# **Global Leaders (USD)**

Flash Report - March 31, 2024

# **OVERVIEW**

Global Leaders is a quality growth portfolio with an explicit emphasis on the efficiency of return generation. The objective is to construct a portfolio with a broad diversity of growth drivers and an idiosyncratic return stream to create balanced access to growth.

# INVESTMENT CRITERIA

- 1. Sustainable above-average earnings growth
- 2. Leadership position in a promising business space
- 3. Significant competitive advantage/unique business franchise
- 4.Clear mission and value-added focus
- 5. Financial strength
- 6.Rational valuation relative to the market and business prospects

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# INVESTMENT RESULTS (%)

Global Leaders vs MSCI All Country World Index

# KEY ATTRIBUTES

CONCENTRATED AND CONVICTION WEIGHTED

**37** Businesses **40%** Top Ten Weight

LONG-TERM INVESTMENT HORIZON

**22%** 

**5+ Yrs** 

13%

**Expected Holding Period** 

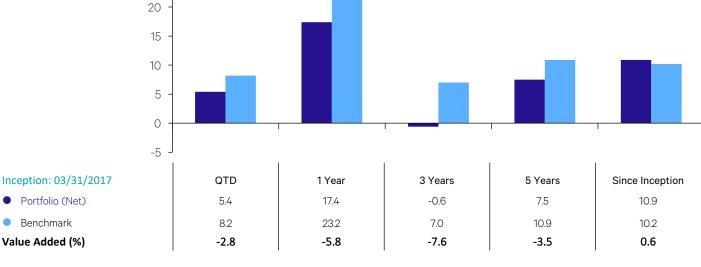
Turnover-Annual Avg.

ABOVE-AVERAGE EPS GROWTH FORECAST

16% Global Leaders

MSCI All Country World Index

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## CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Portfolio (Net)	21.3	2.0	35.8	26.8	7.5	-29.3	20.7	5.4
Benchmark	16.0	-9.4	26.6	16.3	18.5	-18.4	22.2	8.2
Value Added (%)	5.3	11.5	9.2	10.5	-11.0	-10.9	-1.5	-2.8

Inception date is 3/31/2017. Returns over one year are annualized. Calendar Year Returns for 2017 reflect partial period performance. Returns are calculated from 3/31/17 to 12/31/17 for both the Portfolio and the Benchmark. The investment results shown are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. The investment results are those of the Global Leaders Equity Composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Past performance is not indicative of future results. <u>GIPS Reports found here</u>.

# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Portfolio Businesses	37	2,841
Active Share	92%	n/a
5-Year Historical EPS Growth	13%	15%
Consensus Long-Term EPS Growth	16%	13%
Consensus Forward P/E - Next 12 mos.	30x	18x
Strategy Assets	\$3.9B	n/a
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (USD)	\$220.1B	\$524.1B
Median Market Cap (USD)	\$52.6B	\$12.2B
Turnover - Trailing 12 mos.	13%	n/a
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity	17.9	118.1

# **RETURN & VOLATILITY METRICS**

(Trailing 5 Years Net of Fees)	Portfolio	Benchmark
Annualized Excess Return	-3.5%	n/a
Beta	1.08	1.00
Information Ratio	-0.5	n/a
R-Squared	89.3%	100.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.3	0.5
Standard Deviation	20.1%	17.6%
Tracking Error	6.7%	n/a
Up Capture	98%	100%
Down Capture	110%	100%

# TOP TEN HOLDINGS (39.6% OF ASSETS)

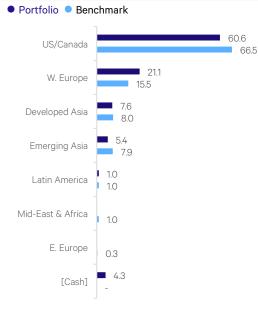
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Company	Sector	Domicile	Portfolio(%)	Owned Since
Visa	Financials	United States	4.7	2017
Constellation Software	Information Technology	Canada	4.6	2022
Roper Technologies	Information Technology	United States	4.5	2019
Entegris	Information Technology	United States	4.3	2022
Microsoft	Information Technology	United States	4.0	2019
CoStar Group	Real Estate	United States	3.9	2020
TransDigm	Industrials	United States	3.6	2017
ServiceNow	Information Technology	United States	3.5	2022
Keyence	Information Technology	Japan	3.4	2017
Adyen	Financials	Netherlands	3.2	2022

## SECTOR EXPOSURE

#### Portfolio Senchmark



## **REGION EXPOSURE**



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# CONTRIBUTION ANALYSIS (NET %)

### Top Absolute Contributors

## Bottom Absolute Detractors

#### Quarter to Date

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Adyen	2.8	31.1	0.8	Charter Communications	2.7	-25.5	-0.9
Lonza	1.9	42.4	0.7	AIA	2.7	-23.3	-0.7
TransDigm	3.4	21.4	0.7	HDFC Bank	2.3	-16.9	-0.5
Entegris	4.1	17.1	0.7	Zoetis	2.2	-14.4	-0.3
Cloudflare	2.8	16.0	0.6	Sika	2.0	-7.5	-0.2

#### **Trailing 1 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Entegris	3.6	70.9	2.3	Chegg	1.2	-51.7	-2.1
Constellation Software	4.8	44.7	2.1	AIA	3.4	-36.1	-1.4
TransDigm	3.3	72.0	2.0	Aptiv	1.2	-29.2	-0.9
ServiceNow	3.1	62.9	1.8	Charter Communications	3.4	-19.9	-0.8
Cloudflare	2.9	55.8	1.7	Rentokil Initial	2.5	-18.7	-0.6

#### **Trailing 3 Year**

Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
2.9	121.1	2.9	Chegg	2.7	-92.6	-6.5
2.8	62.3	2.7	NAVER	1.3	-66.8	-2.7
3.5	73.0	2.1	Charter Communications	3.6	-55.1	-2.6
1.4	52.9	2.0	DocMorris	1.4	-75.5	-2.2
4.5	39.2	1.8	AIA	3.8	-43.8	-2.0
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#### **Trailing 5 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Sea	1.3	162.5	5.9	Chegg	2.3	-92.2	-5.2
TransDigm	3.1	217.2	4.2	DocMorris	0.9	-86.1	-3.0
Microsoft	3.1	224.0	4.0	NAVER	1.1	-61.0	-2.4
Visa	4.2	78.5	3.4	Charter Communications	2.8	-46.9	-1.8
Taiwan Semiconductor	1.7	158.0	3.2	AIA	3.7	-32.8	-1.5

All values are those of the Global Leaders Equity Composite. The companies identified above represent a subset of current holdings in the Global Leaders portfolio and were selected based on the performance measures presented. With the exception of IPOs where actual transacted prices are used, contributions are calculated in FactSet Portfolio Analysis using FactSet end of day prices, and do not reflect actual purchase prices. This can affect the presentation of contribution and performance of transactions amid heightened volatility. Security return and contribution are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. Attribution generated returns will not match actual performance because FactSet uses different exchange rate sources, the performance does not capture intra-day trading, and the analysis removes the impact of cash flows. Relative Return calculations do not incorporate risk or volatility impacts and should not be exclusively relied upon. A full description of the calculation methodology for the attribution analysis and a complete list detailing each holding's attribution please contact a member of the Client Relations Team at 703-562-4000. <u>GIPS Reports found here</u>. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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# **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE WITH** LOCAL UNDERSTANDING

Innovation-driven growth knows no geographic boundaries. Neither does our research team. We are hands on, on-the-ground, deeply immersed in the ecosystems in which our businesses operate.

### Global Leaders Equity Composite (GLEC) GIPS Report

# **INSIGHT DRIVEN**

Businesses that can build a sustainable advantage are few and far between. To seek them, we apply six criteria to separate signal from noise, identify what matters most, and construct differentiated views on tomorrow's businesses, today.

# **HIGH CONVICTION** FOR HIGH IMPACT

All our strategies concentrate investments in only our best ideas and avoid mediocrity. With the intent to own businesses for five years or longer, we seek to create value for clients through the compounding of business growth over time.

				GLEC MSCI ACWI		ACWI				
YEAR END	NUM OF ACCTS	END OF PERIOD AUM (USD \$M)	NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	MSCI ACWI	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.	NON-FEE PAYING % OF COMPOSITE	ASSET WGT'D STD. DEV. (GROSS)	FIRMS TOTAL ASSETS (USD \$M)
2022	9	\$3,002.72	-29.28	-28.66	22.70	-18.36	19.86	0.09	0.17	\$40,707.08
2021	7	\$3,378.02	7.51	8.42	17.03	18.54	16.84	0.09	0.08	\$75,340.29
2020	7	\$2,719.58	26.75	27.80	17.66	16.26	18.13	0.10	0.15	\$68,621.83
2019	5	\$1,361.96	35.76	36.89	2	26.60	2	0.16	n.m.1	\$44,636.85
2018	<5	\$351.83	2.04	2.90	2	-9.42	2	0.45	n.m.1	\$35,387.67
2017 <sup>3</sup>	<5	\$49.95	21.30	22.04	2	15.96	2	3.10	n.m.1	\$41,331.26

#### Net Returns

As of 03/31/2024	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (3/31/2017)
GLEC	5.4	17.4	-0.6	7.5	10.9
MSCI ACWI	8.2	23.2	7	10.9	10.2

<sup>1</sup> n.m. – Not statistically meaningful, five or less accounts in the composite for the entire year. <sup>2</sup> The 3-year annualized standard deviation is not shown due to the composite having less than 36 months of returns. <sup>3</sup> Annual performance results for 2017 reflect partial period performance. Returns are calculated from 3/31/17 to 12/31/17 for both the composite and the index. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. the provide standards of 2017 reflect partial participanties. Returns we calculated from 3/3/17 to 12/3/17 to