

ESPA STOCK TECHNO

Mutual fund pursuant to the InvFG

Semi-Annual Report 2018

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General Information about the Investment Firm

The company	ERSTE-SPARINVEST Kapitalanlagegesellschaft m. b. H. Am Belvedere 1, A-1100 Vienna Telephone: +43 05 0100-19881, Fax: +43 05 0100-17102
Nominal capital	EUR 4.50 million
Shareholders	Erste Asset Management GmbH (roughly 79.09%) DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale (roughly 2.78%) „Die Kärntner“ Trust-Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft m.b.H. & Co KG (roughly 2.78%) NÖ-Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (roughly 1.27%) Salzburger Sparkasse Bank Aktiengesellschaft (roughly 2.78%) Sieben Tiroler Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (roughly 2.78%) Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft (roughly 5.57%) Tiroler Sparkasse Bankaktiengesellschaft Innsbruck (roughly 2.94%)
Supervisory Board	Rudolf SAGMEISTER, Mag. (Chairman) Gabriele SEMMELROCK-WERZER (Deputy Chairwoman, First Deputy) Franz-Nikolaus HÖRMANN, Mag. (Deputy Chairman, Second Deputy) Matthias BAUER Monika JUNG, Mag. MSc Josef PRESCHITZ Franz PRUCKNER, Dr. MBA Rupert RIEDER, Mag. Thomas SCHAUFLENER, Mag. (FH) Reinhard WALTL, Mag. Appointed by the Works Council: Martin CECH Regina HABERHAUER Heinrich Hubert REINER, Ing. Peter RIEDERER Manfred ZOUREK
Managing directors	Heinz BEDNAR, Mag. Peter KARL, Mag. Günther MANDL Wolfgang TRANDL, Mag.
Prokuristen (proxies)	Achim ARNHOF, Mag. Winfried BUCHBAUER Karl FREUDENSCHUSS Dietmar JAROSCH, Dr. Manfred LENTNER Gerold PERMOSER Magdalena REISCHL, Mag. Jürgen SINGER, Mag.
State commissioners	Erwin GRUBER Michael MANHARD, HR Dr.
Auditor	Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.
Custodian bank	Erste Group Bank AG

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to present you the following semi-annual report for the ESPA STOCK TECHNO mutual fund pursuant to the InvFG for the period from 15 March 2018 to 14 September 2018.

Development of the Fund

Market environment

The medium- to long-term trends continued during the reporting period. However, volatility on the equity markets rose over the short term. This was due in part to developments in the technology sector. Two segments were faced with (temporary) declines in growth, the first being social networks. The last quarterly earnings figures of Facebook, Snapchat, and Twitter were disappointing. A deceleration of user growth was observed. A certain level of saturation has been reached in North America and Europe in particular. The Asian markets, on the other hand, have exhibited healthy growth rates even in recent months. In addition to the saturation trend, data protection violations came to light and a new data protection regulation went into force in the EU. Elsewhere in the sector, the data centre and hardware segment experienced a major surge in the first half of 2018. As a result, the market expected the high demand to taper off in the subsequent quarters. This impacted prices for RAM and flash storage, among other components. In addition, many investors sold off their investments in manufacturers of chip production equipment. Companies from the software segment turned in very positive performance. The tech cycle is less pronounced for these companies than for hardware manufacturers.

Portfolio

The equity portfolio was adjusted based on the corresponding developments in the technology sector. The fund was fully invested for the majority of the period. The performance of the fund was especially supported by investments in companies with above-average earnings growth and broad diversification in different technology subsectors. The subsegments of software, semiconductors, Internet software, and IT services were among the biggest segments in the fund. The positioning in software, semiconductors, and communications equipment suppliers was most profitable. Our investments in hardware and IT services had a negative impact.

In terms of individual assets, we invested in companies including Citrix, Red Hat, Cisco, Zynga, and AMS. We reduced our holdings in Seagate, Nuance, Q-Tech, and Oracle during the reporting period.

Asset Allocation

	14 September 2018		14 March 2018	
	EUR millions	%	EUR millions	%
Equities denominated in				
EUR	4.1	4.55	2.7	4.17
HKD	-	-	1.2	1.80
JPY	4.4	4.88	3.0	4.65
KRW	0.0	0.00	1.2	1.87
SEK	0.4	0.41	0.3	0.42
CHF	0.7	0.79	0.9	1.33
USD	77.9	87.01	55.0	84.11
Securities	87.4	97.65	64.4	98.35
Financial futures	0.1	0.08	-	0.03
Dividend entitlements	0.0	0.01	0.0	0.04
Cash in banks	2.1	2.34	1.1	1.72
Other deferred items	-	0.09	-	0.08
Fund assets	89.6	100.00	65.4	100.00

Fund Portfolio as of 14 September 2018

(including changes in securities assets from 15 March 2018 to 14 September 2018)

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals	Holding Shares/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Publicly traded securities							
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Germany							
INFINEON TECH.AG NA N.P.	DE0006231004	25,000	0	45,000	19.765	889,425.00	0.99
SAP SE N.P.	DE0007164600	0	0	13,000	104.200	1,354,600.00	1.51
Total issue country Germany						2,244,025.00	2.51
Issue country Netherlands							
KPNQWEST BV C EO -.50	NL0000364925	0	0	32	0.000	0.00	0.00
Total issue country Netherlands						0.00	0.00
Total equities denominated in EUR						2,244,025.00	2.51
Equities denominated in KRW							
Issue country Republic of Korea							
VK CORP. SW 500	KR7048760003	0	0	1,386	0.000	0.00	0.00
Total issue country Republic of Korea						0.00	0.00
Total equities denominated in KRW translated at a rate of 1,302.62312						0.00	0.00

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in SEK							
Issue country Sweden							
ERICSSON B (FRIA)	SE0000108656	0	0	50,000	78.220	371,431.23	0.41
Total issue country Sweden						371,431.23	0.41
Total equities denominated in SEK translated at a rate of 10.52954						371,431.23	0.41
Total publicly traded securities						2,615,456.23	2.92
Securities admitted to organised markets							
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Finland							
NOKIA OYJ EO-06	FI0009000681	0	0	61,000	4.733	288,713.00	0.32
Total issue country Finland						288,713.00	0.32
Issue country Netherlands							
ASML HOLDING EO -09	NL0010273215	5,000	0	8,500	157.380	1,337,730.00	1.49
STMICROELECTRONICS	NL0000226223	0	0	13,000	15.905	206,765.00	0.23
Total issue country Netherlands						1,544,495.00	1.72
Total equities denominated in EUR						1,833,208.00	2.05
Equities denominated in JPY							
Issue country Japan							
CANON INC.	JP3242800005	0	0	10,000	3,459.000	264,498.82	0.30
HITACHI LTD	JP3788600009	0	0	50,000	732.400	280,021.59	0.31
KEYENCE CORP.	JP3236200006	0	0	1,000	62,010.000	474,170.91	0.53
KYOCERA CORP.	JP3249600002	15,000	0	19,000	6,506.000	945,237.27	1.06
NIDEC CORP.	JP3734800000	6,000	0	6,000	16,050.000	736,375.73	0.82
NINTENDO CO. LTD	JP3756600007	2,600	0	3,900	38,130.000	1,137,115.53	1.27
OMRON CORP.	JP3197800000	0	0	5,000	4,775.000	182,564.60	0.20
ORACLE CORP. JAPAN	JP3689500001	0	0	5,000	9,080.000	347,159.48	0.39
Total issue country Japan						4,367,143.93	4.88
Total equities denominated in JPY translated at a rate of 130.77563						4,367,143.93	4.88
Equities denominated in CHF							
Issue country Austria							
AMS AG	AT0000A18XM4	12,000	0	12,000	66.600	709,114.14	0.79
Total issue country Austria						709,114.14	0.79
Total equities denominated in CHF translated at a rate of 1.12704						709,114.14	0.79

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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals	Holding Shares/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in USD							
Issue country Bermuda							
MARVELL TECH. GRP DL-.002	BMG5876H1051	0	0	20,000	18.970	325,204.65	0.36
Total issue country Bermuda						<u>325,204.65</u>	<u>0.36</u>
Issue country Ireland							
ACCENTURE A DL-.0000225	IE00B4BNMY34	4,000	0	10,000	171.640	1,471,221.02	1.64
Total issue country Ireland						<u>1,471,221.02</u>	<u>1.64</u>
Issue country Netherlands							
NXP SEMICONDUCTORS EO-.20	NL0009538784	0	0	4,000	92.760	318,038.83	0.36
Total issue country Netherlands						<u>318,038.83</u>	<u>0.36</u>
Issue country Switzerland							
TE CONNECTIV.LTD. SF 0.57	CH0102993182	13,000	0	13,000	91.770	1,022,594.61	1.14
Total issue country Switzerland						<u>1,022,594.61</u>	<u>1.14</u>
Issue country USA							
ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC.	US00507V1098	20,000	0	28,000	81.270	1,950,507.86	2.18
ADOBE SYST. INC.	US00724F1012	3,000	0	10,000	274.690	2,354,519.35	2.63
ADVANCED MIC.DEV. DL-.01	US0079031078	0	80,000	20,000	32.720	560,922.30	0.63
ALPHABET INC.CL C DL-.001	US02079K1079	800	200	3,800	1,172.530	3,819,152.27	4.26
ALPHABET INC.CLA DL-.001	US02079K3059	900	200	3,900	1,177.980	3,937,875.11	4.40
AMPHENOL CORP. A DL-.001	US0320951017	0	0	7,200	96.830	597,587.97	0.67
ANALOG DEVICES INC.DL-166	US0326541051	0	0	5,000	92.530	396,562.81	0.44
APPLE INC.	US0378331005	5,500	5,500	41,500	223.840	7,962,422.32	8.89
APPLIED MATERIALS INC.	US0382221051	0	0	10,000	39.100	335,147.64	0.37
AUTODESK INC.	US0527691069	0	0	3,000	151.350	389,191.27	0.43
AUTOM. DATA PROC. DL -.10	US0530151036	0	0	6,000	147.460	758,376.55	0.85
BROADCOM INC. DL-.001	US11135F1012	4,000	0	4,000	236.340	810,320.15	0.90
CDK GLOBAL INC. DL -.10	US12508E1010	0	0	1,000	62.920	53,932.20	0.06
CDW CORP. DL-.01	US12514G1085	0	0	3,000	90.150	231,817.60	0.26
CISCO SYSTEMS DL-.001	US17275R1023	20,000	0	72,000	47.400	2,925,298.93	3.27
CITRIX SYSTEMS DL-.001	US1773761002	11,000	0	11,000	112.320	1,059,032.27	1.18
COGNIZANT TECH. SOL.A	US1924461023	0	0	4,000	76.280	261,535.16	0.29
CORNING INC. DL -.50	US2193501051	0	0	6,000	35.270	181,391.16	0.20
EBAY INC. DL-.001	US2786421030	0	0	10,000	34.100	292,289.89	0.33
EL. ARTS INC. DL-.01	US2855121099	12,000	0	18,000	114.270	1,763,048.04	1.97
F5 NETWORKS INC. DL-.01	US3156161024	0	0	1,500	194.600	250,203.57	0.28
FACEBOOK INC.A DL-.000006	US30303M1027	7,000	0	34,000	162.320	4,730,536.15	5.28
FIDELITY NATL INF. SVCS	US31620M1062	0	0	3,000	110.120	283,169.76	0.32
FISERV INC. DL-.01	US3377381088	4,000	2,000	4,000	81.340	278,883.98	0.31
FLEETCOR TECHS DL -.001	US3390411052	0	0	900	221.080	170,549.86	0.19
HEWLETT PACKARD ENT.	US42824C1099	0	0	20,000	16.580	284,232.63	0.32
HP INC DL -.01	US40434L1052	0	0	11,000	25.040	236,094.80	0.26

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INTEL CORP. DL-001	US4581401001	7,000	0	54,000	45.540	2,107,881.54	2.35
INTUIT INC. DL-.01	US4612021034	2,200	0	7,200	227.540	1,404,266.92	1.57
LAM RESEARCH CORP. DL-001	US5128071082	0	0	2,000	153.460	263,078.04	0.29
LUMENTUM HLDGS IN.DL-.001	US55024U1097	16,000	0	16,000	61.000	836,583.38	0.93
MASTERCARD INC.A DL-.0001	US57636Q1040	2,000	0	12,000	217.960	2,241,906.31	2.50
MICROCHIP TECH. DL-.001	US5950171042	0	0	4,000	83.600	286,632.67	0.32
MICRON TECHN. INC. DL-.10	US5951121038	0	0	20,000	44.300	759,439.42	0.85
MICROSOFT DL-.00000625	US5949181045	14,500	4,500	85,000	113.370	8,259,932.28	9.22
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS DL-.01	US6200763075	0	0	2,000	126.760	217,305.96	0.24
NETAPP INC.	US64110D1046	0	0	3,000	85.770	220,554.58	0.25
NVIDIA CORP. DL-.01	US67066G1040	5,000	0	14,500	276.430	3,435,679.08	3.84
PAYCHEX INC. DL-.01	US7043261079	0	0	2,000	74.380	127,510.39	0.14
PAYPAL HDGS INC.DL-.0001	US70450Y1038	18,000	0	38,000	90.780	2,956,876.53	3.30
RED HAT INC. DL-.0001	US7565771026	5,000	0	5,000	148.860	637,980.54	0.71
SALESFORCE.COM DL-.001	US79466L3024	0	0	8,000	157.490	1,079,946.86	1.21
SERVICENOW INC. DL-.001	US81762P1021	1,500	0	1,500	202.970	260,965.16	0.29
SKYWORKS SOL. DL-.25	US83088M1027	0	0	2,000	87.730	150,396.43	0.17
SPLUNK INC. DL-.001	US8486371045	0	0	5,000	125.370	537,307.68	0.60
SYMANTEC CORP. DL-.01	US8715031089	35,000	0	50,000	20.030	858,440.83	0.96
SYNOPSIS INC. DL-.01	US8716071076	10,000	0	17,000	102.720	1,496,798.53	1.67
TEXAS INSTR. DL 1	US8825081040	0	0	11,000	105.360	993,408.48	1.11
TRIMBLE INC.	US8962391004	0	0	18,000	44.110	680,564.01	0.76
TWITTER INC. DL-.000005	US90184L1026	0	0	8,000	30.120	206,540.09	0.23
VISA INC. CL. A DL -.0001	US92826C8394	2,000	0	22,000	147.840	2,787,879.83	3.11
VISHAY INTERTECH. DL-.10	US9282981086	0	0	20,000	21.550	369,433.85	0.41
VMWARE INC.CLASS A	US9285634021	13,000	0	13,000	162.650	1,812,411.61	2.02
WESTN DIGITAL DL-.10	US9581021055	0	0	7,000	56.960	341,764.88	0.38
WORKDAY INC.CL.A DL-.001	US98138H1014	13,000	0	13,000	151.070	1,683,375.48	1.88
ZYNGA INC. DL -.01	US98986T1088	230,000	210,000	260,000	4.020	895,898.51	1.00
Total issue country USA						74,785,361.47	83.51
Total equities denominated in USD translated at a rate of 1.16665						77,922,420.58	87.01
Total securities admitted to organised markets						84,831,886.65	94.73

Unlisted securities**Equities denominated in USD****Issue country USA**

AT HOME CORP. A DL-.01	US0459191070	0	0	3,413	0.000	0.00	0.00
Total issue country USA						0.00	0.00
Total equities denominated in USD translated at a rate of 1.16665						0.00	0.00
Total unlisted securities						0.00	0.00

Breakdown of fund assets

Securities			87,447,342.88	97.65
Financial futures			75,108.22	0.08
Cash in banks			2,097,534.22	2.34
Dividend entitlements			11,330.14	0.01
Other deferred items			-78,729.69	-0.09
Fund assets			89,552,585.77	100.00

Dividend shares outstanding	AT0000754262	shares	148,037.098
Share value for dividend share	AT0000754262	EUR	77.58
Non-dividend shares outstanding	AT0000753504	shares	570,123.937
Share value for non-dividend share	AT0000753504	EUR	78.82
KEST-exempt non-dividend shares outstanding	AT0000673389	shares	95,745.749
Share value for KEST-exempt non-dividend share	AT0000673389	EUR	78.84
KEST-exempt non-dividend shares outstanding	AT0000A09GU1	shares	324,418.453
Share value for KEST-exempt non-dividend share	AT0000A09GU1	HUF	25,633.64

The fund is not permitted to engage in securities lending agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, securities lending agreements are not employed.

The fund is not permitted to engage in repurchase agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, repurchase agreements are not employed.

The fund is not permitted to engage in total return swaps pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, total return swaps are not employed.

Explanation on disclosure pursuant to the Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty:

All OTC derivatives are traded through Erste Group Bank AG.

Collateral in the form of cash or bonds is pledged to Erste Group Bank AG in the amount of the negative exposure of the derivatives.

EUR-denominated government bonds from the Republic of Austria and/or the Federal Republic of Germany are pledged by Erste Group Bank AG to the fund in the amount of the positive exposure of the derivatives. A one-time discount of 4% is agreed with the counterparty for this collateral. Collateral that would require a higher discount pursuant to Annex II to the Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 is not accepted.

Investor note:

The values of assets in illiquid markets may deviate from their actual selling prices.

Purchases and sales of securities in the reporting period not listed in the fund portfolio

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Shares/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals
Publicly traded securities			
Equities denominated in HKD			
Issue country Cayman Islands			
Q TECHN. GRP CO. HD-01	KYG7306T1058	0	450,000
Equities denominated in KRW			
Issue country Republic of Korea			
SAMSUNG EL. SW 100	KR7005930003	6,500	6,630
SK HYNIX INC. SW 5000	KR7000660001	0	14,000
Equities denominated in USD			
Issue country Singapore			
BROADCOM LTD NPV	SG9999014823	0	4,000
Securities admitted to organised markets			
Equities denominated in HKD			
Issue country Cayman Islands			
SUNNY OPT.TECH.G.HD-.10	KYG8586D1097	0	45,000
Equities denominated in JPY			
Issue country Japan			
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	JP3571400005	0	2,000
YASKAWA EL. CORP.	JP3932000007	0	9,000
Equities denominated in CHF			
Issue country Switzerland			
U-BLOX HOLDING REG.SF-.90	CH0033361673	0	5,000

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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals
Equities denominated in USD			
Issue country Ireland			
SEAGATE TECHNO. DL-.00001	IE00B58JVZ52	0	3,000
Issue country USA			
ALLIANCE DATA SYS. DL-.01	US0185811082	0	1,000
ALTABA INC.	US0213461017	0	7,000
EXPEDIA GRP INC. DL-.0001	US30212P3038	0	6,500
NUANCE COMMUNIC. DL-.001	US67020Y1001	0	16,000
ORACLE CORP. DL-.01	US68389X1054	0	29,000
QUALCOMM INC. DL-.0001	US7475251036	5,000	15,000

Vienna, September 2018

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