

Summary Details		
Assets under Mgmt.		£13.5m
Inception Date		01 Nov 2013
Benchmark		MSCI North America Net Return Index
Number of Stocks		68
Risk Characteristics		
Beta (10 Yrs)		0.93
Information Ratio (10 Yrs)		-0.64
Volatility		13.43
Portfolio Statistics	Strategy	Index
Dividend Yield	2.6%	1.2%
Dividend Payout	46.8%	26.0%
Dividend Growth	12.3%	7.9%
Total Payout Yield	3.3%	1.5%
Price to Earnings (forward)	15.5x	22.2x
Price to Book	3.6x	5.6x
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap.	\$377.9bn	\$1220.3bn
ESG Score	7.0	6.3
Wtd Avg Carbon Intensity	39.5	92.5

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/25. 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 31/12/25. 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 North America AUM excluding Assets under Advisement 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.

Prior to 1/4/20 the North America AUM figure was inclusive of the North America equity 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
Fund (Gross)	2.8	4.6	4.6	7.8	10.2
Benchmark	2.7	9.9	9.9	18.2	13.8

Source: KBI Global Investors, Datastream, MSCI as of 31/12/25

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 North American Equity composite is a well diversified all cap strategy that invests across all 24 industry sub classifications of the North American equity markets as defined within the MSCI North America benchmark. 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 North America 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. 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 North America Portfolio Characteristics

Mkt. Cap \$bn	Strategy	MSCI NAM Index	+/- %
<10bn	1.2	0.2	1.0
10bn to 25bn	20.9	5.2	15.7
25bn to 50bn	14.9	8.8	6.1
50bn to 100bn	15.0	12.9	2.1
100bn to 250bn	26.9	18.8	8.1
250bn to 500bn	8.7	11.4	-2.7
>500bn	12.3	42.7	-30.4

Source: KBI Global Investors as of 31/12/25. 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	Industry Experience
Portfolio Management Team		
David Hogarty	Head of Portfolio Management	34yrs
Ian Madden	Senior Portfolio Manager	25yrs
James Collery	Senior Portfolio Manager	25yrs
John Looby	Senior Portfolio Manager	35yrs
Massimiliano Tondi	Senior Portfolio Manager	22yrs
Jeanne Chow Collins	Head of RI Policy & Stewardship	25yrs

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Portfolio Positioning

Sector Breakdown

Sector	%	Sector	%
Information Technology	30.2	Consumer Staples	5.3
Financials	14.3	Energy	3.8
Communication Services	10.6	Materials	3.2
Health Care	10.4	Real Estate	2.5
Consumer Discretionary	9.5	Utilities	2.4
Industrials	7.8		

Geographical Breakdown

Region	%
USA	89.6
Canada	10.4

Top 10 Holdings

Stock	Country	%
Microsoft Corporation	US	4.8
Cisco Systems Inc	US	3.0
Morgan Stanley	US	2.9
Broadcom Inc	US	2.8
Lam Research Corp	US	2.8
Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	2.8
Lundin Gold Inc	Canada	2.7
Fastenal Co	US	2.6
KLA Corp	US	2.4
Best Buy Company Inc	US	2.4

Source of all data: KBI Global Investors. Data as of 31/12/25

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