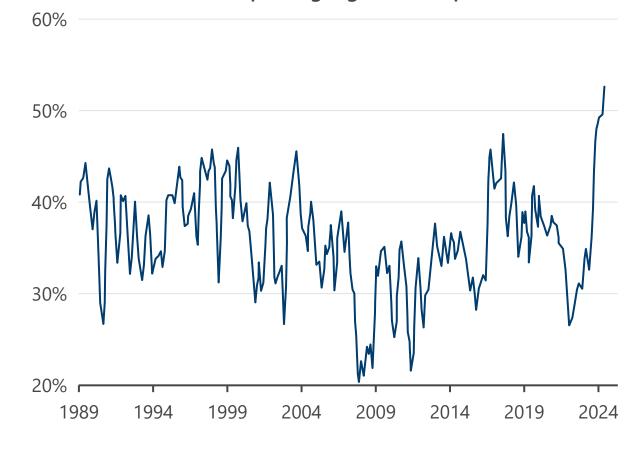
### Market becoming a little complacent?

### Opportunities to short dangerous areas of the market





### Investor complacency? % of retail investors expecting higher stock prices²



## Fund current themes and positioning



### **Broad range of portfolio themes**

**Longs: 114% Shorts: 20% -**Infrastructure/reshoring Vulcan, Parker Hannifin, Nvent, Clean Harbors, Core & Main **Broad range of value traps** Jefferies, Goldman Sachs, Wells Fargo, Capital One **Banking recovery** Al/technology disrupted businesses Western Digital, Nvidia, HP Enterprises, Micron, Broadcom, Meta, Al infra and beneficiaries Amazon, Salesforce, Microsoft At risk from DOGE disruption **Utilities renaissance** Pacific Gas, CMS Energy, PPL, Constellation Energy, Nisource Consumer services/retail at peak profits **Packaging consolidation** International Paper and Smurfit Westrock Overpriced darlings in retail through **Idiosyncratic growth** Formula One, Corteva, Food distribution to technology

### Overall fund net exposure: 94%

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

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### Financials offering broad cyclical and secular opportunities

### **FINANCIALS**

De-regulation

Stabilizing credit

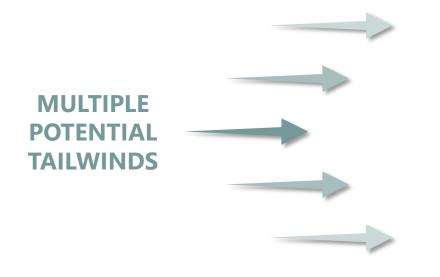
Capital markets recovery

Insurance premiums tight

Payments innovation

Bank-tech investment

Mortgages depressed



**BENEFICIARIES** 

(Investment) banks

**Payments** 

Auto insurance

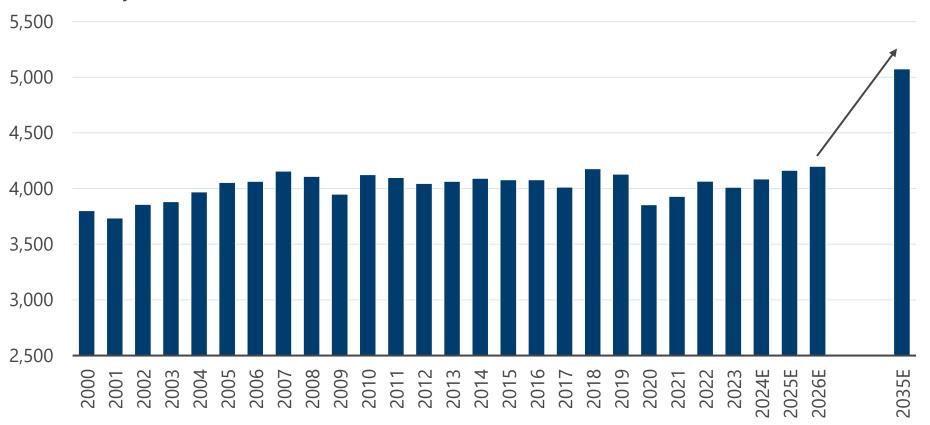
Insurance brokerage

Credit bureaus

### Renaissance of a low growth sector: Utilities

Electricity demand growing for first time in decades – driven by EVs and data centres

### US electricity demand (kWh in billions)







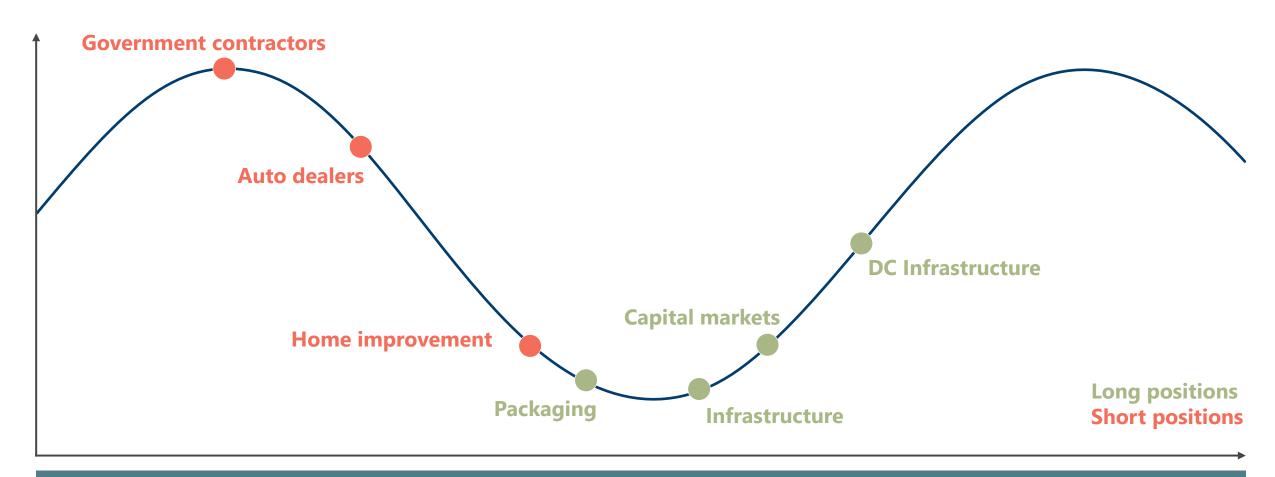




Our favoured defensive exposure given improving fundamentals and attractive valuations

### **Broad cyclical opportunity across the market**

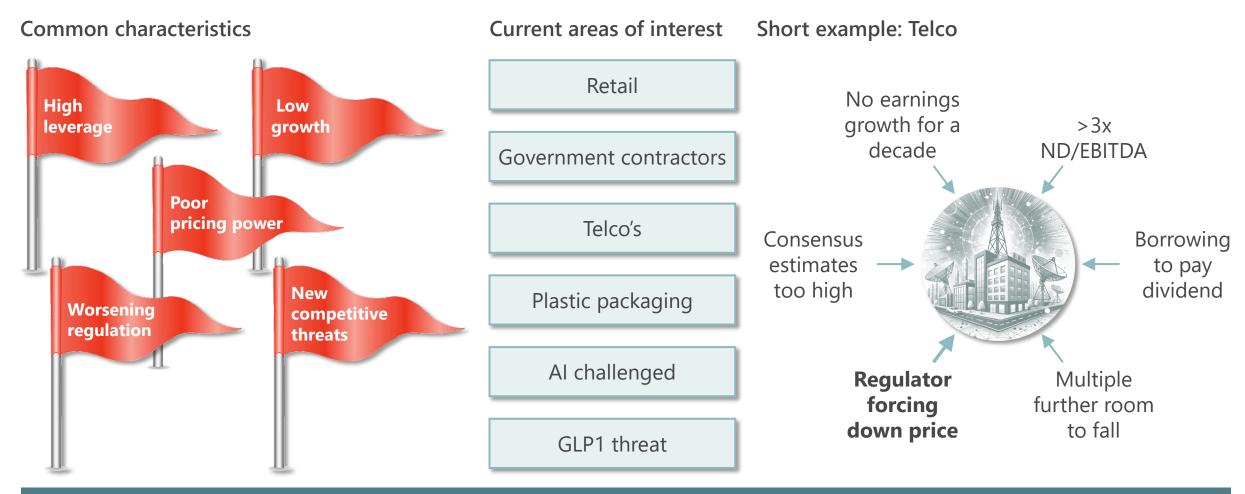
Long opportunities depressed whilst shorts near top of cycle



Opportunity to make money through the life-cycle in cyclicals

### **Short example: Fixed line telco**

Structurally challenged areas ripe for shorting



Plenty of areas under structural threat

Image source: ChatGPT.

### Not all of the Mag 7 are magnificent!

We continue to see attractive stock selection opportunities

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		Overweight	



Long term beneficiary of public cloud computing and less risk of disruption to core businesses than Alphabet or Microsoft. A winner in retail with duration growth opportunity.



Al enabled platform should lead to higher share of digital ad spend and could open up entirely new revenue streams. Already seeing returns on high levels of capex.

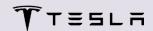


Well positioned to monetise Al investments through Azure as well as Office 365. Monitoring high levels of capex as well as disruption risk to core software business.

# **Underweight**



The Al arms dealer. For first time in two years we believe the shares reflect the outlook



EV industry fundamentals currently challenging, but potential opportunity in full self driving and robotics.



Highest risk of disruption to core business from Al.



Fully valued and underinvested in Al. No evidence current product cycle is meaningful to growth.

### **Summary**

### Broad opportunities in a bifurcated market



Enhanced alpha opportunities without increased risk



Market tensions mean some parts market highly attractive and others dangerous

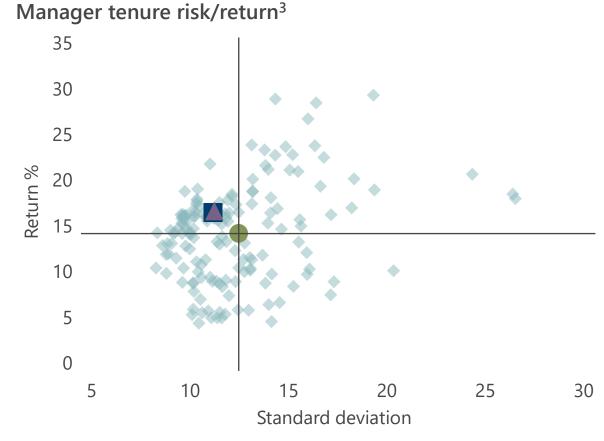


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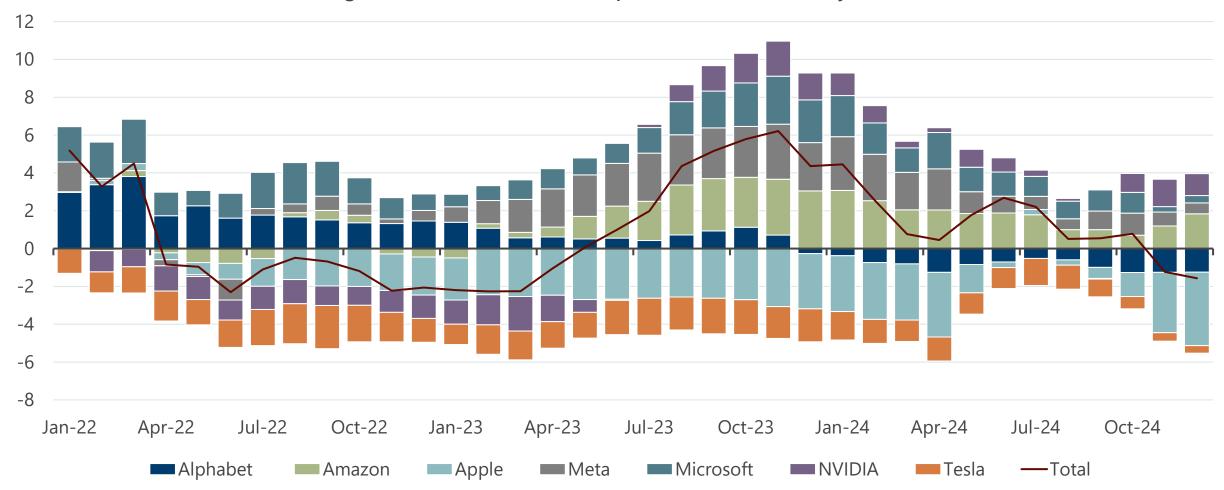


### Appendix



### **Magnificent 7 positioning through time**

### Differentiated views reflected in big tech stocks with overall exposure reduced recently



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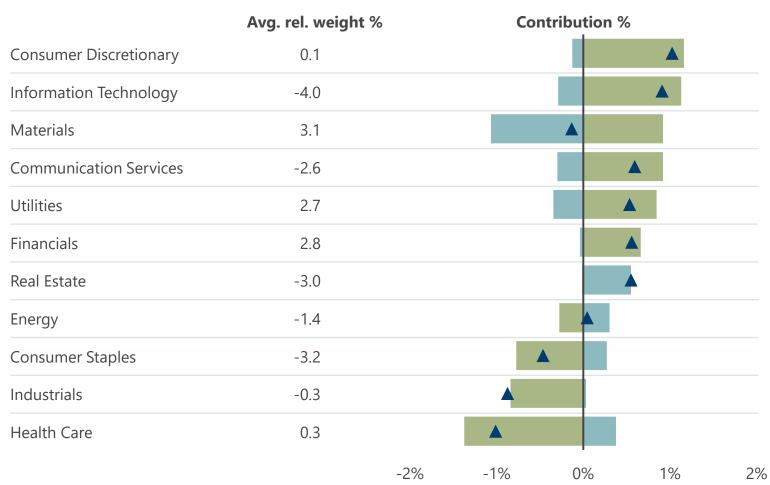
### 2024 performance summary

### Broad contributions across sectors

- Fund up 26.9% (net of fees), in line with the S&P 500 Net Index return
- Positive contribution from shorts (+2.4%), neutral from longs, offset by cash drag (-1.4%)
- Short alpha 2.4% with main contributors including Trex (housing), CVS (pharmacy), BCE (telco) and Fortrea (drug research)<sup>1</sup>
- Long alpha neutral by end of year having faded, due principally to negative healthcare surprises (Elevance and Icon Labs)
- Most sectors positive contribution and stock selection strong within Mag7

### **US Extended Alpha: 1 year attribution**

### Sector level attribution



### Stock level attribution

Top 10 contributors	%
NVIDIA	0.76
Meta Platforms	0.63
Constellation Energy	0.59
Jefferies	0.49
Burlington Stores	0.44
Fiserv	0.40
Progressive	0.36
Coherent	0.36
UnitedHealth (UW)	0.32
Adobe (UW)	0.28

Elevance Health -0.92 ICON -0.82 Avantor -0.74
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Builders FirstSource -0.59
WillScot -0.52
Occidental Petroleum -0.49
Dollar General -0.42
Lamb Weston -0.40
APi -0.35
AMD -0.35

**Sector allocation Stock selection Total relative contribution** 

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024. Note: short positions are highlighted in red.

### Stock and sector positioning

Top 1	l0 ac	tive	long
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PG&E	2.9%
Vulcan Materials	2.6%
Parker-Hannifin	2.5%
Progressive	2.3%
Mastercard	2.1%
Burlington Stores	2.0%
Liberty Media	1.9%
Amazon	1.9%
International Paper	1.9%
Fiserv	1.9%

### Top 10 short

Cons. Staples Distrib. & Retail	-0.5%
Cons. Discr. Distrib. & Retail	-0.5%
Cons. Discr. Distrib. & Retail	-0.4%
Financial Services	-0.4%
Consumer Services	-0.4%
Consumer Services	-0.4%
Financial Services	-0.4%
Utilities	-0.4%
Utilities	-0.4%
Telecommunication Services	-0.4%

#### Overweight/ Sector exposure underweight Information Technology -5.8% **Financials** 4.7% Consumer Discretionary -0.5% Industrials -0.7% Materials 6.1% Utilities 4.8% **Communication Services** -2.4% Health Care -3.6% **Consumer Staples** -3.3% -2.9% Energy Real Estate -2.1% 10% 20% 30% 40%

### Top 10 absolute positions

NVIDIA	7.8%
Microsoft	6.9%
Amazon	6.0%
Apple	3.7%
Meta Platforms	3.2%
PG&E	3.0%
Mastercard	2.9%
Alphabet	2.9%
Broadcom	2.8%
Parker-Hannifin	2.7%

**Differentiated holdings to other funds** 

**Long Short S&P 500 sector weights** 

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

### **US Extended Alpha: Risk**

	<b>Extended Alpha</b>	S&P 500 TR	IA North America NR
Cumulative returns	378.2%	359.5%	263.8%
Ann. return	16.4%	16.0%	13.4%
Volatility	12.2%	12.5%	12.8%
Sharpe ratio	1.22	1.16	0.92
Max drawdown	-12.5%	-14.5%	-15.9%
Positive/negative months	67.5% / 32.5%	68.3% / 31.7%	64.2% / 35.8%
Max gain	9.7%	10.9%	11.5%
Max loss	-7.8%	-9.7%	-9.2%
Upside/downside capture	86.9% / 91.5%		

	Extended Alpha vs S&P 500 TR	IA North America TR vs S&P 500 TR	Extended Alpha vs IA North America NR
Tracking error	5.85	4.66	4.17
Information ratio	0.07	-0.48	0.65
Sortino ratio	0.10	-0.58	1.15
Correlation	0.89	0.93	0.95

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### Risk monitoring and oversight

- Stock level:
  - Rigorous testing of downside as part of up/down target setting
  - 'Guardrails' incorporate leverage, size, liquidity and cyclicality into positioning decision
  - Checklist to ensure conviction remains high, and thesis doesn't creep
  - Analyst or team debate to optimise decision making
- Fund level:
  - Top down sector, style and theme exposures monitored and managed
  - Shorts can be used to hedge long position risk
- Shorts:
  - Benefit from extensive team experience
  - Pragmatic, dynamic approach to managing short-specific risks
- Dedicated risk team and oversight process to provide support and challenge

### Holistic multiple perspective approach to risk management

### Fund manager biographies – long/short funds



**Adrian Brass** Lead Manager

29 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2022

<b>O</b>	MAJEDIE ASSET MANAGEMENT	2014-2022
1	Fund Manager	

FIDELITY 2006-2014

Fund Manager

INVESTEC ASSET MANAGEMENT 2000-2005

Fund Manager

**SCHRODERS** 1995-2000

Analyst



James Dudgeon Co-Manager

14 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2022

MAJEDIE ASSET MANAGEMENT 2015-2022
Co-Manager

FIDELITY 2010-2015
Analyst



**William Warren** Co-Manager

27 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2014

THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS 2008-2014
Deputy Fund Manager

LEHMAN BROTHERS 2003-2008
Senior Vice President & Fund Manager

LEHMAN BROTHERS 2000-2003

Associate

**DEPOSITION** JP MORGAN 1997-2000 Analyst

### Fund manager biographies – long only funds



**Cormac Weldon**Fund Manager
US Select and US Smallers

33 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2014

THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS 1997-2014
Fund Manager and Head of US Equity

BRITISH GAS PENSION FUND 1993-1997
Fund Manager

PROVIDENT MUTUAL
US Equity Analyst

1991-1993



**Chris Kent** Fund Manager – US Select

14 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2014

THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS 2012-2014
US Equity Analyst

BROADSTONE PENSIONS 2010-2012
Research Strategist



**Olivia Micklem** Fund Manager – US Smallers

18 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2014

THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS 2012-2014
US Equity Analyst

THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS 2007-2012
Business Development Manager

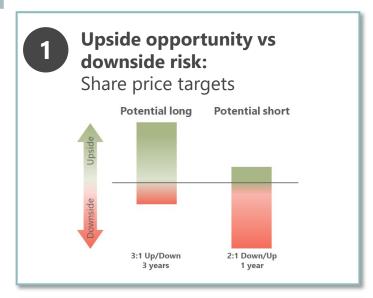


**Zuoyi Zhou** Analyst

13 years' investment experience Joined Artemis 2017

KPMG-MAKINSON COWELL 2012-2017
Equity Markets Adviser

### **Risk management – multiple dimensions**











### Our approach to stewardship

### ESG materiality assessment

### **Impact on future**

- Risks
- Opportunities
- Controversies

### **Key themes**

### Climate (Article 8)

- Climate profile an increasingly important value driver
- Focus on companies showing improvement
- Exclusions

### **Engagement**

### **Encouraging change**

- Meeting intensive process
- Focus on key issues
- Engage, Track and Assess

### Voting

### Vote all our stock<sup>1</sup>

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- Active manager
- Transparency

### Working alongside the Stewardship Team

Note: <sup>1</sup>where eligible to do so.

### **US Extended Alpha: Market cap**



	<\$3bn	\$3-5bn	\$5-20bn	\$20-100bn	>\$100bn
Longs	0.0%	0.0%	22.7%	36.2%	55.3%
Shorts	-0.4%	-1.7%	-7.8%	-7.6%	-2.8%
S&P 500	0.0%	0.0%	3.7%	24.1%	72.2%

Source: Artemis as at 31 December 2024.

Note: figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding and cash holdings.

### **Artemis US long short range**

### Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund

Performance fee: 20%, S&P 500 hurdle

	Ongoing charge	ISIN
US Extended Alpha I Acc GBP	0.900%	GB00BMMV5G59
US Extended Alpha I Acc GBP Hedged	0.900%	GB00BYSZ0151

### Artemis Funds (Lux) – US Extended Alpha

Performance fee: 20%, S&P 500 hurdle

	Ongoing charge	ISIN
US Extended Alpha A Acc EUR	1.700%	LU1893896552
US Extended Alpha A Acc EUR Hedged	1.700%	LU1893896479
US Extended Alpha A Acc USD	1.700%	LU1893896636
US Extended Alpha B Acc EUR	0.950%	LU1896774301
US Extended Alpha B Acc EUR Hedged	0.950%	LU1896773915
US Extended Alpha B Acc GBP	0.950%	LU1896774566
US Extended Alpha B Acc USD	0.950%	LU1893894342
US Extended Alpha I Acc EUR	0.910%	LU1846577598
US Extended Alpha I Acc EUR Hedged	0.910%	LU1893893294
US Extended Alpha I Acc GBP	0.910%	LU1893893534
US Extended Alpha I Acc GBP Hedged	0.910%	LU1893893021
US Extended Alpha I Acc USD	0.910%	LU1893893708

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### **Artemis US Extended Alpha Fund**

### The fund's objective

To grow capital over a five year period.

There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve a positive return over a five-year period or any other time period and your capital is at risk.

What the fund invests in:

- At least 80% in shares of US companies, either directly or indirectly through derivatives
- Up to 20% in shares, or derivatives of shares, of companies in other countries, bonds, cash, near cash, other transferable securities, other funds (up to 10%) managed by Artemis and third party funds, and money market instruments

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Prior to 31 October 2024, the benchmark for the Artemis US Smaller Companies Fund was Russell 2000 TR GBP. From 31 October 2024, the benchmark is Russell 2000 NR GBP.



