

## **DECALIA strengthens its thematic investment team and ESG skills** with the arrival of Jonathan Graas

The Swiss-based asset management DECALIA SA has recruited Jonathan Graas, as Senior Portfolio Manager to strengthen its ESG skills and investment process in equity investments. Previously at Degroof Petercam Asset Management (DPAM), Jonathan Graas joins the investment team of **DECALIA Sustainable SOCIETY fund** and co-manages the **DECALIA Circular Economy fund**.

"To pursue its expansion, DECALIA continues to invest in its people, recruiting last year Alexander Roose as head of Equities et Quirien Lemey as senior portfolio manager, both from DPAM to manage the DECALIA Sustainable SOCIETY fund. Jonathan Graas therefore reunites with his former colleagues a year later", said Rodolfo De Benedetti, Partner and Head of Product Strategy at DECALIA.



Jonathan GRAAS, new Senior Porfolio manager

Jonathan Graas is a Fundamental and ESG driven PM with a proven track record in global thematic equities. Previously, Jonathan was the lead PM of a US Sustainable fund and co-PM of two sustainable theme funds (combined assets over € 4 Bn).

Jonathan holds a Master's degree in Applied Mathematics from the Catholic University of Louvain and a Master's degree in International Finance from HEC Paris.

"Trained as an Industrial analyst, Jonathan Graas was coached by Alexander Roose & Quirien Lemey to become a portfolio manager, hence being an immediate fit to our thematic investment team and strengthening our investment process", added Xavier Guillon, Partner & Head of DECALIA Funds. Before joining DECALIA, Alexander Roose & Quirien Lemey managed sustainable funds together for more than 10 years.

Together, they co-founded and managed successfully a multi-thematic strategy DPAM Equities NEWGEMS Sustainable.

This series of new hires started with the arrival of Roberto Magnatantini late 2020 as lead portfolio manager for DECALIA Silver Generation/Eternity, complementing the global thematic team with his healthcare expertise. Roberto brought 20 years' experience managing global equities & thematic funds.

Before joining DECALIA, Roberto Magnatantini was Head of Global Equities at SYZ Asset Management, where he spent 12 years managing two strategies for the OYSTER funds' franchise.



## About DECALIA

Established in Geneva in 2014, DECALIA SA is a private and institutional investment management company. With more than 70 employees and assets under management that stand at  $\in$  4.9 billion, DECALIA has expanded rapidly, in particular thanks to its active-management experience built up over the last 30 years by its founders. The strategies developed by DECALIA focus on four investment themes deemed promising in the long term: disintermediation of the banking sector, the search for yield, long-term trends and market inefficiencies.

Geared to practical solutions, DECALIA is devoted entirely to generating a higher riskadjusted performance for its clients, while ensuring the highest level of service. The fundamental values that shape its DNA and underpin its actions are dedication, innovation and team spirit. Its investment philosophy is based on several fundamental principles: stringent risk management, capital preservation, an active management style and selection of the best talent.

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