

International Equities

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Strategy summary

The strategy invests in international equity markets using a top-down contrarian approach focused on generating alpha from diversified sources: regions, countries, currencies, sectors, industries and stocks.

The disciplined process, rigorously applied for nearly 30 years, aims to deliver long-term growth with an emphasis on downside protection and the systematic integration of ESG factors.

Index	MSCI EAFE (net)
Value-added target	2% over a four-year period
Active risk	3 to 5%
Number of stocks	200 to 250
Currency management	Active

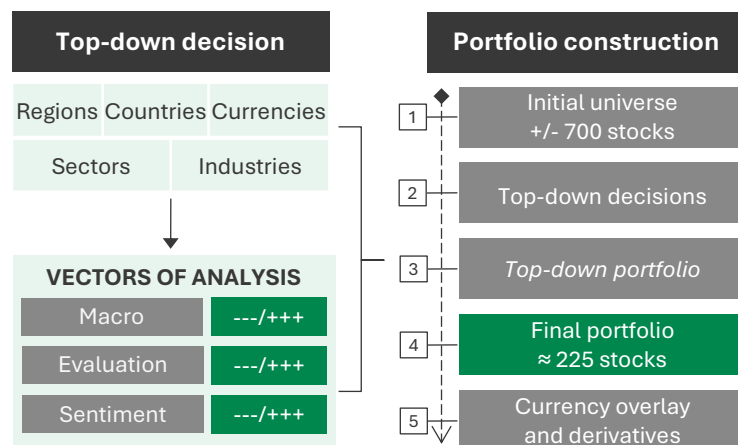
May 1, 1991
Strategy inception

\$751 M
Strategy AUM




March 26, 2025
Institutional fund
inception

\$646 M
Fund AUM

Investment process



Responsible investment

-  **Integration of ESG factors:** ESG factors are taken into account in top-down fundamental research, and ESG risk ratings are systematically integrated into our quantitative tools.
-  **Shareholder engagement:** In collaboration with the responsible investment team, we encourage companies to improve their consideration of ESG criteria.
-  **Exclusions:** tobacco and controversial weapons

Returns

(In %)	3 months	YTD	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Portfolio	3.53	30.98	30.98	24.47	22.44	13.77	8.09	8.21
Index	3.30	25.07	25.07	19.01	17.68	10.53	8.04	6.53
Added value	0.23	5.91	5.91	5.46	4.76	3.24	0.05	1.68

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Portfolio	30.98	18.29	18.47	-2.37	6.38	-5.41	11.47	-2.51	10.26
Index	25.07	13.24	15.07	-8.23	10.32	5.92	15.85	-6.03	16.82
Added value	5.91	5.05	3.40	5.86	-3.94	-11.33	-4.38	3.52	-6.56

The returns shown are those of the composite, which started on May 1, 1991. Returns for periods longer than 12 months are annualized.

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Risk measures and statistics

	Portfolio	Index
Beta	0.95	---
Active risk (%)	1.39	---
Active share (%)	43.00	---
Weighted average market capitalization (\$G)	167.9	145.2
Number of securities	232	693

Investment team

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Experience: 2000

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Experience: 1999

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Portfolio positioning (vs MSCI EAFE)

Region and country deviations

North America (0.8%)	0.8%
United Kingdom (15.9%)	1.0%
Emerg. Mkts (1.9%)	1.9%
Japan (24.8%)	2.7%
Asia ex Japan (5.7%)	-4.6%
Europe ex UK (47.5%)	-5.3%
Cash (3.5%)	3.5%

Sector deviations

Health Care (14.2%)	2.8%
Utilities (5.5%)	1.9%
Financials (26.6%)	1.2%
Energy (1.4%)	-1.7%
Industrials (17.1%)	-2.2%
I.T. (6.1%)	-2.3%

Currency deviations

JPY (25.1%)	3.0%
CAD (2.1%)	2.1%
AUD (8.4%)	2.0%
CHF (8.4%)	-1.2%
GBP (13.4%)	-1.5%
EUR (32.2%)	-3.6%

Sources: DGAM, MSCI, in CAD, December 31, 2025

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