

Q1 2020 USD

KBI Global Investors

KBIGI Global Small Cap Equity Strategy



Summary Details

Assets under Mgmt.	\$656.9m
Inception Date	01 Jul 2015
Benchmark	MSCI World Small Cap Net Return Index
Number of Stocks	267

Risk Characteristics

Beta (3 Yrs)	1.00
Information Ratio (3 Yrs)	-0.78
Volatility	18.89

Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	4.4%	2.7%
Dividend Payout	46.4%	36.0%
Dividend Growth	10.1%	5.1%
Total Payout Yield	4.4%	-0.1%
Price to Earnings (trailing)	9.4x	17.0x
Price to Book	1.8x	2.5x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$2.3bn	\$2.7bn

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 03/31/20. The risk characteristics are calculated using monthly gross returns over a 3 year period relative to the Index as at the 03/31/20. Portfolio Statistics are of a representative account and are calculated relative to the Index. The AUM listed above is Global Small Cap AUM. This is the combined AUM of KBI Global Investors Ltd and KBI Global Investors (North America) Ltd. Weighted Avg. Mkt. Cap figures are in US Dollars.

Strategy Overview

Objective	Consistency. Downside protection. Lower risk.
Style	Relative value. High quality. Multi cap. Diversified.
Products	Global, EAFE, Emerging Markets, North America, ACWI, Eurozone.

Investment Philosophy

We are "total return" investors.

Our conviction is that companies with the financial strength and discipline to maintain and grow their dividend commitments outperform.

Uniquely, we find such companies across all capitalisations, and in every sector and every region, even ones where dividends are low and not typically used as a method of analysis. By "looking where others don't look" we consistently find and exploit mispriced stocks.

The main reasons for outperformance are:

- Quality of information
- Better governance
- Plentiful positive earnings surprises
- Capital efficiency and financial discipline
- Lower volatility
- Better valuations

Annualised Performance (\$)

	3Mths	YTD	1Yr	3Yrs	Since Incep
Strategy (Gross)	-33.0	-33.0	-26.4	-6.7	-1.5
Strategy (Net)	-33.3	-33.3	-27.4	-7.7	-2.5
Benchmark	-30.1	-30.1	-22.4	-4.0	-0.2

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 03/31/20
Returns are gross of fees in USD. Our firm claims GIPS compliance and is annually verified by an independent verification firm to be so. The verification report from our verifier and our GIPS composite presentation are available upon request. The performance record disclosed here is that of the firm's composite for this strategy. The Global Small Cap Equity composite is a well diversified strategy that invests across all 24 industry sub classifications and the four major geographic global regions (North America, Europe, Japan and Pacific Basin ex Japan) of the global developed small cap equity market. This strategy is constructed on a segmented basis by industry and region (as defined by the MSCI World Small Cap Index) and no active currency management is undertaken. The strategy invests purely in those companies that pay above average dividends relative to their industry peer group and is managed by a dedicated, specialist team of investment professionals in Dublin, Ireland. The benchmark is the MSCI World Small Cap index, inclusive of net income. The benchmark is designed to measure the small cap equity market performance of developed market countries. The benchmark is market-cap weighted. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark, but not materially so. See disclaimers for further information.

Investment Process

We summarise our process into three steps

Step 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create regional group segments from MSCI Index. • Eliminate stocks below segment average yield. • Lower yield stocks, countries, industries will qualify.
Step 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate stocks and segments that fail sustainability, quality and growth criteria. • Rank remaining stocks.
Step 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create portfolio preferred financial criteria and highest ranked stocks.

Current Global Small Cap Portfolio Characteristics

Mkt. Cap \$bn	Strategy	MSCI World Small Cap Index	+/- %
<3 (small)	74.6	64.7	9.9
3-5 (mid-small)	15.4	22.7	-7.3
5-10 (mid)	10.0	12.4	-2.4
10-25 (mid-large)	0.0	0.2	-0.2

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 03/31/20. Market Cap figures are based on a representative account relative to the Index. Market Cap figures are in US Dollars.

Investment Team

Key People	Title	Investment Experience
CIO		
Noel O'Halloran	Chief Investment Officer	32yrs
Portfolio Management Team		
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	33yrs
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	29yrs
Ian Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	30yrs
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	16yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	19yrs
Trading		
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	14yrs

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Portfolio Positioning

Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Industrials	19.1	Materials	6.6
Information Technology	15.0	Consumer Staples	3.2
Financials	13.8	Utilities	2.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.9	Energy	2.6
Real Estate	10.8	Communications	2.6
Health Care	10.7		

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
North America	56.5
Europe	23.4
Japan	15.1
Pacific Basin ex Japan	5.0

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
Bio-Techne Corp	US	2.1
Maximus Inc	US	2.1
Oshkosh Corp	US	2.0
Bruker Corporation	US	2.0
Hill-Rom Holdings Inc	US	1.9
Apple Hospitality REIT Inc	US	1.3
Dunkin' Brands Group Inc	US	1.3
Janus Henderson Group PLC	UK	1.2
RLJ Lodging Trust	US	1.2
Cathay General Bancorp	US	1.1

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. The above information represents the top 10 largest positions in the strategy as of 03/31/20 based on the aggregate USD value. Each quarter KBI Global Investors uses this same objective, non-performance based criteria to select the ten largest holdings. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for the strategy, and the reader should not assume that investments in the securities identified and discussed were or will be profitable. All information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy the securities mentioned.

Overview

Risk assets plunged into bear market territory in Quarter 1 in anticipation of an acute recession, triggered by the dual onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic and the oil price war. Widespread national lockdowns encompassing more than one third of humanity have been implemented as remedial measures to contain the spread of the Coronavirus. This has weighed heavily on economic activity, with the initial hit being taken by more economically sensitive industry groups.

The initial knee jerk reaction by markets was swift in the "obvious" industries but over the coming quarters investors will realise that all forecasts and expectations across all industry groups are likely to be damaged by the knock-on effects. While this is initially a health crisis, it will become an unemployment crisis, a demand side shock, a supply side shock, a wealth shock and possibly a debt shock. These elements have still not been factored into markets, with a significant amount of earnings data still unchanged. Crucially, while markets have significantly discounted the impact of the pandemic on cyclically exposed sectors, they have yet to factor in the likely impact on supposedly more insulated stocks.

Unprecedented policy response and stimulus packages including fiscal expansion to the tune of \$4-5tn have been announced so far across the world in addition to a flurry of rate cuts and unlimited monetary support. Again, while there has been broad market response to the monetary changes in favour of growth, much of the fiscal stimulus will be targeted at these cyclical (value) industries which ultimately will be positive for more value-oriented investors. This fiscal stimulus could be a catalyst for a major rotation within the market.

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