# Q1 2022 USD KBI Global Investors KBIGI ACWI Equity Strategy



Summary Deta	ails	
Assets under Mgmt.	\$103.2m	
Inception Date	01 Au	g 2011
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI Net Return Index	
Number of Stocks	28	33
Risk Characteri	stics	
Beta (10 Yrs)	1.	01
Information Ratio (10 Yrs)	-0.43	
Volatility	13.64	
Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	3.2%	1.8%
Dividend Payout	42.8%	32.5%
Dividend Growth	12.7%	8.4%
Total Payout Yield	4.6%	1.9%
Price to Earnings (trailing)	10.9x	16.0x
Price to Book	2.3x	2.9x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$142.7bn	\$385.4bn
ESG Score	7.4	6.4
Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity	98.7	162.8

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 03/31/22. 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 03/31/22. 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. This is the combined AUM of KBI Global Investors Ltd and KBI Global Investors (North America) Ltd excluding AUA from Q1 2022. 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

	Annuali	sed Perfo	rmance (S	\$)	
	3Mths	YTD	1Yr	3Yrs	5Yrs
trategy (Gross)	-4.5	-4.5	5.0	9.5	7.8
Strategy (Net)	-4.7	-4.7	4.3	8.8	7.1
Benchmark	-5.4	-5.4	7.3	13.8	11.6

#### Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 03/31/22

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KBI calculate both composite 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 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. 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)	4.3	0.3	4.0
3-5 (mid-small)	2.5	1.1	1.4
5-10 (mid)	8.6	4.5	4.1
10-25 (mid-large)	25.8	14.1	11.7
>25 (large)	58.8	80.0	-21.2

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 03/31/22. 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
Port	folio Management T	eam
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	35yrs
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	31yrs
lan Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	21yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	21yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	32ys
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	18yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	21yrs
Trading		
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	16yrs

# Portfolio Positioning Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Information Technology	22.5	Materials	5.7
Financials	15.7	Consumer Staples	5.0
Consumer Discretionary	11.6	Energy	4.7
Health Care	10.7	Real Estate	3.1
Industrials	10.4	Utilities	2.0
Communication Services	8.6		

Geographical Breakdown		
Region	%	
North America	64.1	
Europe	20.0	
Emerging Markets	6.9	
Japan	5.8	
Pacific Basin ex Japan	3.2	

#### Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
iShares MSCI EM UCITS ETF USD	Ireland	4.0
Microsoft Corporation	US	3.1
Merck & Co Inc	US	2.1
Texas Instruments Inc	US	2.0
Automatic Data Processing Inc	US	1.9
Newmont Corporation	US	1.8
Cigna Corp	US	1.8
Kinder Morgan Inc	US	1.8
Tractor Supply Co	US	1.8
HP INC	US	1.7

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. The above information represents the top 10 largest positions in the strategy as of 03/31/22 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

There was a significant change in US monetary policy to the more extreme end of hawkish expectations. The Fed are behind the inflation curve and will pursue both rate rises and balance sheet tightening to get it under control. This is an important macro trigger for the rotation thesis.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine caused significant disruption to energy, food and commodity supply chains. As a result, fossil fuels and big oil stocks rallied, as did tobacco and defence stocks, making it a tricky quarter for ESG oriented investors.

In the US corporate profits hit all time highs. Future profit expectations across almost all industries are at their highest in a decade. This points to a wide broadening of investment opportunity and supports the rotation thesis.

It also means Quality was out of favour over the period. The high absolute levels of financial surplus in the US is notable and made investors complacent despite the significant volatility that emerged.

The earnings outlook seems excessively optimistic given the dramatic monetary policy rotation and global input cost disruption. Volatility looks set to become a more prominent feature of markets.

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