

Quarterly Headlines

The MSCI EM ex-China Index gained 4.0% during the first quarter, albeit trailing the stronger equity returns recorded in developed markets. Asia (+6.2%) outperformed, while Latin America (-4.0%) lagged in a reversal of the performance trend from 2023.

Asia's outperformance was driven by Taiwan (+12.4%) as Al-themed optimism underpinned gains for several large cap IT names. India (+6.1%) continued its recent outperformance. Brazil's weakness (-7.4%) was the key contributor to Latin America's underperformance. Within EMEA (+1.0%), South Africa (-6.8%) held back returns as investor sentiment remained cautious ahead of next quarter's general election.

The portfolio performed broadly in line with the index return as positive stock selection offset negative top-down allocation effects. The positive stock selection impact was derived predominantly from Taiwan, with the portfolio's IT holdings among the main beneficiaries of Al-linked outperformance. Stock selection in Korea was supported by the outperformance of the Fund's financials holdings in response to the Korean government's corporate "Value Up" program. The most significant factor that hindered relative returns was the underweight positioning in India.

At the sector level, strongly positive stock selection in IT was offset by negatives within the health care, utilities and materials sectors.

Strategy at a Glance

- Strategy Inception: December 2022
- Investment Team Size of 8
- 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 60 securities
- Annual turnover is generally 30 50%

Investment Professionals







Gregory Halton, CFA Manager



Senior Portfolio



Boris Veselinovich Senior Portfolio Manager



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Performance Summary

	Composite (Gross)	Composite (Net)	Benchmark
Quarter 1, 2024	4.1%	3.9%	4.0%
1 Year	22.5%	21.7%	20.5%
Since Inception (Annualized) January 1, 2023	22.7%	21.8%	19.4%

Attribution

	Stock Selection	Market Allocation	Currency Effect	Total Return
Portfolio	1.7%	5.0%	-2.5%	4.2%
Benchmark	-	6.7%	-2.6%	4.0%

All returns in: USD Composite: Emerging Markets excluding China Benchmark: MSCI Emerging ex-China Index Source: Mondrian Investment Partners and MSCI

Country Allocation

Country	Portfolio Weight		Relative Weight
South Korea		21.7%	+4.6%
Taiwan		19.7%	-3.9%
India	12.9%		-10.7%
Brazil	9.4%		+2.4%
Other EMEA	8.9%		+3.2%
Mexico	4.9%		+1.3%
UAE	4.2%		+2.6%
Indonesia	3.6%		+1.1%
Saudi Arabia	3.2%		-2.5%
Peru	2.4%		+1.9%
Malaysia	2.2%		+0.4%
Chile	2.0%		+1.4%
Other North America	1.6%		+1.6%
Other Asia Pacific	1.1%		-1.8%
Other Latin America	0.0%		-0.2%
South Africa	0.0%		-3.7%
Cash	2.3%		-

Sector Allocation

Sector	Portfolio Weight		elative Weight
Info. Technology		30.6%	+0.9%
Financials		27.6%	+3.3%
Materials	10.7%		+2.2%
Industrials	5.7%		-1.8%
Energy	5.3%		-0.5%
Cons. Discretionary	3.9%		-2.7%
Comm. Services	3.6%		-1.0%
Utilities	3.3%		+0.5%
Consumer Staples	3.3%		-2.5%
Health Care	2.7%		-0.4%
Real Estate	1.1%		-0.2%
Cash	2.3%		-

Strategy Characteristics

Portfolio	Benchmark
12.3x	17.6x
1.6x	2.0x
3.8%	2.8%
49	672
138.9	127.4
27.7	7.8
	12.3x 1.6x 3.8% 49 138.9

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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
- 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

All returns in: USD Composite: Emerging Markets Equity Composite Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index Portfolio Benchmark: MSCI Emerging ex-China Index 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.

Defensive Characteristics



Bull Market Bear Market Total No. of 68.7 42 110.7 Quarters

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