# **Global Focus (USD)**

Flash Report - December 31, 2024



### **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** 

**60%** 

Businesses

Top Ten Weight

LONG-TERM INVESTMENT HORIZON

**26%** 

**5**+ **Yrs** 

Turnover-Annual Avg.

**Expected Holding Period** 

ABOVE-AVERAGE EPS GROWTH FORECAST

22%

**13**%

Global Focus

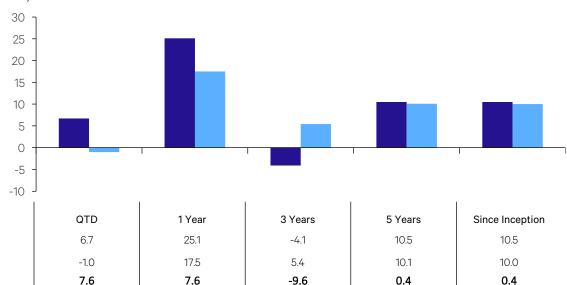
MSCI All Country World Index

### **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



# **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)**

Inception: 06/30/2018

Portfolio (Net)

Benchmark

Value Added (%)

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

CARBON INTENSITY	PORTFOLIO	BENCHMARK
Carbon Emissions	1.6	69.3
Total Carbon Emissions	1,640	69,290
Carbon Intensity	16.2	154.7
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity	11.6	113.8

Inception date is 6/30/2018. 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. Carbon Emissions are calculated as Scope 1 & Scope 2 carbon emissions per \$1 million invested. Portfolio and Benchmark Carbon Intensity is defined as the portfolio or benchmark carbon emissions per \$1 million of portfolio or benchmark sales. At a business level, carbon intensity is calculated as carbon emissions per unit of sales (tons/\$1 million sales). Weighted averages are computed as the sum product of the portfolio or benchmark companies' respective carbon values and portfolio or benchmark companies' weights.

# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Portfolio	Benchmark
20	2,647
90%	n/a
22%	16%
22%	13%
37x	18x
\$529.2B	\$749.7B
\$77.9B	\$13.3B
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# **RETURN & VOLATILITY METRICS**

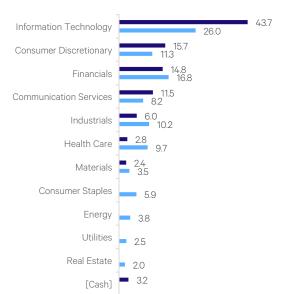
(Trailing 5 Years Net of Fees)	Portfolio	Benchmark
Annualized Excess Return	1.0%	n/a
Beta	1.27	1.00
Information Ratio	0.1	n/a
R-Squared	66.8%	100.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.3	0.4
Standard Deviation	27.0%	17.3%
Tracking Error	16.3%	n/a
Up Capture	129%	100%
Down Capture	120%	100%

#### **TOP TEN HOLDINGS (60.0% OF ASSETS)**

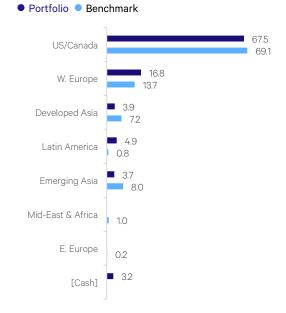
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Company	Sector	Domicile	Portfolio(%)	Owned Since
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	United States	6.8	2018
NVIDIA	Information Technology	United States	6.8	2023
Visa	Financials	United States	6.6	2018
Netflix	Communication Services	United States	6.5	2018
ServiceNow	Information Technology	United States	6.2	2018
Axon Enterprise	Industrials	United States	6.0	2023
Constellation Software	Information Technology	Canada	5.9	2023
Roper Technologies	Information Technology	United States	5.3	2023
Formula One	Communication Services	United Kingdom	5.0	2022
MercadoLibre	Consumer Discretionary	Argentina	4.9	2020

# **SECTOR EXPOSURE**

## PortfolioBenchmark



# **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
Axon Enterprise	7.0	48.5	3.2	Sika	2.8	-28.5	-1.0
Shopify	5.1	32.5	1.6	MercadoLibre	5.7	-17.3	-1.0
Netflix	6.1	25.5	1.4	ASML Holding	4.4	-16.9	-0.9
Cloudflare	3.9	32.9	1.2	Keyence	4.2	-14.2	-0.7
Amazon	6.4	17.5	1.0	Entegris	3.3	-12.1	-0.5

### **Trailing 1 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
NVIDIA	7.2	169.6	8.4	Dexcom	4.0	-38.9	-2.4
Axon Enterprise	5.1	128.5	5.7	Sika	3.2	-27.5	-1.2
Netflix	5.4	81.5	3.5	CoStar Group	2.3	-17.4	-0.9
Amazon	6.3	42.8	2.4	Entegris	4.2	-18.6	-0.8
Shopify	4.2	34.9	2.3	Roper Technologies	4.9	-5.7	-0.3

# **Trailing 3 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
NVIDIA	2.5	176.8	8.6	Sea	2.6	-84.9	-11.1
Axon Enterprise	1.8	133.8	5.8	Atlassian	3.3	-41.7	-6.5
MercadoLibre	5.1	23.2	4.4	Block	2.8	-56.0	-6.0
ServiceNow	6.6	60.4	4.2	Twilio	0.7	-63.3	-4.5
Visa	7.4	46.4	4.2	DoorDash	0.9	-68.1	-4.4

# **Trailing 5 Year**

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution	Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
ServiceNow	7.1	268.0	12.4	DoorDash	0.7	-79.6	-5.5
Shopify	4.7	208.5	12.4	Block	3.1	-56.3	-5.0
Netflix	5.0	168.0	9.9	Twilio	1.3	-68.5	-4.4
ASML Holding	6.1	135.7	9.6	HDFC Bank	1.9	-41.5	-4.3
NVIDIA	1.5	176.2	8.6	Snowflake	1.9	-29.7	-2.6

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. A full description of the calculation methodology used for the attribution analysis may be found in the Definitions Glossary at https://www.sandscapital.com/Disclosures. 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 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)
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	-11.83	-11.75	2	-9.02	2	0.00	n.m.¹	\$35,387.67

#### **Net Returns**

As of 12/31/2024	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (6/30/2018)
GFEC	6.7	25.1	-4.1	10.5	10.5
MSCI ACWI	-1.0	17.5	5.4	10.1	10.0

\*\*Inch \*\* Not statistically meaningful, five or less accounts in the composite for the entire year. \*\* The 3-year annualized standard deviation is not shown due to the composite having less than 36 months of returns. \*\* Returns are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be not firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as 35 ands Capital Sands Capital operates as a distinct business organization, retains discretion over the assets between the two registered investment advisers are combined to be not firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as 35 ands Capital Sands Capital pleares are combined to be not firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as 35 ands Capital Sands Capital Pleares and the firm of GIPS and the Sands Capital Pleares and the two registered investment advisers and has autonomy over the total investment decision making process. Prior to Cotober 1, 2021, the firm was defined as Sands Capital Nanagement, LLC, is an independent registered investment advisers. Sands Capital claims compliance with the GIPS standards and sands Capital has been independently verified for the periods February 7, 1992 through December 31, 2023. The verification report is available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards sands Capital has been independently verified for the periods February 7, 1992 through December 31, 2023. The verification report is available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards was a set of the policy provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and policies and procedures related to a firm wide basis. Verification of the basis Verification of the develo