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IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund

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| Performance | 1 month (%) | Q3 2025 (%) | 1 year (%) | 3 years p.a. (%) | 5 years p.a. (%) |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund ¹ (net of fees) | 2.84 | 6.86 | 11.95 | 14.05 | 13.32 |
| MSCI World Index ² | 2.82 | 7.17 | 11.37 | 16.44 | 14.37 |

Source: IQ EQ Fund Management (Ireland) limited (IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund Class A Acc EUR) as at 30 September 2025

¹The IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund is a UCITS fund and was launched on 1 December 2010. On 1 May 2024 the Fund name was changed from Global Equity Income Fund to IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund.

²The MSCI World Index shown above does not include fees or operating expenses and you cannot invest in it. The MSCI World Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. With 1,650 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

Fund overview

The aim of the IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth through investment in companies which expect to generate a higher-than-average dividend yield. The Fund targets a dividend yield 1% greater than the market dividend yield. The concept is that dividends are the foundation of total returns over the long term.

Market comment

Equity markets continued to rally through the third quarter, recovering from the lows made in April following the US administration's "reciprocal tariffs" announcement. Progress was relatively steady and driven by the US market, which made new all-time highs in the quarter. After a torrid Q1, large-cap technology shares recovered through to Q3 driving

the main indices higher – the so-called "Magnificent 7" were responsible for 52% of the total return of the MSCI World Index (net), which rose by 7.17%. The move took the year-to-date return to 3.49%.

The Q2 earnings reporting season, which got underway in July, produced some impressive returns from companies associated with the development and implementation of Artificial Intelligence ("AI"), regardless of the large amounts of money that the companies are investing in this area. Companies such as Microsoft and Meta exceeded investor expectations during the quarter and announced significant increases in investment spending to capitalise on AI opportunities. In the Communications Services sector, Google parent Alphabet was responsible for the entire performance of that sector as the shares rose by over 40% during the period. Half of that move was attributed to a court decision which ruled that the company does not have to sell

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The Consumer Staples sector, which includes food, beverage and household goods makers, was the only sector to register a negative return during the quarter. The sector has been out of favour in recent years as investors have sought growth from sectors such as Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary, and as raw materials inflation has eroded margins.

Fund performance

The IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund returned 6.86% in the guarter, compared with the MSCI World Index, which returned 7.17%. Stock Selection and Currency were positive contributors during the period, while Sector Allocation detracted from relative performance. Stock Selection was aided by strong performances from stocks such as Corning and TSMC. Within Asset Allocation, the main detractors were the overweight positions in the Industrials and Consumer Staples sectors and underweights in Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors. The foreign currency effect was minor during the quarter as the main currency pairs were broadly unchanged during the quarter.

The *top five equity contributors* to relative performance during the quarter were: Corning Inc., Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Cummins Inc., ABB Ltd., and Intel Corp.

The **bottom five equity detractors** from relative performance during the quarter were: Relx plc, Waste Management Inc., Paychex Inc., Nintendo Co. Ltd., and Vinci S.A.

Corning Inc. ("Corning") is a global technology-based company producing optical fibre, cable, and photonic components for the telecommunications industry, as well as manufacturing glass panels, liquid crystal display glass, and projection video lens assemblies for the information display industry. The share was among the best performers in the portfolio in the third quarter. Corning's share price has been making a consistent recovery from the post-tariff malaise in April. Late in July, the company issued an earnings report which showed

that it has several secular opportunities that outweigh the cyclical exposures which manufacturing companies face. Encouragingly, like many technology-exposed peers, Corning cited strong demand in its optical division from AI-related business. The company also noted strong demand in general for US-made components and equipment in light of the new tariff regime - it should be a beneficiary of this trend. Meanwhile, Corning is executing on its strategic plan ("Springboard"), which had aimed to get operating margins to 20%, well ahead of schedule.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. ("TSMC") was a leading contributor to performance during the third quarter. The company's recent earnings reports have generally surprised investors positively, showing continued momentum, particularly in the AI and High-Powered Computing ("HPC") divisions. TSMC leads the world in the production of the high-powered chips that are required for the deployment of AI systems. Revenue and margin guidance has exceeded expectations, confirming that TSMC is in a very strong position to benefit from the global demand for AI semiconductors. Despite some concerns about tariffs and restrictions on the sale of semiconductors to China in recent months, the company confirmed that its investment plans were unchanged. TSMC is a high-quality company with excellent sustainability credentials operating with an exceptionally strong competitive moat. That strength allows the company to pay out 70% of free cash flow to investors in dividends every year.

RELX plc ("Relx") develops information-based analytics and decision tools for professional and business customers in the Risk, Scientific, Technical & Medical ("STM"), Legal and Exhibitions sectors. The Risk business helps detect and prevent online fraud and money laundering, and delivers insight to insurance companies, among others. STM helps researchers and healthcare professionals improve health outcomes by combining high-quality scientific and medical information and trusted data sets with technology solutions. In legal, Relx owns LexisNexis, the go-to database for legal professionals worldwide. The company's exhibitions business, RX, is second only to Informa in that space. As Al-related shares have surged in the past 12 months, investors have also been looking for companies at risk from the deployment

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of AI tools. With its large databases of information and tools that analyse that information, investors are concerned about startups dis-intermediating companies such as Relx. However, the company's chief selling point is the quality control, peer reviewing and trust associated with its brands, and the tools it provides to professionals. Meanwhile, Relx produced an impressive set of H1 2025 results with solid growth and margins improvements across the board.

Waste Management Inc. ("WMI") is a leading waste collection, disposal, and recycling company based in the US. The company also operates the largest landfill network in North America. In Q3, WMI was a detractor from the Fund's performance after having been a strong performer in Q1. The company's Q2 earnings beat expectations for adjusted EBITDA, but revenues and EPS disappointed somewhat. However, the company's earnings guidance remains in line with our expectations. WMI is immune from the tariff issues that are impacting other companies, and it is wellpositioned for growth going forward. Acquisition activity is high for WMI, with the Healthcare Solutions segment (formerly Stericycle, acquired in 2024) on track for run-rate synergies of \$250mn by 2027. In addition, the company has made notable investments in its Recycling and Renewable Energy segments. WMI aims to own and operate 39 new or automated recycling facilities by 2026. The company presents sustainability and Healthcare Solutions as growth drivers into the future. We regard the company's growth potential as attractive against the backdrop of an uncertain macroeconomic environment. WMI has increased its dividend consistently over the past 20 years.

Sample portfolio transactions

There were no significant transactions during the quarter.



Calendar year performance

| Index / Stocks | 2024 (%) | 2023 (%) | 2022 (%) | 2021 (%) | 2020 (%) |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| IQ EQ Global Equity Income Fund (Net of fees) (EUR) | 19.1 | 9.3 | -2.8 | 27.5 | -4.2 |
| MSCI World Index (EUR) | 26.6 | 19.6 | -12.8 | 31.1 | 6.3 |
| ABB plc | 34.3 | 36.7 | -14.4 | 45.2 | 10.8 |
| Corning Inc. | 60.6 | -1.2 | -11.6 | 5.9 | 27.7 |
| Cummins Inc. | 48.9 | 1.7 | 14.1 | -1.7 | 30.5 |
| Intel Corp. | -59.6 | 94.6 | -46.7 | 6.0 | -14.7 |
| Nintendo Co. Ltd. | 28.4 | 38.0 | 6.5 | -15.7 | 54.7 |
| Paychex Inc. | 21.3 | 6.2 | -13.2 | 50.2 | 13.2 |
| Relx plc | 18.8 | 38.9 | -2.7 | 37.3 | -3.4 |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. | 92.6 | 42.3 | -36.8 | 12.1 | 92.7 |
| Vinci S.A. | -8.7 | 26.5 | 3.9 | 17.7 | -16.6 |
| Waste Management Inc. | 14.3 | 16.2 | -4.5 | 43.8 | 5.5 |

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