# Global All Countries World Equity Strategy

Quarter 4, 2023

#### **Quarterly Headlines**

Global markets initially fell in October as US 10-year Treasury yields briefly hit a 16-year high of 5% and concerns grew that conflict in Israel/ Gaza would spread to the wider Middle East region. However, after data released in November showed US inflation had fallen by more than expected, bond yields fell and equities recorded one of their best months since the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines. Global markets continued their strong performance through the end of the year after the Federal Reserve adopted a more dovish stance and signalled there could be three rate cuts in 2024. The growth-oriented IT sector and the interest rate sensitive real estate sector were the top performers.

Strong stock selection in Japan, the US, and the UK were the main drivers of outperformance. Negative country and sector allocation effects were partly offset by positive currency effects, primarily from overweight exposure to the Japanese yen. Dollar Tree was the top performer after the company reported results that were better than feared and the stock recovered from weakness earlier in the year. American Tower was another notable performer as the stock benefited from falling interest rate expectations. Sanofi was the main detractor from performance after the company surprised the market by withdrawing its medium-term targets.

## Strategy at a Glance

- Strategy Inception: August 2002
- Investment Team Size of 7
- Active, value-oriented defensive strategy
- Detailed, long-term fundamental analysis
- Consistent application of income-oriented valuation approach
- History of outperformance versus the benchmark, with lower volatility
- Portfolio contains 40 70 securities
- Annual turnover is generally 25 45%

#### Investment Professionals





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## Performance Summary

	Composite (Gross)	Composite (Net)	Benchmark	Secondary Benchmark
Quarter 4, 2023	12.7%	12.6%	11.0%	9.2%
1 Year	23.5%	22.7%	22.2%	11.8%
3 Years (Annualized)	7.6%	6.9%	5.7%	7.3%
5 Years (Annualized)	10.9%	10.2%	11.7%	8.2%
10 Years (Annualized)	7.5%	6.8%	7.9%	5.5%
Since Inception (Annualized) August 1, 2002	8.7%	7.9%	8.3%	7.2%

#### Attribution

	Stock Selection	Market Allocation	Currency Effect	Total Return	
Portfolio	1.8%	8.6%	2.0%	12.7%	
Benchmark	-	9.4%	1.5%	11.0%	

All returns in: USD

Composite: Global All Countries World Equity

Benchmark: MSCI AC World

Secondary Benchmark: MSCI AC World Value

Source: Mondrian Investment Partners and MSCI

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Senior Portfolio

Manager

### **Country Allocation**

Country	Portfolio Weight	Relative Weight
USA		52.5% -10.0%
Japan	13.5%	+8.1%
United Kingdom	6.9%	+3.3%
Italy	4.3%	+3.7%
South Korea	3.5%	+2.1%
China	3.4%	+0.6%
Netherlands	2.6%	+1.5%
France	2.2%	-0.7%
Canada	2.0%	-0.9%
Other Asia Pacific	1.9%	-1.2%
Other Latin America	1.8%	+0.8%
India	1.6%	-0.1%
Australia	1.5%	-0.3%
Other EMEA	1.2%	-7.8%
Cash	0.9%	-

#### **Sector Allocation**



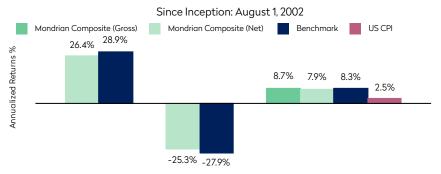
# **Strategy Characteristics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Weighted Average P/E (trailing 12 months)	17.5x	19.8x
Weighted Average P/B	2.1x	2.8x
Weighted Average Dividend Yield	2.3%	2.0%
Number of Holdings	56	2,921
Weighted Average Market Cap (USD, billion)	236.9	441.8
Median Market Cap (USD, billion)	40.3	9.7

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- Founded in 1990, with over 30 years of stable, consistent leadership
- ~USD 49 billion under management and advisement
- Mondrian is employee-owned; approximately half of employees are partners today
- Consistent, income-oriented value discipline has been applied to all products since the firm's inception
- Highly experienced team of 58 investment professionals in London

# **Defensive Characteristics**



All returns in: USD Composite: Global All Countries World Equity		Bull Market	Bear Market	Total	
Benchmark: MSCI AC World Source: Mondrian Investment Partners and MSCI All information is dated as at the end of the Quarter, unless otherwise stated. Refer to Important Notes and Disclosures.	No. of Quarters	60	25.7	85.7	

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