

First quarter 2025

# Global Focus Strategy

Quarterly market and strategy review



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### Investment team

## Roles and expertise

### Global focus management team

#### Jonathan T. White, CFA

Lead Portfolio Manager 28 years' experience Consumer discretionary, staples

#### Emory W. (Sandy) Sanders, Jr., CFA

Portfolio Manager 28 years' experience Generalist

#### Michael J. Mattioli, CFA

20 years' experience Financials

#### Nicholas P. Renart

20 years' experience Industrials, technology

#### Michael Daley, CFA

19 years' experience Technology, staples, communication services

#### Michael Bokoff, CFA

15 years' experience Energy, materials, healthcare

#### Keith Kirkland, CFA

15 years' experience Healthcare, technology

#### Kassiani Nacopoulos, CFA

9 years' experience Consumer discretionary, staples

#### Joshua R. Yafa

19 years' experience Client Portfolio Manager

#### Tatiana V. Johnson

15 years' experience Client Portfolio Manager

#### **Alyson Rando**

9 years' experience Client Service Analyst

#### Boutique structure

 Managers and analysts focused solely on this investment process and the vast majority of long-term compensation is invested in products managed by the team

#### Experience

 Lead managers working together for 20 years

### 3 Research culture

- Analysts recruited specifically to drive our 7 step research process
- 3 to 4 weeks of in-depth research to initiate on a company
- ~700 company visits a year
- Using a 5- to 20-year investment horizon to seek intrinsic value
- Focused on long-term company fundamentals and stakeholder outcomes

As of March 31, 2025

## Proven investment process

- The team's process has been employed successfully for ~20 years
- Style agnostic intrinsic value investing: we don't have a preference for slow vs. fast growing businesses as long as they possess a wide-moat



<sup>\*</sup> MSCI World For illustrative purposes only. Figures shown in US Dollar (USD). Past Performance is no guarantee of future results.

## Range of values analysis

Illustrative Example: Amazon.com (AMZN)

### Valuation scenario analysis, critical when determining "right price" to pay

- Financial models culminate in consistent Range of Values analysis (updated at least quarterly)
- Intrinsic value is compared to current price for reward/risk evaluation

Amazon — illustrative example	le as of	February	2025
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Assumption (CAP= 20 yrs)		Best Case	Base Case	Bear Case	Worst Case	3/5 Yr History	10 Yr History
Sales growth (%)	CAGR	12	9	8	5	13	22
North America (%)	CAGR	11	9	8	5	13	_
International (%)	CAGR	14	9	8	6	8	<u> </u>
Amazon Web Services (%)	CAGR	12	10	8	6	24	_
AMZN share NA retail sales - GMV (%)	Terminal	29	25	20	15	10	_
AMZN share NA e-commerce - GMV (%)	Terminal	63	59	51	43	42	_
Operating margin (%)	AVG	20.3	17.7	14.6	12.2	6.2	4.9
Operating margin (%)	Terminal	21.7	19.6	16.1	12.9	_	_
EBIT growth	CAGR	15.7	12.8	10.1	6.3	31.6	46.3
Value range (DCF) (\$)		467	300	182	94		
Upside/Downside (%)		104	31	-21	-59		70
Price as of February 2025(\$)		AMZN	229			<b></b>	76¢
Source: Manulife Investment Management proprieta	ry assessment a	as of February 2	2025				

#### Result: Reward/risk evaluation

- Industry dynamics, growth drivers, supply chain considerations, human capital strategy, capital allocation, governance, etc. all factor into four distinct scenarios
- ESG risks and opportunities are ultimately reflected in the RoV analysis
- Amazon has been a tremendous compounder of cash flow and shareholder returns over our 15-year holding period

# RoV analysis establishes if a company is attractively priced relative to our estimate of intrinsic value. Remaining cases help us understand what the market is discounting when stocks are mispriced.

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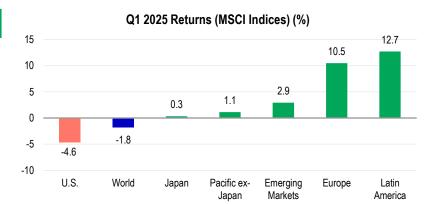
# Global equity markets mixed

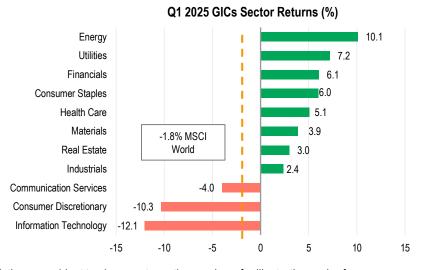
#### **Markets**

- Stock markets worldwide turned in mixed results in Q1 2025. Latin America, Europe and Emerging markets appreciated nicely while U.S. declined.
- U.S. stocks, which represent about 70% of the MSCI World index, declined, hampered by mounting concern that pending trade tariffs would reignite inflation and trigger a recession.
- As investors grew increasingly risk averse, they began taking profits in growth-oriented U.S.-based information technology, consumer discretionary and communication services stocks that had soared in recent years.
- Investors shifted interest into value and overseas stocks, with many non-US equity markets posting solid or strong gains.

### Sectors

- Sector performance was mixed in Q1. Growth underperformed value in the period.
- Value stocks held up much better than growth stocks as recession fears and risk aversion increased.
- Energy was the best performing sector in the period.
- Defensive sectors such as utilities, consumer staples and healthcare outperformed.
- After performing well last year, consumer discretionary, information technology and communication services sectors sold off in Q1.





In USD

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### Q1 2025 attribution

### What helped?

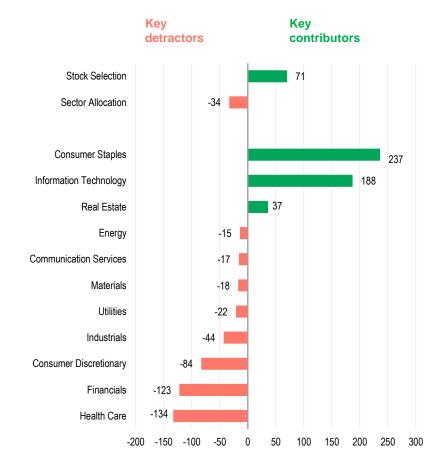
An overweight and stock picks in the **Consumer Staples** sector, as well as sock selection and underweight in the **Information Technology** and selection in the **Real Estate sector** helped relative performance.

- Anheuser-Busch InBev benefited as strong execution by management, revenue gains in North America and currency tailwinds fueled better-than-expected quarterly earnings and revenue. Investors also welcomed the company's proposed dividend increase.
- Danone rallied following solid quarterly financial results, accelerated revenue growth as the management continues to successfully execute their innovation and premiumization strategy.

#### What hurt?

Security selection in the **Healthcare**, a large underweight and stock selection in the **Financials** and a large overweight in the **Consumer Discretionary** sectors hindered relative performance.

- **Amazon.com** stock price pressured by news of its plans to invest heavily in artificial intelligence in 2025.
- Avantor sank when revenue guidance fell short of expectations due to currency headwinds and a business divestiture.



bps of Total Effect

In USD
Data as of March 31, 2025.
Composite inception date: July 2012

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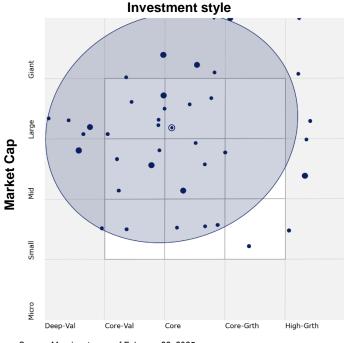
### Portfolio construction

**Style agnostic:** own wide-moat businesses where expected economics improve over a 5-10 year period across a broad spectrum of investment style and market cap.

Clearly defined universe: Focused on Consumer. Healthcare, Technology and Services and avoid commodity dependent industries, those subject to regulation, or sectors that are overly dependent on leverage and/or external finance.

**Concentrated portfolio:** 25-45 positions drive active share >90% and 4-8% tracking error.

Portfolio metrics*	Since inception as of March 31, 2025
Active Share	94%
Average Turnover	28%
Beta	0.99
Tracking Error	5.34%
Up Market Capture	97%
Down Market Capture	96%



Holdings based style map\*

Source: Morningstar, as of February 28, 2025

Representative portfolio Portfolio holdings

Source: Manulife Investment Management, eVestment Alliance, March 31, 2025

\*Size of blue dots indicates portfolio weight and style representation. Blue shaded area represents market cap and style overlap of portfolio holdings.

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## Representative portfolio characteristics as of March 31, 2025

Characteristics	Global Focus Strategy	MSCI World (Net) Index
Wtd. avg. market cap (\$M)	241,154	649,920
Median market cap (\$M)	45,340	22,464
Number of holdings	37	1,340
Price/book ratio (x)	2.52	3.25
P/E ratio (1 yr forward) (x)	18.06	18.05
EPS LT growth rate (%)	9.52	11.51
Dividend yield (%)	1.64	1.80
ROE (%)	28.51	14.67
Active share (%)	94.31	

Top ten holdings (%)	Global Focus Strategy
Amazon.com	7.44
eBay	5.35
Danone	5.17
Anheuser-Busch InBev	4.48
Comcast	4.12
Exor	3.69
Heineken Holding	3.63
Liberty Media	3.53
Haleon	3.44
Cheniere Energy	3.31
Total	44.16

#### Sector allocation (%)



#### In USD

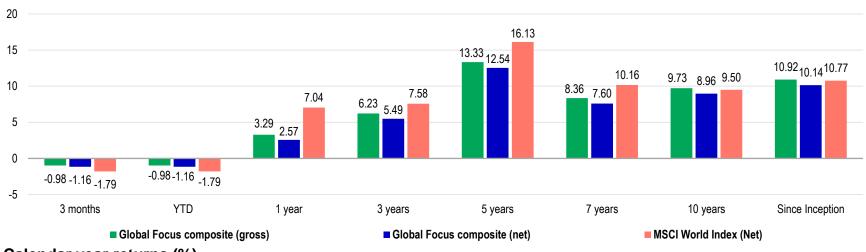
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## **Global Focus Composite**

## Investment results as of March 31, 2025

#### Annualized returns (%)



### Calendar year returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Global Focus composite (gross)	11.73	26.69	-22.55	19.10	15.66	30.04	-10.31	25.84	4.13	15.29
Global Focus composite (net)	10.95	25.81	-23.09	18.27	14.85	29.13	-10.94	24.96	3.40	14.48
MSCI World Index (Net)	18.67	23.79	-18.14	21.82	15.90	27.67	-8.71	22.40	7.51	-0.87
Excess return (gross)	-6.94	2.90	-4.40	-2.72	-0.24	2.37	-1.60	3.44	-3.39	16.16
Excess return (net)	-7.72	2.02	-4.94	-3.55	-1.05	1.46	-2.23	2.56	-4.11	15.35

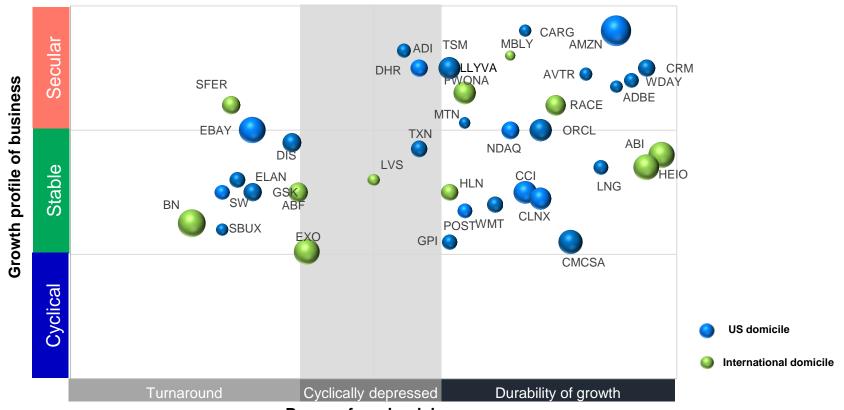
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## Mapping growth profile of businesses vs. reason for mispricing

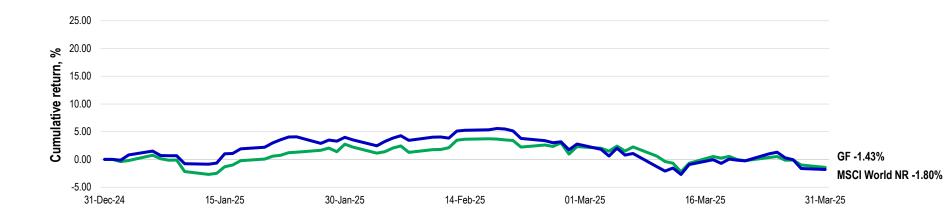


#### Reason for mispricing

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### Performance in 2025

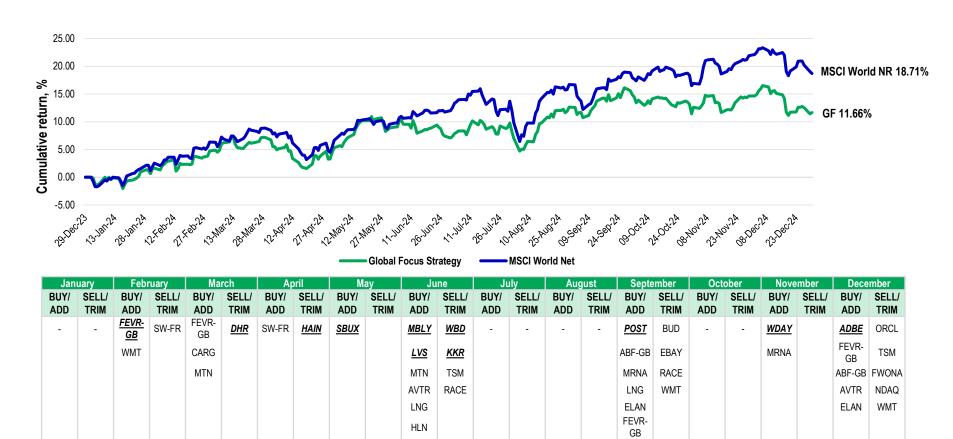


Global Focus Strategy	
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Jan	uary	Febi	ruary	March				
BUY/ ADD	SELL/ TRIM	BUY/ ADD	SELL/ TRIM	BUY/ ADD	SELL/TRIM			
-	MRNA	CMCSA	<u>GILD</u>	-	-			
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			WMT					

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### Performance in 2024

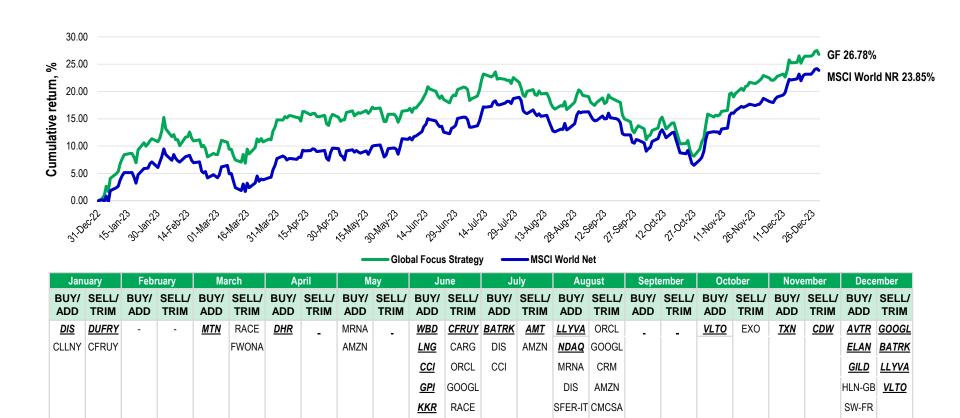


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### Performance in 2023



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### Performance in 2022



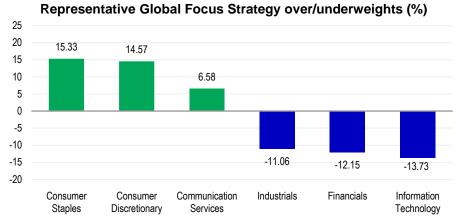
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## Mixed outlook: playing offense and defense as cycle evolves

### **Current positioning**

- Focus on wide-moat businesses with sustainable competitive advantages, compounding cash flows, good balance sheets, and high margins of safety.
- Avoid commodity-driven, heavily-regulated, and highly-leveraged sectors and companies.
- Eliminated two holdings in healthcare and decreased a position in consumer staples that appreciated nicely.
- Directed proceeds to attractive valued existing position in communication services and cash.



Source: Factset Research Systems, as of March 31, 2025.

#### Outlook as of March 31, 2025

- Going forward, equity markets may be rocky near term, as investors digest the impact of U.S. tariffs. However, we remain encouraged about the longerterm prospects for stocks. In the U.S., unemployment remains at low levels, consumer spending seems solid, and technology spending trends and corporate earnings growth appear likely to continue.
- Meanwhile, in Europe, stock markets and economies that have languished in recent years have the potential to reaccelerate.
- We believe the strategy is well positioned for macroeconomic uncertainty and market volatility, given its balance between capital preservation and capital appreciation. With an eye toward the intermediate and longer term, we believe markets currently present healthy investment opportunities. We seek companies with wide-moats and multi-year growth drivers that should allow them to manage through input cost pressures and position the investments for higher normalized growth rates over the long term.
- We think the strategy is positioned to capitalize on improving global consumption trends, with sizable overweights in Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services sectors. Going forward, we plan to maintain our bottom-up focus on companies with global franchises, strong balance sheets, wide competitive moats, and discounted valuations.

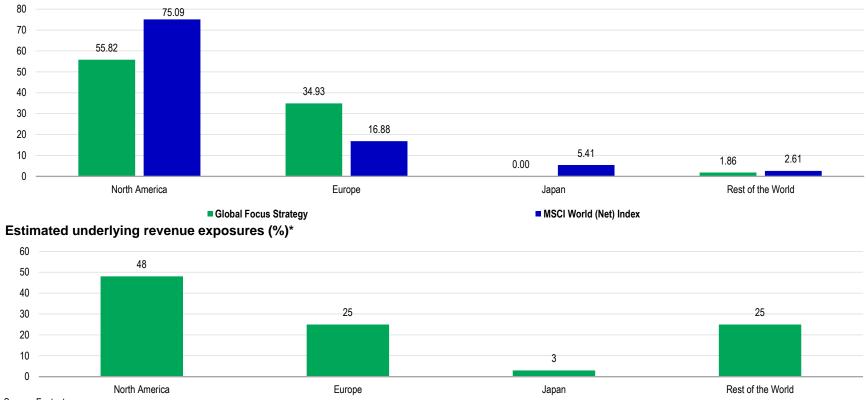
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## Regional allocation

### Underlying geographical exposure is much more important than where a Company is domiciled.

Geographic domiciles (%) as of March 31, 2025



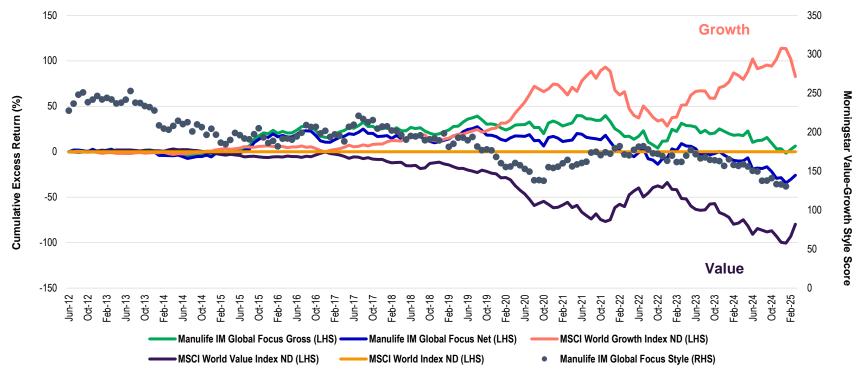
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## Investment style flexibility

- Flexibility in style allocation allows to invest in attractively priced businesses maintaining high quality and wide moat focus.
- Contrarian approach: the strategy has gradually migrated towards more traditional value-style investments as mispricings have become more prevalent relative to growth opportunities.

### Cumulative excess return vs. investment style since inception



In USD

Strategy Inception date: July 1, 2012. Source: eVestment, Morningstar as March 31, 2025.

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## Global Focus Composite

## Regional attribution as of March 31, 2025

### Annualized attribution since inception (%)

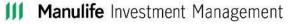
	Global Focus Strategy	MSCI World		Attribution	
	Port. average weight	Bench. average weight	Allocation effect	Selection + interaction	Total effect
Total	100.00	100.00	-0.27	0.47	0.19
Japan	0.35	7.75	0.29	0.03	0.32
Asia (Emerging)	1.47	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.27
Asia Ex-Japan (Developed)	0.00	4.09	0.25	0.00	0.25
United Kingdom	12.02	6.15	-0.37	0.60	0.23
North America	51.71	66.10	-0.32	0.41	0.10
EMEA (Emerging)	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	5.30	0.00	-0.04	0.00	-0.04
Europe Ex-Uk (Developed)	29.14	15.89	-0.36	-0.57	-0.93

- Alpha is driven by security selection not by geographical allocation.
- Majority of regional allocations contributed to excess return.
- The underperformance of Europe ex UK is heavily related to covid Mobility challenges from EM exposure to EUR domiciled global businesses and fears around an economic slowdown in Europe from stagflation and fears around the conflict in Russia/Ukraine. We believe these challenges will prove to be temporary and manageable given the effectiveness of vaccines and the fact that the vast majority of the strategy's exposure is in basic goods with pricing power, luxury goods with relatively lower elasticity of demand or mission critical infrastructure.

#### In USD

Strategy inception date: July 2012

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Strong argument for active management: global franchises are not "one-size-fits-all"

**Top 10 individual contributors since inception**<sup>1</sup> (below) populated by diverse businesses with different investment theses across a range of investment "styles"

### Common thread: Predictable, high quality global businesses

Company	Business	Style	Original Investment Thesis
Amazon.com	E-commerce Retailer and Cloud Storage	Growth	Margin improvement; under appreciated growth
Ferrari	Luxury Auto Brand	Growth	Under appreciated growth
Walmart	Retail and wholesale business	Value	Turnaround; under appreciated moat
Oracle	Database and Application software vendor	Value	Under appreciated moat
еВау	E-Commerce Platform	Value	Turnaround; under appreciated moat
Adidas	Athletic Apparel and Equipment	Value	Turnaround; margin improvement
AutoZone	Retailer and distributor of auto parts	Value	Misplaced secular concerns
Liberty Media Corporation	Media entertainment company	Growth	Under appreciated moat and growth
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	Leading semiconductor manufacturer	Growth	Under appreciated moat and growth
American Tower	Real estate investment trust	Growth	Under appreciated growth

Source: FactSet and Manulife Investment Management

As of December 31, 2024. Data is updated Annually.

<sup>1</sup> Inception Date: July 2012

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Past performance is not indicative of future results.



## Distinct alpha profile: correlation of excess returns

#### Manulife IM Global Focus Strategy correlation of excess returns relative to MSCI factors\*

Factor	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Since Inception
MSCI World Growth	0.11	0.63	0.60	0.17	0.59	-0.27	0.14	0.39	0.73	-0.43	0.25
MSCI World Value	-0.10	-0.63	-0.61	-0.17	-0.59	0.28	-0.17	-0.40	-0.70	0.43	-0.24
MSCI World Momentum	-0.03	0.46	0.27	-0.11	0.85	-0.30	0.00	-0.48	-0.60	-0.28	-0.04
MSCI World Quality	0.81	0.66	0.41	0.38	0.08	0.01	0.21	0.70	0.27	-0.18	0.35
MSCI World Minimum Volatility	0.32	0.47	0.53	0.36	0.66	-0.06	0.14	-0.09	-0.21	0.13	0.17
MSCI North America	0.16	-0.12	-0.30	0.03	0.30	-0.42	-0.03	-0.35	-0.04	-0.75	-0.10
MSCI Pacific	-0.42	0.07	-0.15	-0.26	-0.10	-0.03	0.17	0.22	-0.04	0.49	-0.01
MSCI Europe	0.09	0.11	0.34	0.10	-0.30	0.60	-0.11	0.40	0.06	0.75	0.21

- Virtually no correlation since inception to broad geographical regions.
- Low correlation to major style factors: most correlated since inception to quality and growth factors aligns with investment strategy.
- Strategy is heavily consumption correlated: normally, consumerism typically exhibits secular growth, though pandemic-related mobility restrictions have temporarily disrupted that trend.

#### 5 year rolling annualized excess returns (through December 31, 2024, %)



In USD. Composite inception date: July 2012 \* Data as of 12/31/2024. Updated Annually.

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## Lessons learned: top detractors since inception<sup>1</sup>

Company	Investment Type	Original Investment Thesis	Mistake Made - Lesson Learned	Position Status
Anheuser-Busch InBev	Under-appreciated growth	* Moat from portfolio of brands, local distribution scale, owner- operator management and board of directors	Currency exposure from large EM business was mismatched relative to Dollar and Euro-denominated debt Be wary of management teams that are overly focused on cost in an industry that is heavily branded	Continue to hold
Danone	Under-appreciated growth	in much better than average growth within consumer staples	focus on growing revenue	Continue to hold
Heineken	Under-appreciated growth	*Portfolio of premium beer brands lead by Heineken. Dominant market share with strong brands in multiple geographies. *Scale advantage to optimize distribution and practices	On-premise sales performance affected by shutdowns in multiple regions, and led to an unforeseen level of cyclicality during pandemic  Under-estimated volume de-leveraging, FX and product mix headwinds	Continue to hold
Salvatore Ferragamo	Turn-around	* Strong brand and leading position in luxury footwear and personal luxury goods	•Slower than expected turnaround with product line refresh and omni channel optimization •Family owned/controlled business that are well-capitalized typically have a less intense sense of urgency to "turn-around"	Continue to hold
Apple	Under-appreciated growth	*Building best-in class consumer electronic devices for a compelling ecosystem with recurring high-margin service revenue streams.	* Strength of the ecosystem has continued to grow, and products are also an aspirational luxury good for global consumers.  *Replacements cycles have been consistently powerful despite incremental versus radical innovation – premium valuation has been consistent and not afforded re-entry opportunities	Exited Position
Moderna	Under-appreciated growth	*Apioneer of mRNA vaccines and medicines with the mRNA platform that has several advantages over traditional drug development  *Technology and platform was "rpvoen" with the release of Covid-19 vaccine	*The market was heavily focused on the near-term Covid-19 vaccine market dynamics with lower than expected demand for its vaccines and the lack of new vaccines and medicines getting through the final stage of approvals  *Underestimated the size of R&D spending and the timeline of "the cash burn"	Continue to hold
Cellnex	Under-appreciated growth	*Macro towers are an essential modern infrastructure asset.  *High barriers to entry and secular growth in mobility and bandwidth demnand	*Rising interest and competitive intensity for infrastructure assets have limited M&A.  *Regulatory landscape in Europe has been more onerous than expected.	Continue to hold
Ralph Lauren	Turn-around, cyclical	* Strong brand, under earning because of prolonged investment cycle around IT and store infrastructure	•Overexposed to secularly-challenged U.S. department store channel: branded apparel a tough business to maintain a moat.	Exited Position
		* New CEO brings much-needed operational skill set	•Founder-led succession rarely goes smoothly, and first CEO departed given control issues	
Meta	Under-appreciated growth	* Leading social media platform with strong competitive advantages driven by network effects and high level of user engagement	•Underappreciated ability to adjust technology to continue to take share from traditional media advertising •Ability to add business adjacencies that have driven greater small business platform adoption and add new advertising and promotional advertising revenue opportunities	Exited Position
Hain Celestial Group	Turn-around	*Leading global manufacturer of natural and organic packaged food and personal care products	*Lengthy rationalization period, refocusing the portfolio towards profitability  *International markets, particularly plant-based categories are distressed for several years	Continue to hold

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Index	Definition
MSCI World Index	MSCI World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets.
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MSCI LatAm Index	The MSCI Latin America Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets in Latin America.
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# **Manulife Investment Management**

## Global Focus Composite

#### Prelim - Only Schedule of Year End Returns updated per SEC Marketing Rule

Creation Date: January 1, 2018 Inception Date: July 1, 2012 Reporting Currency: USD

#### Schedule of Calendar Year Returns and Assets

Year End	Gross of Fees Return (%)	Net of Fees Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite Net 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Number of Portfolios End of Period	Composite Dispersion (%)	Total Assets End of Period (Millions)	Firm Assets End of Period (Millions)
2023	26.69	25.81	23.79	18.54	16.75	<=5	N/A	359	486,485
2022	-22.55	-23.09	-18.14	21.64	20.43	<=5	N/A	430	422,291
2021	19.10	18.27	21.82	17.26	17.06	<=5	N/A	686	455,705
2020	15.66	14.85	15.90	18.52	18.27	<=5	N/A	633	421,097
2019	30.04	29.13	27.67	11.02	11.14	<=5	N/A	623	422,034
2018	-10.31	-10.94	-8.71	10.91	10.38	<=5	N/A	508	392,058
2017	25.84	24.96	22.40	10.93	10.23	<=5	N/A	574	N/A
2016	4.13	3.40	7.51	12.17	10.92	<=5	N/A	674	N/A
2015	15.29	14.48	-0.87	11.54	10.80	<=5	N/A	579	N/A
2014	1.85	1.14	4.94	N/A	N/A	<=5	N/A	569	N/A

#### Schedule of Year End Returns

Date	Return	1 Year Gross (%)	5 Year Gross (%)	10 Year Gross (%)	SI Gross (%)	1 Year Net (%)	5 Year Net (%)	10 Year Net (%)	SI Net (%)
12/31/24	Composite	11.73	8.59	10.28	11.23	10.95	7.84	9.51	10.46
Date	Return	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI				
12/31/24	Renchmark	18 67	11 17	9 95	11 16				

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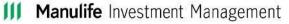
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