

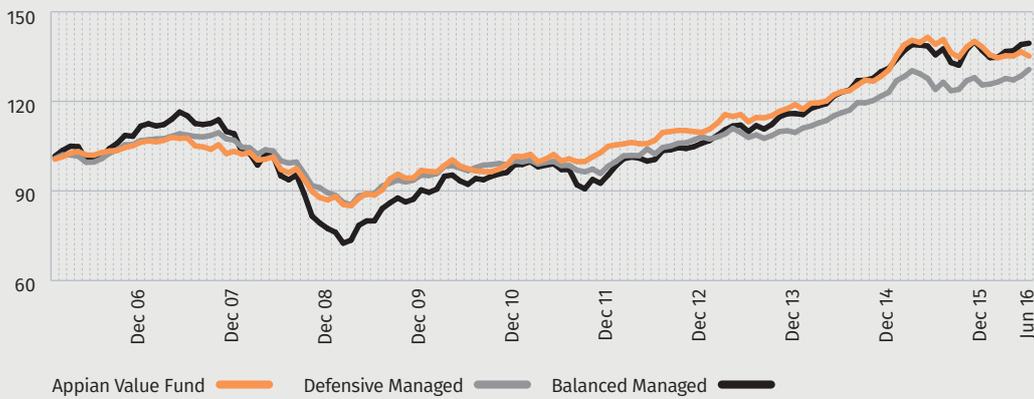
# Appian Value Fund Fact Sheet

JUNE 2016

## About Appian Asset Management

**A**ppian is an independent Irish owned asset management company. Since our establishment in 2003 our investment philosophy has been to achieve solid investment growth with the minimum of risk and volatility. Our objective is to preserve and grow capital through value investing on a sustainable, risk adjusted basis. We ignore investment fashions and do not leverage any of our investments.

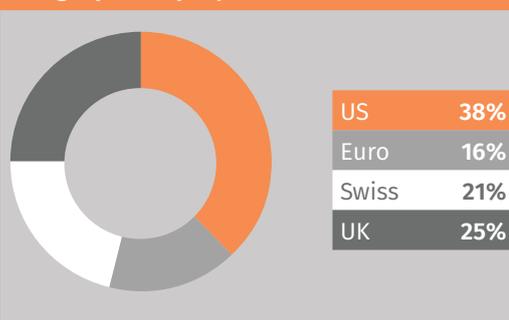
### Performance of Appian Value Fund



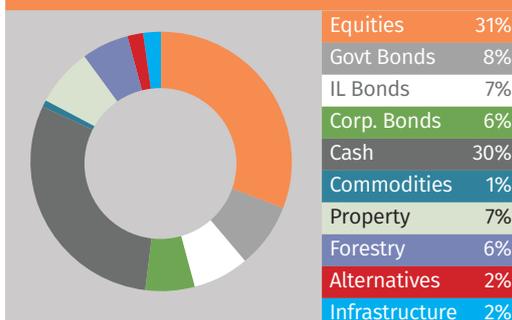
### Appian Value Fund Performance 30.06.2016

Period	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 YTD
Fund Return	-15.80%	11.40%	4.87%	3.30%	4.44%	8.49%	9.72%	5.94%	-2.24%

### Geographic Equity Distribution



### Asset Allocation



## Investment Team

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## Key Features

- Multi-asset Fund
- Dynamic asset allocation
- Active stock selection
- No entry, exit or performance fees
- Low Volatility
- Sustainable Long Term Returns
- Independent Trustee Custodian and Administrator

## Appian Value Fund Review Quarter 2 2016

For financial markets, the second quarter of 2016 will stand out for the impact felt from the UK referendum on EU membership. We witnessed significant volatility across asset classes including equities, bonds and currencies within a relatively short period. The Appian Value fund over the quarter as a whole, was broadly flat with a decline of 0.09%, reflecting its broad diversification across asset classes.

Financial markets were quite subdued in the earlier part of the quarter. Globally, we saw some downward revisions to economic growth forecasts from groups such as the IMF, but little else by way of major negative news to unnerve equity markets. In the face of this softer global growth profile, investors felt it less likely that the US Central Bank would move to increase interest rates and relatively weak jobs growth in the US in May reinforced this. In Eurozone the ECB continues to be accommodating with low interest rates and its bond buying programme, to support the economy. The “Brexit” result came as a significant surprise to markets and Sterling and domestic UK stocks bore the brunt of the reaction. This brings another source of uncertainty to financial markets as the process continues.

Among our equities, our holding in Stryker the US manufacturer of medical devices, including hip and knee replacement systems, performed well, up 12%, on the back of good results and solid demand forecasts for the rest of the year. The fund also benefitted from good performance, over 15%, from our position in GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). First quarter numbers for GSK were boosted by strong performance in vaccines and management guided for continued earnings growth in 2016. The stock also offers a very attractive dividend yield. We did see some weakness in some of our holdings in the quarter, for example. Microsoft, one of our larger holdings, declined close to 7% in the quarter reflecting some weakness in legacy products. We continue to see solid potential in the company and its strategy of transitioning its business to be more “cloud-based”.

Our bond holdings continue to perform well as the impact of the ECB’s buying programme pushes prices higher and yields lower. We do however feel that government bond yields are extremely low at these levels.

The fund also benefitted from solid performance from our other diversified assets such as property and forestry which rose 2.4% and 0.9% respectively in the quarter.

Financial market uncertainty may well persist over the summer but the highly diversified nature of the Appian Value Fund coupled with its significant cash holdings will, we believe, enable it to navigate through any stormy waters.

Top 5 Equity Holdings 30.06.2016			
Name	Country	Sector	%
Nestle	Swiss	Food	2.26%
Microsoft	US	Technology	1.74%
Wells Frago	US	Financial Services	1.63%
Unilever	Eurozone	Consumer	1.46%
Oracle Corp	US	Technology	1.36%

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## Fund Facts

### LAUNCH DATE

**November 2005**

### NAME

**Appian Value Fund**

### FUND SIZE

**€165 million**

### PRICING FREQUENCY

**Monthly**

### PRICING BASIS

**Single Price**

### ANNUAL MANAGEMENT CHARGE

**1.5% p.a.**

### RISK MEASURE

**Target volatility 4%-8% on a rolling basis over the last two years**

### FUND CUSTODIAN

**BNP Paribas Securities Services**

### STRUCTURE

**Retail Investor Alternative Investment Fund**

**WARNING** The value of your investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. These investments may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.