



## **Quest Cleantech Fund C**

Enabling a cleaner and more efficient use of our natural resources

Monthly Portfolio Update as of 31 March 2023

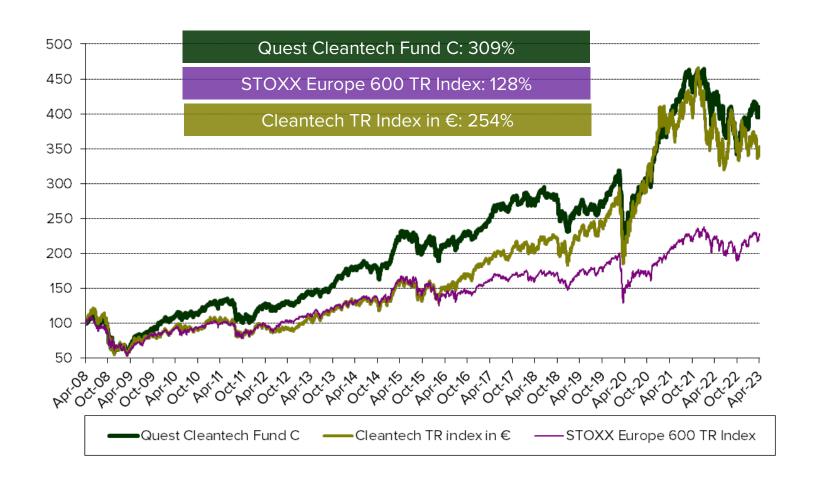




Comment on last month's developments

- Stocks declined strongly in the first half of March but recovered at the end of the month. Quest Cleantech Fund lost 0.6% in March.
- YTD performance +8.4% for Quest Cleantech Fund vs +8.4% for the STOXX Europe 600 return index and +6.1% for the STOXX Europe Small 200 return index.
- Andritz was up 10% in March thanks to strong results, while Gurit (-16%) was down most in the portfolio after forecasting another difficult year in 2023.
- In the first quarter of 2023, Melexis (+31%) and construction related stocks Steico, Kingspan and Lindab (all +25%) were the best performing in the portfolio, while Nabaltec (-15%) and Umicore (-9%) declined most.

Since launch, until end of month













Compared to indices

							since
	last	2023		3 year	5 year	10 year	inception
31-Mar-23	month	YTD	1 year	p.a.	p.a.	p.a.	p.a.
Quest Cleantech Fund C	-0,6%	8,4%	-3,4%	20,8%	8,4%	10,9%	9,8%
STOXX Europe 600 TR Index	-0,3%	8,4%	3,1%	15,3%	7,0%	7,3%	5,6%
STOXX Europe Small 200 TR Index	-3,3%	6,1%	-9,9%	12,1%	3,7%	7,2%	6,2%
Cleantech TR Index in EUR	-1,8%	2,6%	-9,5%	19,1%	11,6%	12,4%	8,8%
FTSE ET 50 Index TR EUR	0,4%	12,1%	-10,1%	26,8%	17,0%	14,6%	6,7%





Attribution 2023 YTD

TOP POSITIVE CONTRIB	UTIONS	TOP NEGATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS					
Stock	Contrib.%	Stock	Contrib.%				
1 Melexis NV	1,8	1 Nabaltec AG	-0,5				
2 Aalberts N.V.	1,1	2 Umicore	-0,2				
3 Kingspan Group Plc	1,0	3 DEME Group NV	-0,2				
4 ANDRITZ AG	0,8	4 Gurit Holding AG	-0,1				
5 STEICO SE	0,7	5 Nederman Holding AB	-0,1				



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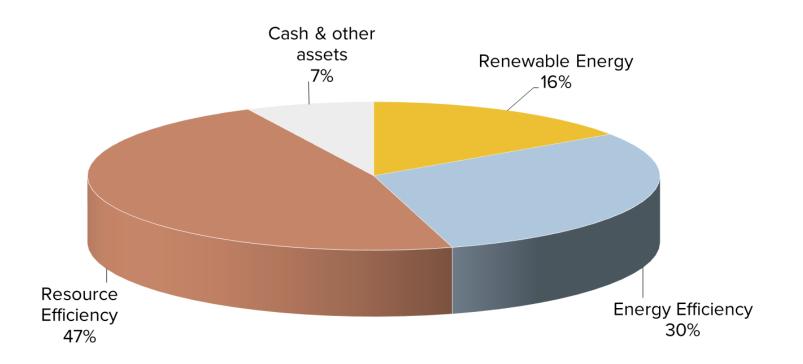
- The portfolio weighting of Aixtron was somewhat reduced in the beginning of March, following a strong rally of the stock.
- Umicore was bought. The stock price declined in the last months and the portfolio weighting was low. After the purchases, the weighting in the portfolio increased to a bit more than 3%.
- Also some DEME shares were bought on weakness of the stock price.
- Total assets of Quest Cleantech Fund were approximately 207 million euro at the end of the month, compared to 193 million euro at the end of 2022.





## **Portfolio**

Segments

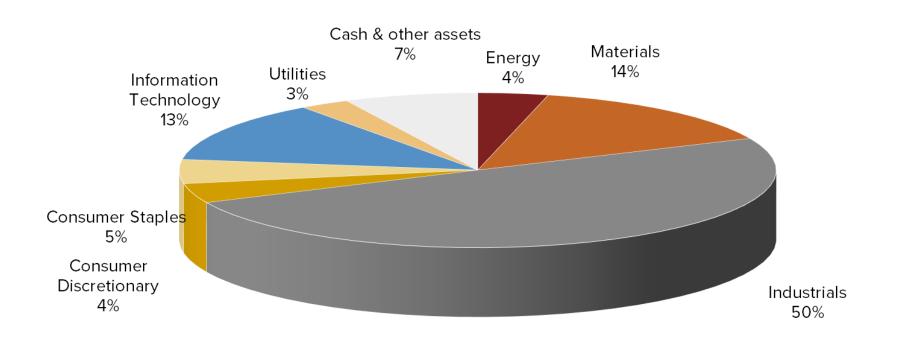






## **Portfolio**

**GICS Sectors** 

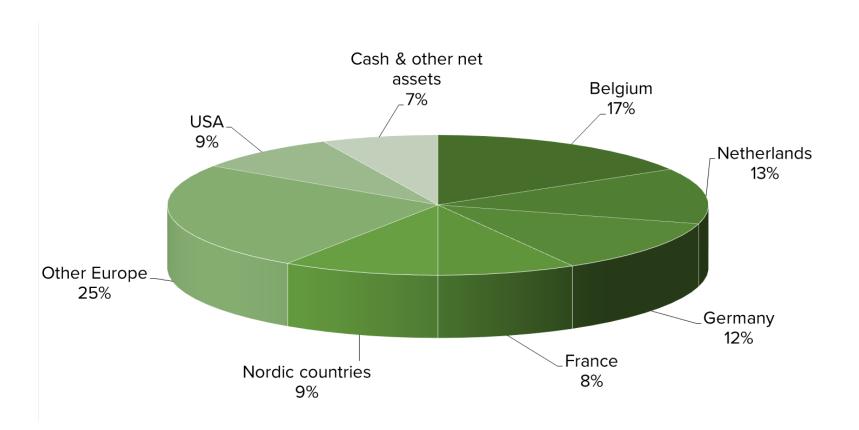






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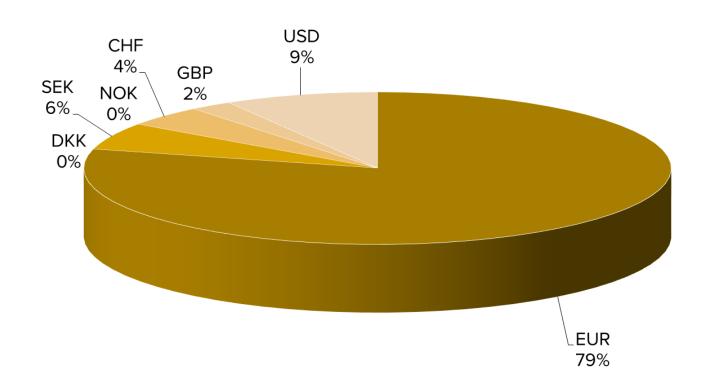
#### Geographical spread







#### Currencies



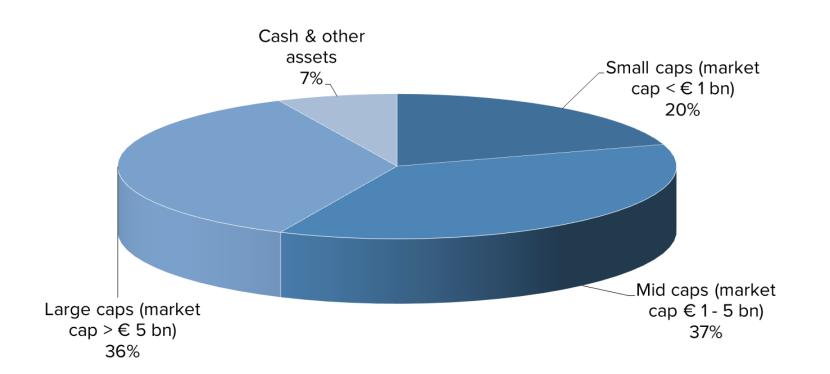






## **Portfolio**

Market caps





#### Characteristics

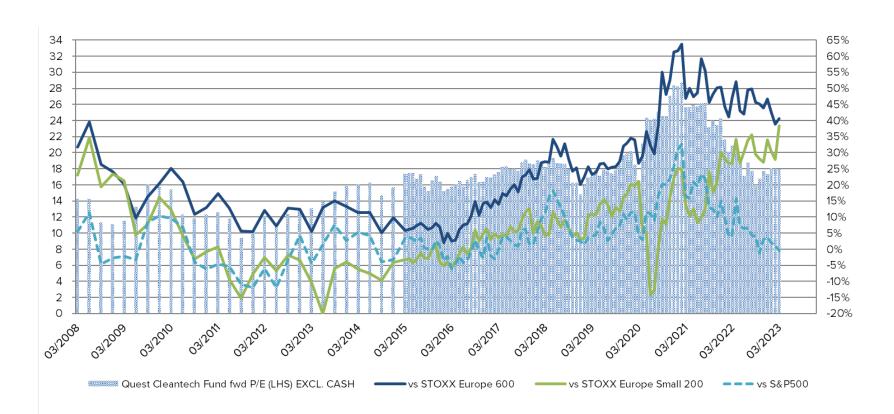
	Quest Cleantech Fund	STOXX Europe 600	STOXX Europe Small 200
Forward P/E (NTM)	17,9	12,7	13,0
Relative P/E vs STOXX Europe 600	1,41		1,02
EPS growth 2018/23	10%	10%	11%
Revision EPS NTM (6 months)	0%	-2%	4%
FCF yield NTM	5,0%		
ROE NTM	19%	13%	10%
Net debt/EBITDA NTM	0,6x		
Avg. weighted market cap. (m€)	9 933		
Median market cap. (m€)	3 540		
Cash & other net assets	7,0%		
# stocks	25		
Average holding period (years)	5,5		







#### Valuation









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# **Portfolio**

Significant transactions H1 2023

	. IN	OUT	INCREASE	REDUCTION
			DEME	ABO Wind
JANUARY				Waste Management
FEBRUARY			Aixtron	ABO Wind Aalberts
MARCH			Umicore DEME	Aixtron







### Top 10 holdings

company	country	activity	segment	portfolio entry	% NAV 31/03/23
Melexis	Belgium	automotive sensors / lcs	energy efficiency	2011	6,6%
Aalberts	Netherlands	flow control systems	resource efficiency	2014	5,4%
Kerry Group	Ireland	taste & nutrition technologies	resource efficiency	2015	5,1%
Arcadis	Netherlands	engineering consultancy	resource efficiency	2020	4,8%
Mayr-MeInhof	Austria	cartonboard from recycled paper	resource efficiency	2010	4,7%
Waste Management	USA	waste management services	resource efficiency	2018	4,7%
Legrand	France	electrical infrastructure	energy efficiency	2021	4,5%
Kingspan	Ireland	insulation materials and products	energy efficiency	2016	4,4%
Andritz	Austria	plant engineering	renewable energy	2008	4,2%
LKQ	USA	Recycled and aftermarket auto parts	resource efficiency	2021	4,0%





### Segments and geographical allocation

Equities Cash & other net assets # stocks	93,0% 7,0% 25			Netherlands 12,8%		Germany 12,4%		France 8,3%		Nordic countries 9,4%	Other Europe 25,0%		USA 8,7%	
Renewable Ener	rgy	DEME	3,5%			ABO Wind	2,9%		Ne			2% 5%		
Energy Efficiend		Melexis	6,6%	Signify	2,7%	Aixtron Steico	3,9%		% Lin			4% 7%		
Resource Efficie 46,8%	ncy	Jensen-Group Umicore		Aalberts Arcadis	5,4% 4,8%		2,5%	Thermador 3,8	% Ne	ŕ	Kerry Group 5	3% W ,1% L! 7%	Vaste Managem KQ	4,7%

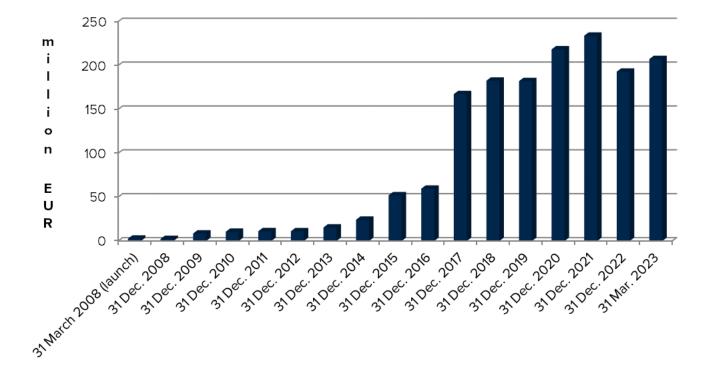








Evolution of total assets





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