INDEPENDENT
CAPITAL GROUP

ENERGY
CHAMPIONS FUND





ECF Factsheet

March 2025

Fund objectives

The fund aims to generate long term capital growth by primarily investing in equities from companies offering exposure to the energy market.

Fund facts

Investment manager
Independent Capital Group AG

Fund name
White Fleet II Energy Champions Fund

Legal status
Luxembourg SICAV with UCITS IV status

Base currency
USD

NAV calculation
Daily

Inception date
March 2014

Fund size
USD $22m

Custodian
Credit Suisse (Luxembourg) S.A.

Codes

Share classes

A1	USD, acc.	A2	USD, distri
B	*pending*	C	USD, acc.
I1	USD, acc.	I2	USD, distr.

Bloomberg ticker

A1	WFECHA1 LX Equity	A2	WFECHA2 LX Equity
B	*pending*	C	WFIECAU LX Equity
I1	WFECI1A LX Equity	I2	WFECI2D LX Equity

ISIN

A1	LU1018863792	A2	LU1018863875
B	*pending*	C	LU2786375498
I1	LU1092312823	I2	LU1092313045

Valor-Number

A1	23322792	A2	23322921
B	*pending*	C	133667381
I1	25025471	I2	25025474

Dealing & prices

Mgmt fee p.a.

A1	1.25%	A2	1.25%
B	1.50%	C	2.00%
I1	0.65%	I2	0.65%

Min Subscription

A1	USD $1m	A2	USD $1m
B	USD $0.5m	C	One share
I1	USD $5m	I2	USD $5m

Trading frequency
Daily

Performance since inception

Cumulative net performance in USD

	NAV 31.03.2025	March 28.02. - 31.03.2025	YTD	2 Years	4 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A1	59.3	4.6%	3.7%	4.1%	60.7%	209.9%	-12.7%
Class A2	49.4	4.6%	3.7%	4.1%	60.7%	210.0%	-12.8%
Class C*	86.4	4.6%	3.5%				
Class I1*	88.3	4.7%	3.9%	5.5%			
Class I2*	500.3	4.7%	3.9%	5.5%	64.9%	220.1%	-7.1%

**I2-Class since 12.9.2014, I1-Class since 01.12.2022, C-Class since 11.06.2024*

Monthly comment

Energy prices and equity markets have experienced a turbulent ride so far in 2025. Notably, and almost unnoticed amid the sweeping new import tariffs announced by President Trump, energy commodities have been excluded. Investors generally agree that energy companies are likely to be less impacted by tariffs, though consumers may bear the brunt of rising costs. This, in turn, adds to global economic uncertainty. As a result, despite relatively strong fundamentals in the oil and gas markets, poor macroeconomic sentiment continues to weigh on the sector. In particular, OPEC+'s decision to increase production amid an uncertain global economy was surprising to many market participants. However, potential supply disruptions due to secondary sanctions on Venezuela, Iran, and Russia could lead to a material tightening of balances for the rest of the year. On the supply side, top executives at major US shale firms have suggested that Permian oil production could peak as early as the end of this decade. While crude oil output in the region continues to rise, growth has slowed since 2022. The increasing gas-to-oil and water-to-oil ratios in the Permian indicate that some formations are reaching geological limits. A recent Dallas Fed survey found that shale producers require an average WTI price of $65/bl to sustain drilling activity. Meanwhile, US natural gas prices have surged by 80% YoY, driven by a combination of strong winter demand, tighter market conditions, and delays in new liquefaction projects. The upcoming launch of LNG Canada could help ease this pressure, but global LNG markets are expected to remain tight until at least 2026. Global oil and gas majors reported mixed 2024 results. While reserves increased slightly due to M&A, organic reserve replacement remains weak. The all-in reserve replacement ratio fell to 94%, exceeding 100% only twice in the past decade. Production growth remains constrained due to underinvestment and commitments to clean energy, leading to a decline in reserve life to a new low of 9.8 years. Capital discipline remains a priority, with ROCE declining from 16.9% in 2023 to 12.6% in 2024. Despite the decrease, these returns remain strong relative to previous cycles, reflecting the industry's focus on capital efficiency over aggressive growth.

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Financial statistics*

Number of holdings	25
Market cap	$34bn
P/E 2025E	7.8x
P/cash flow	3.5x
EV/EBITDA 2025E	3.5x
FCF yield 2025E	12.1%
Dividend yield	5.5%
Net debt/equity	35%

Operating statistics in boe*

Production	264 kboe/d
Cash costs	$17/boe
Reserve life (1P reserves)	11 years
Reserve valuation (EV/1P)	$13/boe
F&D organic costs 3yrs avg	$15/boe

Market cap. segmentation*

Small	< $3bn	20%
Mid	$3 - 50bn	62%
Large	> $50bn	18%

Top commodity exposure*

Crude & liquids	62%
Natural gas	38%

Top 5 country exposure (production)*

United States	40.4%
Canada	21.9%
Brazil	9.6%
Norway	9.5%
United Kingdom	3.0%

Top 5 holdings

Veren	5.2%
Equinor	4.9%
Ovinitiv	4.7%
Diamondback Energy	4.6%
Tourmaline Oil	4.6%

Transparency	ECF	O&G Universe
Scope 1 GHG/EVIC	238	361
Carbon footprint/EVIC	258	386
GHG intensity	350	374
Scope 3 GHG/EVIC	3'149	6'529
Hydrocarbon spills	100	109
Fatality rate	1.57%	1.67%
Women on board	33%	28%
Independent board	78%	68%
Sustainalytics Rating	60.4	51.7

More information and details see ESG Quarterly Report

The ECF is the first fund in Switzerland and the first energy fund globally to have received South Pole Carbon's label as a "Climate Impact Transparent Investment"

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Why commodities

Commodities have been key in the economic development of the world. Urban population is expected to grow globally from 52% to 66% by 2050. Urbanisation drives per capita wealth increase and with it the demand for natural resources. Middle class expands on a global basis, more than doubling by 2030 to reach >5 billion people. India and China show the largest increases with each reaching more than 1 billion middle-class citizens, China alone has the potential for 250 million people to urbanise in the next 10 years. By 2030, global middle-class consumption is expected to be more than $63 trillion vs $35 trillion in 2015. Demand for commodities reamins continual, while they are becoming scarcer.

Why natural resource equities and the Industrial Metals Champions Fund

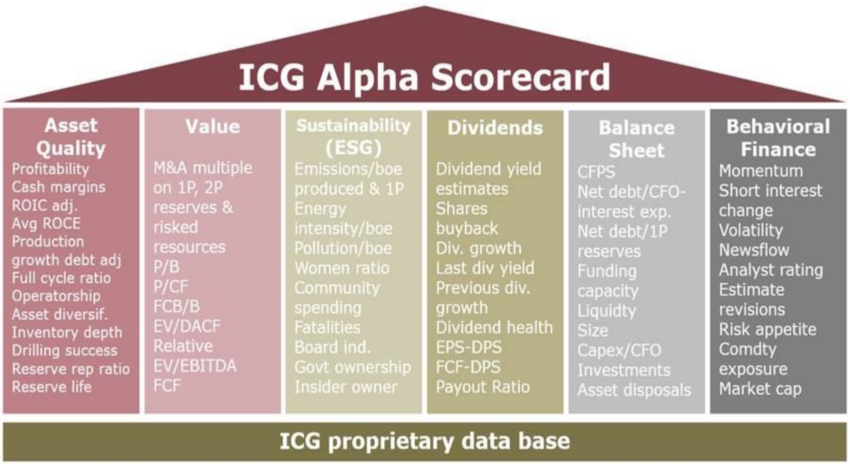
Natural resource companies are entering a phase of improving margins and the valuation is very low on a relative basis compared to the global equity markets. A portfolio of natural resource equities reduces firm specific risks while it increases the commodity exposure. The Energy Champions Fund offers the investor the opportunity to participate in an actively managed portfolio of energy s companies active in the attractive oil and gas sector and this in a pragmatic sustainable way.

ICG Investment Process

Our investment process is based on a quantitative approach to find the best-in-class companies. The consistent methodological process is non-predictive with >90% of the analysis based on historical data. Our process has a portfolio view and helps to create a balanced portfolio instead of single stock bets. We developed a proprietary data base to better analyse financial and operating figures. Extensive data is used (>170'000 data points) to analyse trends across the industry and pinpoint sector champions. After defining the broad investment universe, selecting the best-in-class subsectors with the highest margins or most attractive investment opportunities, the universe is further filtered down to companies with significant subsector exposure.

ICG Alpha Scorecard

The ICG Alpha Scorecard is a quantitative and qualitative screening scorecard that pinpoints sector champions with strong economic «moat» based on different variables. The approach helps to identify companies with a relative good track record in different key financial and operational variables. The majority of variables are dynamic and based on historical figures from the last fiscal year or on a 3 year average. All 25 positions are equally weighted, however we may reduce the weight or even exclude a company on exceptionally events (e.g. oil spill, political risk).



Investment Manager

The Energy Champions Fund is managed by Independent Capital Group AG, an independent asset management and investment advisory firm based in Zurich and Basel. Independent Capital Group AG has taken over the team of the commodities and energy investment boutique Gateway Capital Group in Basel in 2014.

* based on weighted average and/or weighted average barrels of oil equivalent (boe) numbers