Q4 2020 USD



KBI Global Investors

KBIGI International Developed Equity Strategy

Summary Details		
Assets under Mgmt.	\$134.4m	
Inception Date	01 Jul 2005	
Benchmark	MSCI EAFE Net Return Index	
Number of Stocks	122	
Risk Characteristics		
Beta (10 Yrs)	1.00	
Information Ratio (10 Yrs)	-0.51	
Volatility	15.17	
Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	3.4%	2.5%
Dividend Payout	60.2%	50.7%
Dividend Growth	6.3%	4.3%
Total Payout Yield	3.9%	1.7%
Price to Earnings (trailing)	22.8x	23.1x
Price to Book	3.5x	4.2x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$53.6bn	\$59.5bn
ESG Score	7.5	7.0
Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity	97.9	134.5

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 12/31/20. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of a representative account managed to the same strategy over a 10 year period relative to the Index as at the 12/31/20. Portfolio and Benchmark Statistics are from a representative account managed to the same strategy and the benchmark respectively. KBI Global Investors independently estimate these statistics for both the portfolio and the benchmark. The AUM listed above is Global Equity International Developed 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. KBI calculate the Weighted Average Carbon Intensity figure for the portfolio (representative account managed to the same strategy) bi-annually June and December. Index carbon intensity data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research. KBI calculate the ESG scores for the portfolio (representative account managed to the same strategy) quarterly. Index ESG ratings are sourced from MSCI ESG Research.

Prior to 1/4/20 the EAFE AUM figure was inclusive of the EAFE component of a Global equity mandate.

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	5Yrs
Strategy (Gross)	14.7	1.0	1.0	-0.1	4.9
Strategy (Net)	14.5	0.3	0.3	-0.7	4.2
MSCI EAFE Net Return Index	16.0	7.8	7.8	4.3	7.4
MSCI EAFE Value Net Return Index	19.2	-2.6	-2.6	-1.2	4.2

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 12/31/20

KBI calculate both NAV returns and benchmark returns. 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 EAFE Developed Equity composite (formerly known as the EAFE Developed Equity Dividend Plus composite) is a well diversified, all cap, strategy that invests across all 24 industry sub classifications and the three major geographic global regions (Europe, Japan and Pacific Basin ex Japan) of the global developed equity market (ex North America). Investment is restricted to developed markets as defined by inclusion in the MSCI EAFE benchmark. 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 EAFE Index, inclusive of net income. The Net index provides a better comparator for potential investors and representation of the investment strategy of the composite. The benchmark is designed to measure the 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 Create regional group segments from MSCI Index.
- Eliminate stocks below segment average yield.
- Lower yield stocks, countries, industries will qualify.
- Step 2 Eliminate stocks and segments that fail sustainability, quality and growth criteria.
- Rank remaining stocks.
- Step 3 Create portfolio preferred financial criteria and highest ranked stocks.

Current EAFE Developed Portfolio Characteristics

Mkt. Cap \$bn	Strategy	MSCI EAFE Index	+/- %
<3 (small)	1.0	0.8	0.2
3-5 (mid-small)	4.5	4.0	0.5
5-10 (mid)	12.8	11.8	1.0
10-25 (mid-large)	32.8	22.8	10.0
>25 (large)	48.9	60.5	-11.6

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 12/31/20. Market Cap figures are based on a representative account relative to the Index. Market 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 Team

Key People	Title	Investment Experience
	CIO	
Noel O'Halloran	Chief Investment Officer	33yrs
Port	folio Management T	eam
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	33yrs
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	29yrs
lan Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	20yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	20yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	30yrs
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	17yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	20yrs
Trading		
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	15yrs

Portfolio Positioning Sector Breakdown

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Sector	%	Sector	%
Financials	18.1	Materials	7.8
Industrials	14.5	Communications	5.2
Health Care	13.1	Energy	3.7
Consumer Staples	10.8	Real Estate	3.6
Consumer Discretionary	10.4	Utilities	3.6
Information Technology	9.2		

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
Europe	63.0
Japan	25.4
Pacific Basin ex Japan	11.6

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
Roche Holding AG	Switzerland	3.5
Novo Nordisk A/S	Denmark	3.5
Iberdrola SA	Spain	2.6
Siemens AG	Germany	2.5
Nestle SA	Switzerland	2.4
Rio Tinto Plc	UK	2.2
Swisscom AG	Switzerland	2.0
UPM-Kymmene Oyj	Finland	1.9
Assicurazioni Generali SpA	Italy	1.9
Unilever Plc	UK	1.9

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. The above information represents the top 10 largest positions in the strategy as of 12/31/20 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.

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Overview

Absolute returns for the quarter were stunning as global equity markets continued the ferociously bullish behaviour that started back in March. The highest risk pockets of the market were most in demand and sentiment moved from unbridled optimism to outright euphoria. The dislocation between share prices and underlying fundamentals has continued to widen. Monetary stimulus was extended and real interest rates remain negative. With a seemingly unlimited supply of free money, investors believe that valuations simply don't matter and that investment risk is essentially being underwritten by govt policy. As a result, investors moved further and further out the risk curve, with the riskiest opportunities being most favoured.

While there were some mixed signals the quarter did bring about an improvement in value metrics, albeit concentrated in oversold, deep value names many of which are not profitable. This is familiar territory in that we saw similar trends in market rebound immediately after previous significant market downturns over the past 50 years. Intuitively, it is not sustainable that unprofitable companies outperform profitable ones, nor has it proved historically and as this recovery evolves, we would expect to see leadership coming through from higher quality more profitable names across a broader range of industry groups.

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