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Invesco Pan European Equity Fund

Monthly Report May 2025 (covering April)

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Summary of fund objective

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing in a portfolio of equity or equity related instruments of European companies with an emphasis on larger companies. For the full objectives and investment policy please consult the current prospectus.

Fund Performance

The fund delivered returns of -1.44% (Z-Acc, net) versus a fall in the MSCI Europe of -0.82% (NR). Our underweight exposure to the consumer discretionary sector proved most beneficial to relative performance over April as that sector once again bore the brunt of tariff-related weakness. Utilities exposure was also positive while at the other end it was stock selection within the materials and industrials which weighed most on relative returns. Elsewhere, consumer staples exposure proved detrimental to relative performance. From a country perspective, stock selection within the UK proved particularly strong over the month. In a month so heavily dominated by big picture tariff news, moves driven by stock specific newsflow was relatively low. Cyclical stocks which weighed included Smurfit Westrock and UPM-Kymenne (paper manufacturers), Airbus (aircraft maker) Vestas (Danish wind turbines) and Daimler Truck. Elsewhere, UK specialist distribution group Bunzl cut annual guidance citing challenges in North America and paused its share buyback plan sending shares lower, while shares in TotalEnergies struggled on the back of slightly higher debt levels and a weak oil price environment. More positively, defensive utilities names National Grid and SSE were in favour, as was UK housebuilder Bellway who reiterated 2025 guidance amid strong volume growth and UK defence name BAE Systems whose shares benefited from better EU engagement, a more positive US defence spending outlook and an upcoming UK Strategic Defence Review. Financials names Unicredit and Axa were among outperformers, while French construction firm St Gobain released positive first quarter results showing like-for-like performance significantly ahead of expectations, and higher profit expectations at budget airline EasyJet buoyed their share price. Finally, not owning LVMH was a relative positive as the French luxury name missed sales expectations as weakness in China continued to weigh on the stock.

Fund Positioning

As far as positioning is concerned, we are looking for ways to take advantage of structurally higher government spending and investment, in combination with a more robust domestic consumption story. Ultimately, we want stocks with more of a domestic focus, not global companies that happen to be listed in Europe. Within industrials, we like having exposure to defence companies, as well as companies that would directly benefit from higher infrastructure spending too. Elsewhere, we are exposed to the construction and infrastructure names putting building projects together, basic material companies within steel and specialty chemicals which will provide the underlying components of builds, utilities names that will supply and transmit the energy required around Europe, and of course we also have targeted technology exposures, specifically in the undervalued analogue space given semiconductors are going to play an integral role in this new world technological automation. Finally, we also continue to be overweight banks. The sector is the main source of funding for much of Europe (unlike the US which is far more dependent on the capital markets), and so key beneficiaries of this pick up in European activity, while earnings momentum is evident across the names we own.

Outlook

Despite the gains made by European equity markets year-to-date, and notwithstanding the Liberation Day-induced volatility, we remain optimistic of further absolute and relative progress versus other regions. The valuation gap between European and US markets for example has widened over the longer-term horizon – despite Europe having outperformed over 2025 to date. There are multiple reasons for this, but one key driver is divergence in fiscal policy. In the aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis, the US was much more aggressive in supporting the economy, whereas Europe focused on fiscal austerity, cutting government spending and reducing budget deficits. Post Covid, we did see Europe start to use its fiscal firepower through the creation of the EU Recovery Fund, but even then this was markedly lower than US actions. However, what we are now seeing is Europe meaningfully starting to use its financial headroom more aggressively. Ultimately, we believe this is positive for European GDP going forward and this also bodes well for European Equities, with the notable caveat being fluctuating policy from the current US administration.

Fund Facts	
Z-share ISIN	LU1625225310
Bloomberg	INVPEZA LX
Domicile	Luxembourg
AuM	940.35m EUR
Launch Date	02 Jan 1991
Reference Index**	MSCI Europe Index (Net Total Return)

Past performance does not predict future returns.

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Performance (EUR)

5 Year Active Return





John Surplice,

Martin Walker

James Rutland and

Fund Managers***

*** John Surplice since July 2003, James Rutland since December 2023 and Martin Walker since July 2024

Fund Characteristics					
(Annualised Data)					

	3Y	5Y
Alpha (statistical)	-1.24	-0.66
Batting Average	50.00	55.00
Gain/Loss Ratio	1.48	1.90
Information Ratio	-0.23	0.04
Sharpe Ratio	0.28	0.67
Tracking Error	5.92	6.38
Tracking Error		

Awards & Gradings



Morningstar Rating 30.04.25

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Cumulative	YTQ	YTD	1M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Fund (Z-shares)	5.90	4.37	-1.44	-1.92	21.96	78.46
Reference Index	5.91	5.04	-0.82	6.94	27.05	76.09
Active return	-0.01	-0.67	-0.62	-8.86	-5.09	2.37
Calendar Year		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund (Z-shares)		-9.26	26.04	-2.48	17.37	-0.87
Reference Index		-3.32	25.13	-9.49	15.83	8.59
Rolling 12 Months		30.04.15	30.04.16	30.04.17	30.04.18	30.04.19
		30.04.16	30.04.17	30.04.18	30.04.19	30.04.20
Fund (Z-shares)		-16.28	15.70	6.45	-5.21	-21.20
Reference Index		-12.05	16.67	2.43	4.61	-11.58
Peer Group		-12.11	16.57	2.65	-1.66	-18.75
		30.04.20	30.04.21	30.04.22	30.04.23	30.04.24
		30.04.21	30.04.22	30.04.23	30.04.24	30.04.25
Fund (Z-shares)		35.12	8.29	9.36	13.70	-1.92
Reference Index		30.16	6.48	7.06	10.98	6.94

Source fund/sector: Morningstar as of 30 April 2025

Peer Group

Source index: RIMES as at 30 April 2025, on a total return basis in EUR

Peer Group: Morningstar Category EAA Fund Europe Large-Cap Value Equity

33.97

4.34

5.37

11.91

8.03

¹Fund returns are inclusive of gross income re-invested and net of the ongoing charge and portfolio transaction costs, cumulative, in fund currency. The figures do not reflect the entry charge payable by individual investors. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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