

Q4 2021 GBP

KBI Global Investors

KBIGI ACWI Equity Strategy



Summary Details

Assets under Mgmt.	£84.7m
Inception Date	01 Aug 2011
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Net Return Index
Number of Stocks	283

Risk Characteristics

Beta (10 Yrs)	0.99
Information Ratio (10 Yrs)	-0.51
Volatility	11.30

Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	2.9%	1.6%
Dividend Payout	46.0%	34.6%
Dividend Growth	11.5%	7.8%
Total Payout Yield	3.6%	1.0%
Price to Earnings (trailing)	11.3x	16.4x
Price to Book	2.5x	3.1x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$182.9bn	\$405.8bn
ESG Score	7.4	6.4
Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity	88.5	151.9

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/21. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of the composite over a 10 year period relative to the Index as at the 31/12/21. 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 All World Equity AUM. 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) quarterly. 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.

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	2Yrs	5Yrs
Fund (Gross)	5.7	22.2	22.2	10.9	8.1
Benchmark	6.2	19.6	19.6	16.1	12.3

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 31/12/21

KBI calculate both composite returns and benchmark returns. Returns are gross of fees in GBP. 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 AC World Equity composite is a well-diversified, all cap, strategy that invests across all 24 industry sub-classifications within the developed and emerging equity markets. 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 material risks associated with the composite include market risk and stock-specific event risk. Share prices can decline and there is a risk that the composite may under-perform its benchmark. The benchmark is the MSCI AC World 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 and emerging 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. MSCI benchmark returns assume the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes. 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 ACWI Portfolio Characteristics

Mkt. Cap \$bn	Strategy	MSCI ACWI Index	+/- %
<3 (small)	3.9	0.3	3.6
3-5 (mid-small)	1.9	1.0	0.9
5-10 (mid)	7.3	4.1	3.2
10-25 (mid-large)	27.3	13.2	14.1
>25 (large)	59.5	81.4	-21.9

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/21. 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	34yrs
Portfolio Management Team		
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	34yrs
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	30yrs
Ian Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	21yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	21yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	31ys
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	18yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	21yrs
Trading		
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	16yrs

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Portfolio Positioning

Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Information Technology	24.7	Materials	5.0
Financials	16.1	Consumer Staples	4.8
Consumer Discretionary	11.1	Energy	3.2
Industrials	10.9	Real Estate	2.8
Health Care	10.8	Utilities	2.0
Communications	8.6		

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
North America	64.1
Europe	19.8
Emerging Markets	7.6
Japan	5.7
Pacific Basin ex Japan	2.8

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
Microsoft Corporation	US	4.3
Cisco Systems Inc	US	2.0
Newmont Corporation	US	1.9
Automatic Data Processing Inc	US	1.9
Cigna Corp	US	1.9
Texas Instruments Inc	US	1.9
HP INC	US	1.8
Expeditors International of Washington	US	1.8
Omnicom Group Inc	US	1.8
Tractor Supply Co	US	1.8

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. Data as of 31/12/21

Overview

The continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic again created high levels of uncertainty and constantly disrupted our core outlook of reopening, reflation and rotation. November and December proved to be a pivotal months with the emergence of a clear timeline for change in direction of monetary policy in the US due to increasing concerns about inflation. Existing monthly bond purchases of 120bn will end by March, with rate rises signalled thereafter. As QE has been a key support for Bull markets since 2009 this signals a “regime change” for markets going forward which should invert the winners and losers of the old liquidity driven bull environment, whether at a style, size, stock or sector level.

The dominance of retail investors and their high-risk behaviour which had prevailed up to that point began to fade and there was a notable outperformance from value and income stocks. A growing aversion to non-cash generative stocks developed at year end as investors look forward to less liquid markets, a reduction in central bank supports and upward pressure on interest rates. Generally higher risk assets did poorly since the feds tapering announcement in November.

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