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Marketing Communication

Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Dividend Growth Fund

31 December 2024

About Baillie Gifford

Philosophy Long-term investment horizon

A growth bias

Bottom-up portfolio construction

High active share

Partnership 100% owned by 58 partners with average 20

years' service

Ownership aligns our interests with those of

our clients

Enables us to take a thoughtful, long-term view

in all that we do

Stability, quality and consistency

Investment proposition

The Fund invests in an actively managed and well-diversified portfolio of stocks from around the world. It generally contains 50-80 stocks, and positions at initiation are typically 1-3 per cent of the portfolio. We seek to ensure a high degree of diversification of both income and capital, with no stock representing more than 5 per cent of the portfolio's income stream or capital at the time of purchase.

Fund facts

Fund Launch Date	17 July 2019
Fund Size	\$21.4m / €20.6m
Index	MSCI ACWI Index
Active Share	86%
Current Annual Turnover	20%
Current number of stocks	57
Fund SFDR Classification	Article 6*
Stocks (guideline range)	50-80
Fiscal year end	30 September
Structure	Irish UCITS
Base currency	USD
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^{*}The Fund is not subject to enhanced sustainability-related disclosures.

Key Decision Makers

Name	Years' experience
James Dow*	20
Ross Mathison	16

^{*}Partner

Awards and Ratings - As at 30 November 2024

Overall Morningstar Rating ™

Class B Acc in USD. Overall rating among 1098 EAA Fund Global Equity Income funds as at 30-NOV-2024.

Morningstar Medalist Rating™

Analyst-Driven % 100

Morningstar Medalist Rating™ as at 30-NOV-

Data Coverage % 100



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Based on the Class B USD Acc share class.

Performance

Periodic performance

	Inception Date	1 Month*	3 Months*	YTD*	1 Year*	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
US dollar									
Class B USD Acc (%)	17 July 2019	-3.9	-8.0	3.4	3.4	0.9	7.9	N/A	8.8
Class B USD Inc (%)	17 July 2019	-3.4	-8.0	3.3	3.3	0.9	7.9	N/A	8.9
Index (%)		-2.3	-0.9	18.0	18.0	5.9	10.6	N/A	11.2
euro									
Class B EUR Acc (%)	17 July 2019	-2.6	-1.1	9.6	9.6	3.7	9.5	N/A	10.3
Class B EUR Inc (%)	17 July 2019	-2.1	-1.4	9.6	9.6	3.7	9.5	N/A	10.3
Index (%)		-0.4	6.8	25.9	25.9	9.3	12.4	N/A	12.9
Swiss franc									
Class B CHF Acc (%)	29 October 2020	-1.4	-1.4	11.2	11.2	0.6	N/A	N/A	8.6
Index (%)		0.5	6.5	27.1	27.1	5.7	N/A	N/A	12.4

Calendar year performance

	December 2020	December 2021	December 2022	December 2023	December 2024
US dollar					
Class B USD Acc (%)	18.2	20.7	-16.7	19.2	3.4
Class B USD Inc (%)	18.4	20.7	-16.7	19.2	3.3
Index (%)	16.8	19.0	-18.0	22.8	18.0
euro					
Class B EUR Acc (%)	8.0	30.9	-11.4	15.0	9.6
Class B EUR Inc (%)	8.0	30.8	-11.4	14.9	9.6
Index (%)	7.2	28.1	-12.6	18.6	25.9
Swiss franc					
Class B CHF Acc (%)	N/A	25.0	-15.7	8.5	11.2
Index (%)	N/A	22.7	-16.7	11.7	27.1

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Discrete performance

	31/12/19-31/12/20	31/12/20-31/12/21	31/12/21-31/12/22	31/12/22-31/12/23	31/12/23-31/12/24
US dollar					
Class B USD Acc (%)	18.2	20.7	-16.7	19.2	3.4
Class B USD Inc (%)	18.4	20.7	-16.7	19.2	3.3
Index (%)	16.8	19.0	-18.0	22.8	18.0
euro					
Class B EUR Acc (%)	8.0	30.9	-11.4	15.0	9.6
Class B EUR Inc (%)	8.0	30.8	-11.4	14.9	9.6
Index (%)	7.2	28.1	-12.6	18.6	25.9
Swiss franc					
Class B CHF Acc (%)	N/A	25.0	-15.7	8.5	11.2
Index (%)	N/A	22.7	-16.7	11.7	27.1

Source: Revolution, MSCI. As at 31 December 2024. Net of fees. 10am prices. Index: MSCI ACWI Index, calculated using close to close. *Not annualised. Hedged share classes shown against the index in the base currency.

Baillie Gifford operates a single swinging price for the Fund and, therefore, may apply a dilution adjustment to the price to protect long-term investors from the costs associated with buying and selling underlying investments that result from other investors joining or leaving the Fund. This adjustment will affect relative performance, either positively or negatively.

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Stock Level Attribution

Top and Bottom Ten Contributors to Relative Performance, Quarter to 31 December 2024

Top Ten Contributors

Bottom Ten Contributors

Asset Name	Contribution (%)	Asset Name	Contribution (%)
TSMC	0.2	Novo Nordisk	-0.7
CME Group	0.2	Atlas Copco	-0.6
Cisco Systems	0.1	Tesla Inc	-0.5
Eli Lilly	0.1	NVIDIA	-0.4
United Overseas Bank	0.1	ANTA Sports Products	-0.4
SAP	0.1	Experian	-0.4
Advanced Micro Devices	0.1	Amazon.com	-0.4
UnitedHealth	0.1	Broadcom	-0.4
Samsung Electronics	0.1	Alphabet	-0.4
Alibaba	0.1	L'Oreal	-0.3

Source: Revolution, MSCI. Baillie Gifford Worldwide Global Dividend Growth Fund relative to MSCI ACWI Index.

Some stocks may only have been held for part of the period.

All attribution is shown relative to the index therefore not all stocks shown are held in the portfolio. See the List of Holdings section of this report for the stocks held.

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Market environment

Throughout 2024, the US economy slowed, prompting the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates. An Al-driven rally in equity markets in the first half of the year was followed by expectations of a "Goldilocks" scenario—robust growth without inflation. However, the election of Trump spurred investor optimism, leading to increased US growth expectations for 2025 and significant retail inflows into US equities due to Trump's pro-business and procyclical perception. As a result, US equities reached new all-time highs in December.

China, once the global growth engine for the past two decades, now sees its ten-year Government bond yield fall below Japan's for the first time ever, signalling a major slowdown. Households, businesses, and local governments focus on debt repayment, reducing investment and consumption. All eyes are now on Xi Jinping and an expected stimulus early 2025. In Europe, growth is weak, with US tariffs potentially increasing Chinese exports to Europe. Indebted Governments cannot expect to run deficits forever to support the economy and reforms will be necessary to stimulate growth in the next decade.

This year, the portfolio's performance has been solid and in line with an average year, though it has lagged exceptionally strong global equity markets. In such strong markets, we are willing to trade some of the upside to ensure the quality and resilience of the portfolio. It can be uncomfortable, but we view it as an essential part of our role as stewards of our clients' capital.

Performance

Over the quarter, the portfolio's return was slightly negative and lagged a benchmark posting well above-average returns. The US elections result led to a sharp rally in US equities as investors are quick to factor in all the potential positives of Trumponomics (less regulation, lower taxes, higher tariffs, more and cheaper energy) whilst conveniently ignoring some of the potential negatives (retaliation on tariffs, higher inflation and interest rates). The portfolio's underweight exposure to US equities was a strong headwind in the period. Despite the US equities' significant weight in global indices, we believe that not all the world's best compounders are concentrated in the US. The skew towards the IT sector, which is prone to disruption, and the preference for buybacks

over dividends, further justify our stance. Additionally, anchoring a large portion of income to a single currency introduces unnecessary risk. Therefore, we maintain a diversified portfolio, ensuring that our exposure to the US economy remains balanced and prudent.

Dividend growth is a strong indicator of long-term compounding and positive underlying developments within our holdings. Over the past five years, the portfolio's weighted average dividend growth has been consistently strong and closely aligned with the underlying earnings growth of the companies. This reflects the presence of well-established franchises, strong management, and robust balance sheets, which support dividend payments even during challenging times. The commitment to growing dividends imposes valuable discipline on boards and management teams, reinforcing our belief in dividend growth as a reliable signal of quality and resilience.

The largest contributor to performance was Taiwanese chipmaker TSMC, the main supplier of NVIDIA's chips. Q3 results showed a 54% increase in Earnings Per Share (EPS) vs. the previous year, with little sign of demand weakening for AI chips. Recently purchased CME Group also boosted performance as it announced a higher special dividend and reported strong underlying results. Shares in networking equipment Cisco Systems were up 20% in the quarter after the company announced solid results driven partly by the AI datacentres rush, which Cisco benefits from.

On the other side of the ledger, Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk announced disappointing results from a next-generation obesity drug trial at the end of December, leading to a sharp decline in its share price. Whilst this is a setback, it still shows some promising results and keeps Novo Nordisk at the front of the race against obesity, together with Eli Lilly. Swedish industrial company Atlas Copco also detracted as recent results showed a slowdown in orders and the company issued cautious guidance. In addition, not holding a few tech names continues to weigh on relative performance, with two of the top five detractors being Tesla and Nvidia.

Notable transactions

This quarter, we added US-listed Paychex to our portfolio Paychex is a leading provider of HR solutions

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for small and medium-sized businesses in the US, with a small presence in Europe. Their software aids in payroll management and other functions like medical insurance. We anticipate Paychex's future growth to mirror its past performance, characterized by a gradual increase in its customer base, annual price increases, and successful cross-selling of additional products. While this growth may not be particularly rapid, we expect it to be steady and resilient. Paychex has shown strong cash generation and consistent dividend growth since the 1980s.

To fund this purchase, we divested from Sonic Healthcare, a position we had held since 2014. Our investment thesis was based on the growing volume of lab tests due to an ageing population and the government trend to outsource testing. However, Sonic has showed disappointing earnings growth over the past five years. While test volumes are growing, relentless pressure on fees from healthcare systems and the company's cost inflation are likely to weigh on future growth. Consequently, we decided to exit the position.

Market Outlook

As we look forward to the next five years, we feel confident for three reasons:

- Dividend growth over the past five years has been strong. Since steady growth in cash earnings is the only sustainable way to grow dividends over the long term, it is a signal of positive development of your holdings.
- A well-diversified selection of long-term compounders means performance is not hostage to a particular theme, sector or country. Quality growth and resilience remain key features: the high return on equity allows companies to pay growing dividends and reinvest for growth, whilst the low level of debt provides resilience in challenging times.
- The valuation multiple attached to that stream of resilient cash-flows is at a modest premium to the MSCI ACWI index. That index average masks a wide dispersion, however, and the valuation gap between US equities and the rest of the world is at a 20-year high. While the gap could extend further, the combination of relatively high valuation and unbridled enthusiasm for US equities leaves little room for disappointment.

In the long run, two factors are crucial for delivering attractive investment returns: companies' fundamental prospects and the valuation attached to these prospects. On both counts, we feel very confident about the portfolio. The quality and resilience of the holdings provide a robust foundation in the face of rising uncertainty and macro-economic and geopolitical challenges.

Transactions from 01 October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

New Purchases

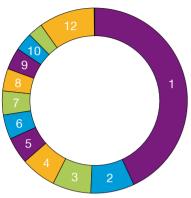
Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Paychex	US-listed Paychex is one of the largest providers of HR solutions (payroll management and other) for small and medium-sized businesses in the US with a small presence in Europe. For a low fee, their software helps business owners manage a critical function -payroll- as well as things like medical insurance or pension contributions. Founded in 1971, Paychex has been one the main providers in this market since the 1980s and has a very large and diversified set of ~745,000 clients. Key competitive advantages are a deep knowledge of regulations, a powerful distribution network and strong customer support. All of which are difficult to replicate. We anticipate Paychex's future growth to mirror its past performance, characterized by a gradual increase in its customer base, annual price increases, and successful cross-selling of additional products. While this growth may not be particularly rapid, we expect it to be steady and resilient. Strong cash generation and a commitment to dividends have led to nearly uninterrupted dividend growth since listing in the 1980s, with only two "flat" years in 2010 and 2011. The recent share price weakness, driven by concerns about competition from native Cloud companies and worries about a US economic slowdown, provided an attractive entry point for our investment. Our analysis suggests that the economic slowdown is likely already priced in and, following a report by our investigative analyst, we are less concerned about competition.

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Stock Name	Transaction Rationale
Sonic Healthcare	We have divested from Australian-listed Sonic Healthcare, a position we had held since 2014. Our investment thesis was based on the growing volume of lab tests due to an ageing population and the government trend to outsource testing. However, despite the pandemic-induced boost to earnings, Sonic was highlighted earlier this year as one of the few holdings that showed disappointing earnings growth over the past five and ten years. Further analysis has led us to conclude that while test volumes are indeed growing, relentless pressure on fees from healthcare systems and the company's cost inflation are likely to continue weighing on future earnings and dividend growth. Consequently, we do not see it meeting our bar of 10% compounding, and we decided to exit the position.

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Country Analysis



		%
1	United States	43.1
2	Switzerland	7.6
3	UK	6.7
4	France	6.2
5	Germany	4.6
6	Sweden	4.3
7	Hong Kong	4.2
8	Taiwan	3.9
9	Denmark	3.8
10	China	3.2
11	Netherlands	2.6
12	Others	9.7
13	Cash	0.1

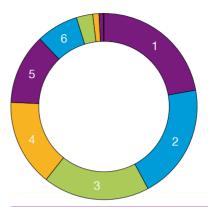
Portfolio Characteristics

	Fund	Index
Market Cap (weighted average)	\$412.2bn	\$741.1bn
Price/Book	5.5	3.3
Price/Earnings (12 months forward)	20.1	17.7
Earnings Growth (5 year historic)	6.1%	7.7%
Return on Equity	27.3%	18.5%
Predicted Beta (12 months)	0.7	N/A
Standard Deviation (trailing 3 years)	15.6	16.2
R-Squared	0.8	N/A
Delivered Tracking Error (12 months)	3.9	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	0.0	1.7
Information Ratio	-3.7	N/A
		Fund
Number of geographical locations		19
Number of sectors		9
Number of industries		30

Source: FactSet, MSCI.

We have provided these characteristics for information purposes only. In particular, we do not think index relative metrics are suitable measures of risk. Fund and benchmark figures are calculated

Sector Analysis



		%
1	Industrials	22.2
2	Information Technology	20.0
3	Financials	18.5
4	Consumer Staples	15.1
5	Consumer Discretionary	12.2
6	Health Care	7.3
7	Communication Services	2.8
8	Utilities	1.1
9	Materials	0.8
10	Cash	0.1

As well as cash in the bank, the cash balance includes unsettled cash flows arising from both shareholder flows and outstanding trades. Therefore, a negative balance may arise from timing differences between shareholder flows and security trading and does not necessarily represent a bank overdraft.

Top Ten Holdings

	Holdings	% of Total Assets
1	Microsoft	4.5
2	Apple	3.9
3	Fastenal	3.8
4	Procter & Gamble	3.6
5	TSMC	3.4
6	Partners	3.3
7	Deutsche Börse	3.1
8	Schneider Electric	2.8
9	Atlas Copco	2.6
10	Novo Nordisk	2.6

Voting Activity

Votes Cast in Favour	Votes Cast Against		Votes Abstained/Withheld	
Companies 1	1 Companies	4	Companies	1
Resolutions 11	9 Resolutions	11	Resolutions	1

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Company Engagement

Company	
Analog Devices, Inc.	
Albemarle Corporation	
Albemarle Corporation, Amadeus IT Group, S.A., Analog Devices, Inc., B3 S.A Brasil, Bolsa, BalcAo, Deutsche Börse AG, Eurofins Scientific SE, Medtronic plc, Microsoft Corporation, Pernod Ricard SA, Schneider Electric S.E., Wolters Kluwer N.V.	
Albemarle Corporation, B3 S.A Brasil, Bolsa, BalcAo, Epiroc AB (publ), Schneider Electric S.E.	

For further details on company engagement please contact us. You can also find further information on how we integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters into our investment approach, <u>here</u>.

List of Holdings 10

Asset Name	Fund %
Microsoft	4.5
Apple	3.9
Fastenal	3.8
Procter & Gamble	3.6
TSMC	3.4
Partners	3.3
Deutsche Börse	3.1
Schneider Electric	2.8
Atlas Copco	2.6
Novo Nordisk	2.6
Wolters Kluwer	2.6
Watsco	2.5
Coca-Cola	2.4
PepsiCo	2.3
CME Group	2.3
Anta Sports Products	2.3
Experian	2.1
Analog Devices	2.1
Admiral Group	2.1
Midea	2.0
McDonald's	2.0
Roche	2.0
CAR Group	1.7
Epiroc	1.7
L'Oréal	1.7
United Parcel Service	1.6
United Overseas Bank	1.6
SAP	1.5
Cisco Systems	1.5
AJ Gallagher	1.5
Home Depot	1.4
Nestlé	1.4
USS	1.4
T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	1.3
Coloplast AS	1.2
Intuit	1.2
B3	1.2
Amadeus IT Group	1.2
Texas Instruments	1.2
NetEase	1.1
Edenred	1.1
Starbucks Corp	1.1
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	1.1

Asset Name	Fund %
Diageo	1.1
Greencoat UK Wind	1.1
Valmet	1.0
AVI	1.0
Medtronic	1.0
Kuehne & Nagel	1.0
Man Wah	0.8
Albemarle	0.8
Cognex Corp	0.7
Pernod Ricard	0.6
Eurofins	0.6
Paychex	0.6
TCI Co	0.5
Fevertree Drinks	0.4
Cash	0.1
Total	100.0

Total may not sum due to rounding.

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Active Share Classes 11

	Inception date	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL	WKN	Valoren	Ongoing charge figure (%)	Annual management fee (%)
US dollar								
Class B USD Acc	17 July 2019	IE00BF6NPR96	BAGEBUC ID	BF6NPR9	A2PN5A	49111145	0.65	0.50
Class B USD Inc	17 July 2019	IE00BK8PGF30	BGIGBUI ID	BK8PGF3	A2PN5C	49103309	0.65	0.50
euro								
Class B EUR Acc	17 July 2019	IE00BKLC2W09	BGWGIBA ID	BKLC2W0	A2PN49	49106402	0.65	0.50
Class B EUR Inc	17 July 2019	IE00BK8PGD16	BGIGBEI ID	BK8PGD1	A2PN5B	49106410	0.65	0.50
Swiss franc								
Class B CHF Acc	29 October 2020	IE00BN15WV93	BAGIGBC ID	BN15WV9	A2QGSS	57092390	0.65	0.50

Our Worldwide funds allow us to offer multi-currency share classes. Share classes can be created on request. The ongoing charge figure is at the latest annual or interim period. Charges will reduce the value of your investment. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

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