## **Global Focus (USD)**

Flash Report - September 30, 2025



#### **OVERVIEW**

Global Focus is an extra-concentrated "best ideas" portfolio that primarily draws from Sands Capital's flagship global equity portfolios.

#### **KEY ATTRIBUTES**

CONCENTRATED AND CONVICTION WEIGHTED

**20** 

**58%** 

Businesses

Top Ten Weight

LONG-TERM INVESTMENT HORIZON

**26**%

**5**+ **Yrs** 

Turnover-Annual Avg.

**Expected Holding Period** 

**GROWTH-ORIENTED** 

**27%** 

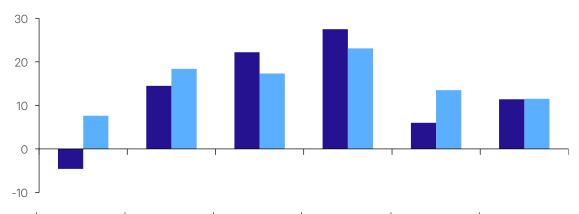
Sands Capital Long-Term EPS Growth Estimate

#### **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

## **INVESTMENT RESULTS (%)**

Global Focus vs MSCI All Country World Index



## Inception: 06/30/2018

Portfolio (Net)

Benchmark

Value Added (%)

QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
-4.6	14.5	22.2	27.5	6.0	11.4
7.6	18.4	17.3	23.1	13.5	11.5
-12.2	-3.9	4.9	4.4	-7.5	-0.1

## **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Portfolio (Net)	-12.1	32.2	62.0	15.1	-50.1	41.0	25.1	14.5
Benchmark	-9.0	26.6	16.3	18.5	-18.4	22.2	17.5	18.4
Value Added (%)	-3.1	5.6	45.7	-3.4	-31.7	18.8	7.6	-3.9

Inception date is 06/30/2018. Returns over one year are annualized. 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 Institutional Global Focus Equity Composite. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing Institutional Global Focus 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. GIPS Reports found here.

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Portfolio Businesses	20	2,509
Active Share	89%	n/a
5-Year Historical EPS Growth	43%	20%
Consensus Forward P/E - Next 12 mos.	35x	19x
Strategy Assets	\$898M	n/a
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (USD)	\$772.7B	\$905.6B
Median Market Cap (USD)	\$106.2B	\$17.0B
Turnover - Trailing 12 mos.	32%	n/a
Carbon Emissions (tCO <sub>2e</sub> /\$M Invested)	7	57
Total Carbon Emissions (tCO <sub>2e</sub> )	7,180	57,030
Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2e</sub> /\$M Sales)	76.2	149.4
Wtd. Avg. Carbon Intensity (tCO <sub>2e</sub> /\$M Sales)	49.7	112.5
Carbon Data Availability (Market Value)	100%	99%

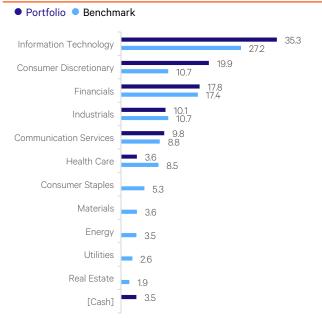
## **RETURN & VOLATILITY METRICS**

(Trailing 5 Years Net of Fees)	Portfolio	Benchmark
Annualized Excess Return	-7.5%	n/a
Beta	1.41	1
Information Ratio	-0.5	n/a
R-Squared	66.5%	100.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.1	0.7
Standard Deviation	25.7%	14.9%
Tracking Error	16.0%	n/a
Up Capture	110.9%	100%
Down Capture	140.9%	100%

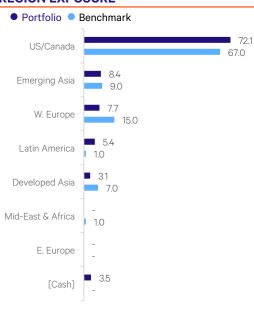
### **TOP TEN HOLDINGS (58.2% OF ASSETS)**

NVIDIA. VISA	NETFLIX amazon AAXON	DOORDASH Mercado libre	CLOUDFLARE	servicenow.
Company	Sector	Domicile	Portfolio(%)	Owned Since
NVIDIA	Information Technology	United States	8.9	2023
Visa	Financials	United States	6.2	2018
Netflix	Communication Services	United States	6.1	2018
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	United States	5.9	2018
Axon Enterprise	Industrials	United States	5.8	2023
DoorDash	Consumer Discretionary	United States	5.5	2024
MercadoLibre	Consumer Discretionary	Argentina	5.4	2020
Taiwan Semiconductor	Information Technology	Taiwan	4.9	2025
Cloudflare	Information Technology	United States	4.8	2022
ServiceNow	Information Technology	United States	4.6	2018

## **SECTOR EXPOSURE**



## **REGION EXPOSURE**



#### **CONTRIBUTION ANALYSIS (NET %)**

#### Top Absolute Contributors

#### **Bottom Absolute Detractors**

#### **Quarter to Date**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
NVIDIA	8.2	17.8	1.3
Taiwan Semiconductor	4.2	23.3	0.9
DoorDash	5.0	10.0	0.5
Cloudflare	4.5	9.3	0.4
Formula One	3.6	-0.3	-0.0

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Constellation Software	5.4	-26.1	-1.5
Axon Enterprise	6.0	-13.6	-0.9
MercadoLibre	5.9	-10.9	-0.7
Netflix	6.1	-10.8	-0.7
Roper Technologies	4.7	-12.2	-0.6

#### **Trailing 1 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Axon Enterprise	6.2	78.2	5.3
Cloudflare	4.0	163.9	4.1
Netflix	6.5	67.6	4.0
NVIDIA	7.0	52.3	3.3
DoorDash	3.7	53.0	2.0

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Sika	2.5	-29.0	-1.2
Keyence	3.8	-22.8	-1.1
ASML Holding	1.5	-11.9	-0.9
Constellation Software	6.0	-17.9	-0.8
Roper Technologies	5.2	-11.2	-0.7

#### **Trailing 3 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
NVIDIA	4.2	282.1	12.2
Netflix	5.2	402.6	11.9
Shopify	3.6	308.0	10.7
ServiceNow	5.9	137.1	9.8
MercadoLibre	5.7	175.7	9.8

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Atlassian	1.8	6.4	-2.0
Sea	1.3	-35.0	-1.8
Sika	1.7	-26.2	-1.2
CoStar Group	0.8	-18.7	-1.2
Waste Connections	0.8	-8.0	-0.4

### Trailing 5 Year

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
NVIDIA	2.5	283.7	12.3
ASML Holding	5.2	100.7	8.7
Axon Enterprise	2.0	181.1	8.3
Netflix	5.1	133.2	7.9
MercadoLibre	4.8	73.3	7.3

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Sea	3.9	-79.6	-8.2
Block	3.0	-58.5	-6.2
Twilio	1.3	-68.1	-5.0
DoorDash	1.4	-66.6	-4.1
Atlassian	3.4	22.1	-3.0

All values are those of the Institutional Global Focus Equity Composite. The companies identified above represent a subset of current holdings in the Global Focus 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. To receive a 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. GIPS Reports found here. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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All investments are subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. Recent tariff announcements may add to this risk, creating additional economic uncertainty and potentially affecting the value of certain investments. Tariffs can impact various sectors differently, leading to changes in market dynamics and investment performance. The strategy is concentrated in a limited number of holdings. As a result, poor performance by a single holding of the strategy would adversely affect its performance more than if the strategy were invested in a larger number of companies. The strategy's growth investing style may become out of favor, which may result in periods of underperformance. International investments can be riskier than US investments due to the adverse effects of currency exchange rates, differences in market structure and liquidity, as well as specific country, regional and economic developments. Investments in emerging markets are subject to abrupt and severe price declines. The economic and political structures of developing nations, in most cases, do not compare favorably with the US or other developed countries in terms of wealth and stability, and their financial markets often lack liquidity.

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#### **ALL-IN CULTURE**

We are one team dedicated to one mission and one philosophy. As a fully independent and staff-owned firm, we attract and retain strong talent, focus on long-term outcomes, and are highly aligned with our clients' interests.

# 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.

#### **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.

#### Institutional Global Focus Equity Composite (GFEC) GIPS Report

				GFEC		MSCI 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)
2024	<5	\$690.82	25.13	26.17	29.13	17.49	16.20	0.17	n.m.¹	\$47,462.52
2023	<5	\$579.62	41.03	42.18	29.44	22.20	16.27	0.16	n.m.¹	\$46,746.96
2022	<5	\$500.78	-50.05	-49.60	28.77	-18.36	19.86	0.13	n.m.¹	\$40,707.08
2021	<5	\$946.34	15.13	16.09	20.20	18.54	16.84	0.13	n.m.¹	\$75,340.29
2020	<5	\$572.57	62.00	63.32	2	16.26	2	0.19	n.m.¹	\$68,621.83
2019	<5	\$443.16	32.20	33.32	2	26.60	2	0.15	n.m.¹	\$44,636.85
2018³	<5	\$221.89	-12.13	-11.75	2	-9.02	2	0.00	n.m.¹	\$35,387.67

#### **Net Returns**

As of 09/30/2025	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (06/30/2018)
GFEC	-4.6	14.5	22.2	27.5	6.0	11.4
MSCI ACWI	7.6	18.4	17.3	23.1	13.5	11.5

nn... 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>2</sup> Returns are calculated from 6/30/8 to 12/31/8 for both the composite and the index. As of Ortober 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Alternatives, LLC (previously known as Sands Capital alternatives and Exchange Commission in accordance with the line with the last of the composite and the proposed and are doing business as Sands Capital allowed and a distinct business of sands capital sands capita