



# Flossbach von Storch - Der erste Schritt - R<sup>2</sup>

Flossbach von Storch investment sub-fund under Luxembourg law (mutual fund) and authorised for distribution in Portugal.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Flossbach von Storch – Der erste Schritt fund is a globally diversified, defensive balanced fund with an active investment approach. The fund is flexible enough to take advantage of opportunities arising from the entire bond market and, to a limited extent, from the equity market. The goal is to generate as stable earnings as possible over time. The focus of the fund is on government bonds, covered bonds and corporate bonds, as well as equities, whose quota is limited to a maximum of 15 per cent. Foreign currency risks are largely hedged. Securities are selected as part of a fundamental analysis process. Fund managers Frank Lipowski and Elmar Peters rely on research tools developed in-house. The sub-fund is actively managed. The fund manager determines, regularly reviews and, if necessary, adjusts the composition of the portfolio exclusively in accordance with the criteria specified in the investment policy. The sub-fund is not managed in reference to a index. For detailed information on the objectives and investment policy, please refer to the most recent sales prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

## PERFORMANCE IN EUR SINCE 1 OCTOBER 2013 (In %)



Return on investment may only be obtained if the investment was made for the entire reference period.

## ACCUMULATED PERFORMANCE IN EUR (IN %)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	YTD 2020
Funds	-0.42 %	+3.33 %	+1.76 %	-3.73 %	+6.73 %	+0.02 %

Source: Depository and SIX Financial Information, status: 31.01.20

## EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING PERFORMANCE

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** Performance is calculated based on the net asset value (NAV). The subscription fee, as well as other fees, are not taken into account and therefore have a negative effect on the performance of the investment. Example calculation (subscription fee included): An investor wishes to buy shares with capital of €1,000. Based on a maximum subscription fee of 5%, €50 will be deducted from their investment as a one off initial charge. In addition, custody fees may be applied.

**Please refer to the cost details presented in this document to determine the maximum subscription fee for the share class of the sub-fund.**

The reference index is merely informative. It does not constitute any obligation to track the index or achieve the same performance for the fund manager.

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## FUND DETAILS

ISIN	LU0952573136
Bloomberg code	FVSBTRR LX
Domicile	Luxembourg
Share class	R
Fund currency	EUR
Launch date	1 October 2013
Financial year end	30 September
Income utilisation	Distribution
Authorised for distribution	AT, CH, DE, ES, LU, PT
Fund type	UCITS / FCP
Fund assets	297.64 million EUR
Redemption price	110.90 EUR
Minimum initial investment	none
Minimum subsequent investment	none
Costs <sup>1</sup>	
Ongoing charges	0.96 %
which includes a management fee of	0.83 % p.a.
Performance fee	none
Redemption fee	0.00 %
Exchange commission	up to 1.00 % (based on the unit value of the units to be purchased for the benefit of the relevant distributor)
Subscription fee	up to 1.00 %

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Flossbach von Storch Invest S.A.  
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## DEPOSITARY

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the management fee, the fund is charged further costs such as transfer agent fees, transaction costs, and various other charges. Further information about ongoing and one-off costs can be found in the key investor information document (KIID), the sales prospectus, and the most recent annual report.

<sup>2</sup> As of 24 January 2018, the sub-fund "Flossbach von Storch - Bond Total Return" has been renamed "Flossbach von Storch - Der erste Schritt". Simultaneously, the investment strategy has changed.



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## TOP 10 GUARANTORS (IN %)

1. North Rhine-Westphalia	3.37 %
2. Japan	3.18 %
3. European Financial Stability F	2.78 %
4. European Investment Bank (EIB)	2.67 %
5. Allianz SE	2.42 %
6. State of Hesse	2.42 %
7. Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	2.24 %
8. Europäischer Stabilitätsmechanismus	2.23 %
9. DZ Privatbank SA	2.21 %
10. SpareBank 1 Boligkreditt AS	2.16 %
	25.68 %

Source: Depository and Flossbach von Storch, status: 31.01.20

## TOP 10 SECTORS FOR EQUITIES (AS % SOLELY RELATING TO THE EQUITY PORTION)

1. Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	21.74 %
2. Household & Personal Products	17.20 %
3. Materials	14.41 %
4. Telecommunication Services	10.75 %
5. Capital Goods	9.32 %
6. Technology Hardware & Equipment	7.64 %
7. Real Estate	6.96 %
8. Food, Beverage & Tobacco	6.12 %
9. Insurance	5.85 %

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## KEY FUND FIGURES

Yield to maturity	0.00 %
Duration	3.35 years
Average dividend yield	3.23

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## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

Global stock markets were relatively mixed in January 2020 following the record year in 2019. While the major US indices continued to climb, their European counterparts recorded a small drop. The Iran crisis at the beginning of the month was quickly forgotten. The outbreak of the coronavirus in China, on the other hand, could potentially cause uncertainty for a longer period of time. So far, however, the effects on global growth prospects and, therefore, long-term investment strategies appear to be of little concern. The monetary policy of the major central banks is, and for the moment will remain, far more important. Their meetings at the beginning of year made it clear once again that a more restrictive interest-rate policy should not be expected in the foreseeable future. The yields on good-quality bonds fell strongly. The price of the Fund remained unchanged in net terms in this environment. We made the following portfolio adjustments, among others, during the reporting period. In the equities area, new positions were created for BASF, Bayer, Siemens and Morphosys shares. The equity allocation rose 1.9 percentage points in net terms to 9.4 %. In the bond area, we increased the duration of the portfolio slightly by replacing short-maturity corporate bonds from SAP, JP Morgan and Stryker with medium-maturity bonds from state-affiliated issuers (Rentenbank, for example). Due to the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, demand for German Bunds as a "safe haven" remains particularly high. We therefore replaced part of our short position in Bund futures, which we use for duration management, at the middle of the month. We are generally maintaining our defensive risk position in the bond area by continuing to hold good to very good quality bonds and keeping duration between 3 to 3.5 years. The cash position rose to 8.4 % during the course of the month.

## CREDIT RATING FOR BONDS (IN %)

AAA	47.46 %
AA	28.21 %
A	18.01 %
BBB	6.31 %

Source: Depository and Flossbach von Storch, status: 31.01.20

A simplified ratings scorecard is used when determining the rating. Trends (+/-) are not taken into account in this process. Convertibles are not considered.

## ASSET ALLOCATION (IN %)



- 28.59 % Covered Bonds
- 27.25 % Government bonds
- 26.82 % Corporate bonds
- 9.41 % Equities
- 8.38 % Cash
- 0.45 % Other (incl. derivatives)

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## FUND MANAGER



### Wilhelm Wildschütz

- » Portfolio Manager & Analyst at Flossbach von Storch AG since 2018
- » Division Head of Treasury & Trading at Bankhaus Lampe (2005 – 2018)
- » Derivatives Trader at IKB Deutsche Industriebank (1998 – 2005)
- » Securities Trader at Spütz and Commerzbank
- » Studied Financial Management at Fernuniversität Hagen and graduated from the University of Wales with a Master of Business Administration (MBA)



### Elmar Peters

- » Co-management of the Multi-Asset Team since April 2016
- » Head of Institutional Asset Management and Senior Portfolio Manager at Flossbach von Storch AG (2010–2016)
- » Support and management of equity mandates for institutional clients at Bankhaus Lampe KG in Düsseldorf (2001–2010)
- » Securities Trader and Investment Adviser at Commerzbank AG in Düsseldorf (1993–2001)
- » Investment Adviser and Bank Trainee at Bankhaus Delbrück & Co. in Aachen/Cologne (1988–1993)



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## OPPORTUNITIES

- + Participate in global bond market growth.
- + Income can be generated from regular interest payments.
- + Active interest rate, currency and risk management (e.g. from the use of derivatives).
- + Risk is broadly diversified by investing in a range of asset classes (e.g. equities, bonds, convertible bonds etc.) Market potential can be exploited by investing across a wide range.

## RISKS

- The securities in which the Management Company invests the sub-fund assets present opportunities for gain but also the possibility of risk. If a sub-fund invests directly or indirectly in securities and other assets, it is subject to many general trends and tendencies, which are sometimes attributable to irrational factors on the markets particularly on the securities markets. Losses can occur when the market value of the assets decreases as against the cost price. If a unitholder sells units of the sub-fund at a time at which the value of assets in the sub-fund has decreased compared with the time of the unit purchase, he will not receive the full amount he has invested in the sub-fund. Despite the fact that each sub-fund aspires constant growth, this cannot be guaranteed.
- Country, credit and issuer liquidity risk. Also potential exchange rate risks. If securities are illiquid (i.e. thinly traded), there is a risk that it may either not be possible to sell the assets at all or only by accepting a significant discount on the sale price.
- Investing in bonds may entail price risks, especially in case of rising interest rates on the capital markets.
- Where used, derivatives can have a greater negative impact on the fund value than would be the case if the assets were acquired directly. This can affect the fund's risk profile and volatility (tendency for the price to fluctuate).

Please read the Prospectus and particularly the RISK WARNINGS section and the specific annex of the subfund to understand the risks and benefits of this product.

The Risk and Return profil of this sub-fund is included on page 3 of this factsheet.

## GLOSSARY

### Yield to maturity (YTM)

Yield on a bond held until maturity, taking into account interest payments and any differences between the issue price and the redemption amount.

### Duration

Indicates how long capital invested is bound in a bond. It is shorter than the maturity of a bond since regular interests paid out to investors, are considered. For Zero-Bonds, duration and maturity is the same. Interests are due at maturity date.

### Average dividend yield

Ratio of dividend to share price. It is shown as a per cent and provides information about how a share bears interest.

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## INVESTOR PROFILE

### CONSERVATIVE:

The fund is appropriate for conservative investors. Due to the composition of the net sub-fund assets, there is a moderate degree of risk but also a moderate degree of profit potential. The risks may consist in particular of currency risk, credit risk and price risk, as well as market interest rate risks.

### INVESTMENT HORIZONT:

Medium-term: 3 to 5 years

## RISK/RETURN PROFILE

Low risk ← → High risk  
 Potentially low revenue Potentially high revenue

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The historical data used for calculating the synthetic indicator is not a reliable indication of the future risk and reward profile of the share class. The category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. Even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment. This share class has been placed in the aforementioned risk class because its unit price is subject to little to medium fluctuation, therefore the profit potential and loss exposure may be low to moderate. Because of the calculation model used, all risks may not be taken into consideration when placing the share class in a risk class. Detailed information can be found in the section entitled "Risks" of the prospectus.



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The latest net asset value (NAV) of the fund can be obtained from the management company's website.

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