



## Key investor information

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# American Franchise Fund

A sub-fund of Ninety One Funds Series ii  
managed by Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited

Class A Accumulation shares portfolio hedged  
(AC) in sterling  
ISIN: GB00B3XFGN71

### Objectives and investment policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in the shares of US companies or companies which carry out a large proportion of their business activities in the US.

The Fund focuses investment on companies deemed by the Investment Manager to be of high quality i.e. companies which have provided sustainably high levels of return on invested capital and free cash flow (a company's cash earnings after its capital expenditures have been accounted for), typically those associated with strong brands or franchises.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Investment Manager uses a currency hedging strategy (an investment technique which aims to protect the value of an investment against currency movements) that looks-through to the portfolio's investments and aims to reduce exchange rate risk for investments priced in currencies other than the currency of the share class.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund uses the S&P 500 Net Return (Hedged to GBP) Index for performance comparison.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It will generally hold assets that are components of the index, but not in the same proportions, and it is allowed to hold assets which are not components of the index. The assets of the Fund therefore may be very different from the index.

The Investment Association North America Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

Any income due from your investment is reflected in the value of your shares rather than being paid out.

You can buy or sell shares in the Fund on any Dealing Day in the UK, as defined in the definitions section of the Ninety One Funds Series Omnibus prospectus.

Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within the short to medium term.

### Risk and reward profile



This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.

The value of your investment and any income from it can fall as well as rise and you are not certain of making profits; losses may be made.

The Fund appears towards the middle of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because it invests in the shares of companies, whose values tend to fluctuate more widely.

**Risks that may not be fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:**

**Concentrated portfolio:** The portfolio invests in a relatively small number of individual holdings. This may mean wider fluctuations in value than more broadly invested portfolios.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives is not intended to increase the overall level of risk. However, the use of derivatives may still lead to large changes in value and includes the potential for large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Equity investment:** The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

**Geographic / Sector:** Investments may be primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors. This may mean that the resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

**Portfolio Currency Hedging:** Portfolio currency hedging aims to protect investors from a decline in the value of the primary currencies of the underlying investments, and investors may not benefit from an increase in the value of those currencies against the value of the share class currency. Where the underlying investments are denominated in currencies where the hedging costs are higher, for instance in emerging market currencies, the hedged returns can be significantly lower than the local currency returns. There can be no assurance that hedging strategies will be successful and such hedging can positively or negatively impact investors by inaccuracies in the operation of the hedge.

The full list of the Fund's risks are contained in the appendices of the Ninety One Funds Series omnibus prospectus.

Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment. The entry charge shown is the most you might pay, in some cases you might pay less. You can find out actual entry charges from your financial adviser.

The ongoing charges figure shown here is an estimate of the charges, as there has been a change to the charging structure. The Fund's annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made. The figure excludes any performance fee and portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry or exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another fund. Ongoing charges may vary from year to year.

For more information about charges, please see section 7 of the Ninety One Funds Series omnibus prospectus.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry charge	0%
Exit charge	None

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing charge	1.59%
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Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

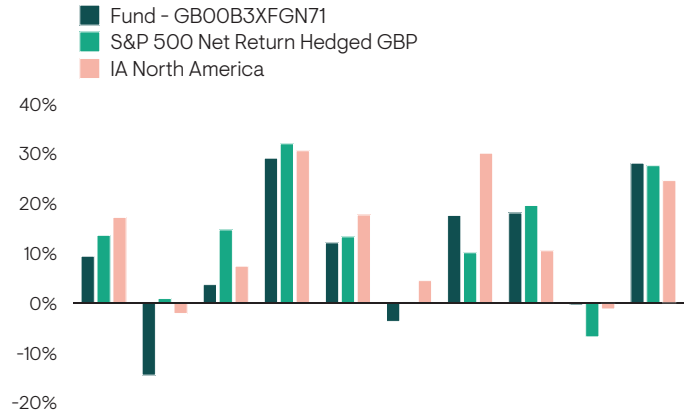
Performance fee	None
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Past performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your investment and income from it may go down as well as up and you may not get back the amount you invested. The Fund does not track an index, any index shown is for illustrative purposes only.

The past performance shown in the chart takes account of all charges except the Fund's entry charge and the past performance is calculated in sterling.

The Fund was launched on 23 September 2002 and this share class on 7 May 2009.



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fund	9.4	-14.5	3.7	29.1	12.1	-3.7	17.6	18.1	-0.4	28.1
Index	13.6	0.9	14.7	32.0	13.3	0.3	10.1	19.6	-6.8	27.6
Sector	17.2	-2.1	7.4	30.6	17.7	4.5	30.1	10.5	-1.2	24.6

Practical information

The Fund's depositary is State Street Trustees Limited. The latest published prices for shares in the Fund are available on [www.ninetyone.com](http://www.ninetyone.com). Other share classes are available for this Fund as described in the Ninety One Funds Series omnibus prospectus. UK tax legislation may have an impact on your personal tax position.

The Fund is a sub-fund of Ninety One Funds Series ii. You may switch between other Ninety One Funds Series i, ii, iii or iv sub-funds or share classes of the same sub-fund at no extra charge (unless the other share class has a higher entry charge, in which case the difference may be payable). Details on switching are contained in section 3 of the Ninety One Funds Series omnibus prospectus. The assets of the Fund are ring-fenced and cannot be used to pay the debts of other Ninety One sub-funds in the same Ninety One Fund Series.

Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Ninety One Funds Series omnibus prospectus.

The latest remuneration policy relating to Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited is available free of charge on request from the address below or from: [www.ninetyone.com/remuneration](http://www.ninetyone.com/remuneration)

English language copies of the Ninety One Funds Series omnibus prospectus and Ninety One Funds Series ii latest annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge from Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited, 55 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7EL.

This Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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