

Investment Philosophy

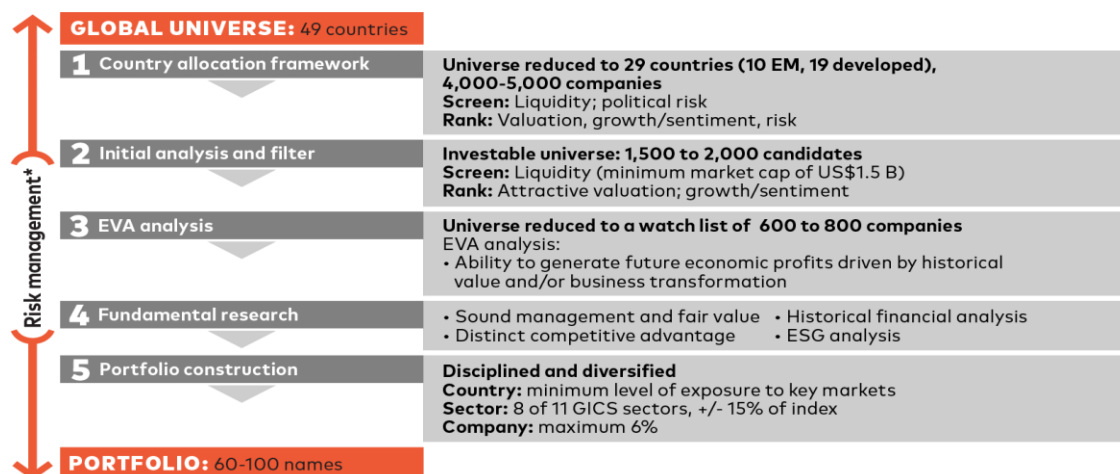
We seek to capture returns from asset pricing inefficiencies at the country and at the company level. At the country level, we believe stock markets fluctuate based on several factors, including home country bias and investor sentiment. Thus, we use a disciplined Country Allocation Framework (CAF) to identify and exploit mispriced countries.

At the stock level, we believe the market at times fails to recognize the impact of a company's economic profitability, or Economic Value Added (EVA) – its return on investment in excess of its cost of capital – on its long-term share price performance. As such, we focus on the primary drivers of EVA, which allows us to more accurately evaluate a company's sustainable competitive advantage, invest with conviction and generate high active share.

We believe the market's short-term focus leads to the mispricing of stocks. Our long-term approach allows us to arbitrage market expectations relative to our differentiated perspectives, with the differences between winners and losers being amplified over time.

We believe that considering ESG factors can help uncover investment opportunities and reduce portfolio risk, and that ESG analysis is most impactful when fully integrated within the fundamental research process.

Investment Process Overview



*Control – Risk Management factors considered include: Country, Sector, Company and Portfolio levels.

Investment Process

Our investment process is based on the concept of identifying the key investment drivers of a company through EVA. We believe companies that effectively deploy capital and consistently earn a rate of return in excess of their cost of capital, have the ability to create long-term, positive economic value for shareholders. Recognizing that while EVA leads us to quality companies, we also emphasize valuation, which can lead us to mispriced stocks that have the potential to benefit from multiple expansion and earnings growth.

Our process is underpinned by fundamental stock selection and aided by our disciplined CAF. Political risk considerations and liquidity screens eliminate several countries from the global universe of 49 countries. The CAF helps identify countries from the remaining universe where local stock markets exhibit the appropriate combination of attractive valuation, low-risk characteristics and attractive growth/sentiment factors that will outperform in the long run.

A minimum market cap size and our tolerance levels for liquidity is applied when screening for companies. The remaining universe is then ranked based on valuation, growth and sentiment characteristics. An EVA screen is then applied to further reduce the universe to arrive at our watch list of companies. Selected names are reviewed using in-depth fundamental analysis to uncover companies with defensible businesses, strong management, attractive long-term growth prospects and attractive valuations. Analysts also incorporate financially-material ESG risks and opportunities in their investment thesis and valuation framework. During portfolio construction, we seek to ensure the portfolio is well-diversified and comprised of largely uncorrelated stocks. Several disciplined controls are imposed to achieve diversification across and within regions, countries and sectors.

Quick Facts

Investment Style

Core

Investment Approach

Fundamental, Top down/Bottom up

Inception Date

December 31, 2005

Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index

Investment Team

Stephen Way, CFA®, SVP and Head of Global & Emerging Markets Equities

Additional investment resources

Canada: 50

United States: 4

Ireland: 1

*Inception date is of the Composite for the AGF Global Equity strategy.

Annualized Performance (%) - USD

	Gross	Net ^o	Benchmark [*]	Active (Gross)	Active (Net)
3 mo.	-4.1	-4.3	-0.9	-3.2	-3.4
YTD	13.6	12.8	18.0	-4.5	-5.2
1 year	13.6	12.8	18.0	-4.5	-5.2
2 year	12.6	11.8	20.4	-7.8	-8.6
3 year	5.4	4.7	5.9	-0.5	-1.2
4 year	8.0	7.3	9.1	-1.0	-1.8
5 year	8.2	7.5	10.6	-2.3	-3.1
7 year	7.0	6.3	9.7	-2.7	-3.4
10 year	8.3	7.5	9.8	-1.5	-2.3
SPSD ¹	8.0	7.2	8.0	0.0	-0.8

Calendar Year Performance (%) - USD

	Gross	Net ^o	Benchmark [*]	Active (Gross)	Active (Net)
2024	13.6	12.8	18.0	-4.5	-5.2
2023	11.6	10.8	22.8	-11.2	-12.0
2022	-7.5	-8.1	-18.0	10.5	9.8
2021	16.2	15.4	19.0	-2.8	-3.6
2020	9.0	8.2	16.8	-7.8	-8.6
2019	26.8	25.9	27.3	-0.5	-1.4
2018	-14.5	-15.1	-8.9	-5.6	-6.2
2017	23.0	22.2	24.6	-1.6	-2.4
2016	10.8	10.0	8.5	2.3	1.5
2015	0.8	0.1	-1.8	2.7	1.9

Sector Allocation (%)²

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark [*]	Active
Financials	27.4	16.8	10.6
Industrials	18.2	10.2	8.0
Info. Tech.	12.4	26.0	-13.6
Comm. Serv.	10.8	8.2	2.6
Health Care	9.4	9.7	-0.2
Cons. Staples	8.5	5.9	2.6
Cons. Disc.	5.9	11.3	-5.5
Energy	5.7	3.8	1.9
Materials	1.5	3.5	-2.0
Real Estate	0.1	2.0	-2.0
Utilities	0.0	2.5	-2.5

Top 10 Country Allocation (%)²

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark [*]	Active
United States	65.7	66.1	-0.4
Japan	10.3	4.8	5.4
United Kingdom	5.5	3.2	2.4
China & Hong Kong	3.7	3.2	0.5
France	3.2	2.3	0.9
South Korea	2.0	0.9	1.2
Switzerland	1.9	2.0	-0.1
Germany	1.5	2.2	-0.6
Taiwan	1.5	2.0	-0.5
Belgium	1.0	0.2	0.8

Top 10 Holdings (% of total assets)

Total Holdings: 55

Company Name	Country	Sector	Weight [^]
Alphabet Inc.	United States	Comm. Serv.	7.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	United States	Financials	5.6
Chubb Ltd.	United States	Financials	4.3
Waste Management Inc.	United States	Industrials	3.6
Honeywell International Inc.	United States	Industrials	3.3
AbbVie Inc.	United States	Health Care	3.2
Schneider Electric SE	France	Industrials	3.2
Aflac Inc.	United States	Financials	3.0
Philip Morris International Inc.	United States	Cons. Staples	2.9
Northrop Grumman Corp.	United States	Industrials	2.9
Total			39.3

Portfolio Characteristics

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark [*]
Active Share	88.7%	-
Price to Cash Flow	13.9	17.0
Price to Earnings	21.7	25.5
Forward Price to Earnings	16.8	19.0
Turnover	5.4%	-
Price to Earnings Growth	2.1	1.9
Dividend Yield	1.9%	1.5%
Price to Book	3.3	4.1
Return on Equity	15.6%	16.0%

Risk Characteristics (3 year annualized) - USD

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark [*]
Beta	0.8	1.0
Information Ratio	-0.1	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.4	0.4
Standard Deviation	14.7%	16.2%
Tracking Error	5.7%	-

Market Cap Allocation - USD

	Portfolio [^]	Benchmark [*]
More than \$50 billion	83.5	71.5
\$10 to 50 billion	8.6	24.1
\$5 to 10 billion	4.3	3.5
Less than \$5 billion	3.6	0.9
Weighted Average Market Cap (billions)	281.9	708.5

[^]AGF Global Equity Strategy; ^oPortfolio (net of max. institutional fee) ^{*}MSCI All Country World Index. ¹SPSD December 31, 2005.

Source: AGF Investments, as of December 31, 2024. Performance and risk is based on AGF Global Equity composite. Strategy characteristics are based on the AGF Global Equity Class (fee paying) representative account. This information is additional to the GIPS-compliant presentation found at the end of the document. Past performance is not indicative of future results. ²Does not include cash position of 1.21%. This report is not complete without disclaimer.

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AGF Investments

AGF Global Equity Composite (USD)

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2023

Year	Gross of Fee Composite Return (%)	Net of Fee Composite Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Composite AUM (\$USD mil)	Firm AUM (\$USD mil)
2014	1.89	1.13	4.70	9	0.09	10.95	10.48	1,819.32	24,571
2015	0.82	0.11	-1.84	8	0.62	10.95	10.78	2,036.75	18,957
2016	10.76	9.99	8.48	13	0.33	10.87	11.07	3,446.29	20,143
2017	23.03	22.19	24.62	14	0.66	9.97	10.37	4,348.42	23,063
2018	-14.49	-15.09	-8.93	14	0.71	10.43	10.48	3,688.67	20,178
2019	26.78	25.91	27.30	12	0.34	11.56	11.21	2,794.39	23,185
2020	8.98	8.22	16.82	10	1.28	18.20	18.12	2,703.92	24,066
2021	16.23	15.43	19.04	8	0.84	17.15	16.83	1,621.42	26,706
2022	-7.46	-8.11	-17.96	4	N/A	19.31	19.86	904.77	23,091
2023	11.57	10.80	22.81	5	N/A	14.94	16.27	1,001.03	24,659

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Benchmark Description

The benchmark is the MSCI All Country World Index. The MSCI All Country World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

Composite Description

The Global Equity Composite's mandate is to invest primarily in equities of companies around the world. It may invest up to 25% of its assets in emerging markets equities. The strategy may employ forward currency contracts to hedge foreign exchange risk on underlying securities.

Composite Creation Date and Inception Date

The composite was created in January 2011. The composite's inception was in December 2005.

Currency

Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.

Minimum Portfolio Size

There is no minimum portfolio size required for inclusion into the composite.

Calculation Methodology

Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends, income and other earnings.

Gross-of-fees returns are presented before management expenses and custodial fees, but after all trading expenses and withholding taxes.

Net of fees returns are calculated by deducting the maximum institutional fee charged from the gross of fee return.

Composite returns are calculated using asset-weighted returns by weighing the individual account returns using beginning-of-period values.

Internal Dispersion Measure

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of all accounts included in the composite for the entire year; it is not presented for periods less than one year or when there were five or fewer portfolios in the composite for the entire year as this is not considered meaningful.

Three-Year Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is presented once the composite has three full calendar years of performance. Gross returns are used to calculate risk measures.

Fee Schedule

The maximum management fee for the strategy is 0.70% per annum.

Additional Information

The portfolios in this composite are valued at both fair value and systematic adjusted fair value.

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