

Q4 2022 USD

KBI Global Investors

KBIGI Global Small Cap Equity Strategy



Summary Details

Assets under Mgmt.	\$5.2m
Inception Date	01 Jul 2015
Benchmark	MSCI World Small Cap Net Return Index
Number of Stocks	227

Risk Characteristics

Beta (5 Yrs)	0.96
Information Ratio (5 Yrs)	-0.30
Volatility	20.73

Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	3.4%	2.1%
Dividend Payout	37.2%	23.8%
Dividend Growth	12.2%	5.6%
Total Payout Yield	3.1%	-0.1%
Price to Earnings (trailing)	8.8x	14.4x
Price to Book	1.4x	1.6x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$3.2bn	\$3.6bn
ESG Score	6.1	5.6
Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity	73.1	169.8

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 12/31/22. The risk characteristics are calculated independently by KBI Global Investors using monthly gross returns of the composite over a 5 year period relative to the Index as at the 12/31/22. 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 Global Small Cap 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

Annualised Performance (\$)

	3Mths	YTD	1Yr	3Yrs	5Yrs	Since Incep
Strategy (Gross)	15.1	-15.6	-15.6	0.3	2.0	4.6
Strategy (Net)	14.9	-16.3	-16.3	-0.4	1.2	3.8
Benchmark	10.8	-18.8	-18.8	2.9	3.5	5.9

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 12/31/22
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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)	56.9	49.5	7.4
3-5 (mid-small)	26.8	25.5	1.3
5-10 (mid)	13.1	23.2	-10.1
10-25 (mid-large)	3.1	1.8	1.3
>25 (large)	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 12/31/22. 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	35yrs
Portfolio Management Team		
Gareth Maher	Head of Portfolio Management	35yrs
David Hogarty	Head of Strategy Development	31yrs
Ian Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	22yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	22yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	32yrs
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	19yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	ESG & Engagement Analyst	22yrs
Trading		
Ultan O'Kane	Trader	17yrs

Portfolio Positioning

Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Industrials	19.1	Materials	6.9
Financials	15.3	Energy	5.0
Consumer Discretionary	14.1	Consumer Staples	3.8
Information Technology	12.1	Communication Services	2.8
Health Care	10.1	Utilities	2.7
Real Estate	8.1		

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
North America	63.9
Europe	19.3
Japan	10.9
Pacific Basin ex Japan	5.9

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
Comerica Inc	US	2.1
Janus Henderson Group Plc	US	1.9
Bruker Corporation	US	1.8
Freehold Royalties Ltd	Canada	1.8
Boise Cascade Co	US	1.8
New Jersey Resources Corporation	US	1.4
Cathay General Bancorp	US	1.4
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co	US	1.3
Texas Roadhouse	US	1.3
Maximus Inc	US	1.2

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. The above information represents the top 10 largest positions in the strategy as of 12/31/22 based on the aggregate US\$ 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

While much of the narrative at year end is around recession fears and impending disappointing earnings, we feel there may well be more opportunities to generate good returns than many realise.

The percentage of stock passing our quality hurdles is high, and payout ratios are near all time lows. This means the buffer around existing dividend behavior is high. Even if earnings disappoint (we feel the portfolio is good shape on this front) current levels of yield and dividend growth can be maintained by allowing payout ratios to return to more normal long term levels. Dividends and dividend growth become highly valuable sources of return when share price increases are scarce.

The rally in value and high yield stocks in the fourth quarter suggests that investors have begun to pick up on this opportunity. While the shine may have gone off tech stocks investors have started to look elsewhere. The good news is that they like what they see. The surprisingly strong fundamentals and cheap valuations of companies that exist across the market capitalisations are starting to get noticed.

Up until quarter four, all of the relative outperformance of value over growth stocks since last year had come in down markets. Value stocks were seen as attractive for the defensive qualities they bring and their lower sensitivity to rising rates. However, in quarter four, value stocks led the rally. The fact that they did so as long bond yields fell suggest something is now seriously different.

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