

# Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund B Accumulation

<b>Morningstar Medalist Rating</b> Silver 22 Feb 2024 16:54 UTC Michael Born, Analyst	<b>Morningstar Rating™</b> ★★ ★ 31 Jan 2024 2,163 Inv. in Category	<b>Sustainability Rating</b>  31 Dec 2023	<b>Morningstar Category</b> EAA Fund Global Large-Ca...h Equity	<b>Category Index</b> Morningstar Gbl Growth TME NR USD	<b>Total Assets</b> 2.8 GBP Bil	<b>Inception Date</b> 8 Mar 2010
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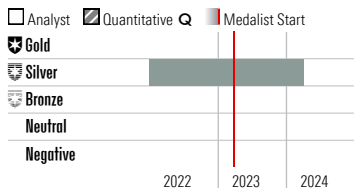
**Michael Born**  
Analyst

Analyst-Driven %	100.0
Data Coverage %	100.0

**Morningstar Pillars**

Process(22 Feb 2024)		Above Average
People(22 Feb 2024)		Above Average
Parent(27 Jul 2022)		High
Performance(22 Feb 2024)		
Price(22 Feb 2024)		

**Historical Medalist Rating**



**Role in Portfolio: —**

**Morningstar Medalist Rating**

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## Experienced investors following Baillie Gifford's growth heritage but with a valuation-aware approach

**Summary** Michael Born, 22 Feb 2024 16:54 UTC

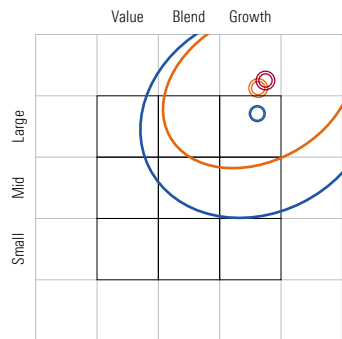
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth remains an attractive offering in global equities, with a well-resourced team that has continued to execute a growth-focused strategy. Its People and Process pillars remain unchanged at Above Average.

The fund is managed by the trio of Malcolm MacColl, Spencer Adair, and Helen Xiong, all partners in the business and who bring the intellectually curious and thoughtful approach associated with the firm. MacColl and Adair's tenure with the firm stretched over 20 years, whilst Xiong joined in 2008. All of them have spent the majority of their careers focused on global and US stocks for an appropriate depth of knowledge. With dedicated support from three dedicated analysts (of whom one is focused on environmental, social, and governance factors) as well as seven regional idea scouts, they have a strong level of resource and we continue to have conviction in the quality of this team.

The long-term, bottom-up growth approach is focused on companies with the ability to grow earnings and cash flow ahead of the market, and with a low-turnover, patient mindset. Whilst the firm is known for its growth heritage, this strategy adopts a more pragmatic approach and has more emphasis on valuation discipline. Still, the majority of the work focuses on fundamental research, the quality of which we rate highly. The managers have executed this process consistently over their tenure with solid results for the most part.

The past few years have been unkind to growth equities overall, although this strategy (with more of a core growth approach) has fared better than some of the more extreme growth offerings in the Baillie Gifford

**Equity Style**






- Centroid ○ Ownership Zone
- Investment 31 Jan 2024
- Category Average 31 Jan 2024
- Category Index 29 Feb 2024

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	Investment Style
												Equity Style Box
												<b>Total Return % (GBP)</b>
	11.99	7.22	25.41	22.45	-5.00	28.76	31.95	8.74	-20.29	13.13	4.96	Investment
	12.66	6.59	22.79	16.63	-1.55	25.04	24.87	18.06	-18.97	22.31	7.75	Category Index
											N/A	<b>Performance Quartile (within Category)</b>
	21	39	16	13	52	18	18	78	70	63	N/A	Percentile Rank
	635	635	680	730	860	1,619	1,867	2,072	2,457	2,908	3,098	# of Inv in Cat.

YTD Investment as of 29 Feb 2024 | Category: EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Growth Equity as of 5 Mar 2024 | Index: Morningstar Gbl Growth TME NR USD as of 5 Mar 2024 | *Italics indicate Extended Performance. Extended performance is an estimate based on the performance of the fund's oldest share class, adjusted for fees. Performance data presented is non-standardized. For standardized performance see the Standardized and Tax Adjusted Returns Disclosure Statement. \*Performance Disclosure: The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; thus an investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than return data quoted herein. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, please visit <http://advisor.morningstar.com/familyinfo.asp>.*



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stable. Still, they have suffered, and over three years the fund's clean B acc share class has underperformed its MSCI ACWI Growth Index benchmark by 7.7% and the global large-cap growth equity Morningstar Category average by 4.7%. Since 2021 we have seen annual returns between the 60th and 70th percentiles of the peer group. The growth bias has been the heavy lifter, but there have also been single stock disappointments. Over 2022, the clean B acc share class delivered negative 20.3%, which was less than the category's negative 18.1% and the benchmark's negative 19.6%. Key detractors included Carvana, DoorDash, Shopify, and SEA Limited, which fell amongst other holdings with the broader "growthy" selloff.

Over 2023, the clean share class delivered 13.1%, which was again behind peers at 16% and the benchmark at 25.7%. Healthcare was the most notable detractor (for example, Moderna and Royalty Pharma), although Signature Bank" and some consumer names like Estee Lauder also hurt. Being underweight in mega-cap technology stocks was a significant headwind.

**Process**  Above Average | Michael Born, 22 Feb 2024 16:54 UTC

## Approach




The approach is long-term and brings a disciplined approach to growth investing. With strong execution since launch, we retain a Process Pillar rating of Above Average.

The team looks to identify firms that offer reliable above-average earnings and cash flow growth prospects. Analysis focuses on understanding where a company's competitive advantage lies and whether this edge can be maintained. This analysis incorporates factors such as the growth rate of the industry, barriers to entry, pricing structure, and the product's uniqueness. Once a superior firm is identified, the managers assess its corporate management to determine whether it will act in shareholders' best interests with regard to efficient capital-allocation decisions; they typically favor firms that can grow from internally generated cash flow as opposed to, for example, issuing debt. Compared with more explicit growth strategies managed by the firm, valuation plays more of a key role, and they want to find underappreciated names with excellent prospects. With this in mind, they also bring a flexible definition of growth, often investing in more cyclical and value-oriented names than the firm's other funds. The strategy follows a patient and long-term approach, and generally we have seen turnover of considerably less than 20% per year and names held for more than five years. Holdings are classified into three buckets: compounders are typically durable franchises with robust profitability and competitive advantages; disruptors tend to be early-stage businesses with vast growth opportunities; and capital allocators are firms subjected to macroeconomic and capital cycles.

## Portfolio

The managers construct a diversified portfolio of 60-110 stocks, which are allocated across three buckets: compounders, disruptors, and capital allocators. Depending on the team's views, exposure to each can

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change somewhat over time. Amid market moves and activity within the portfolio, currently the largest bucket, at around 40%, is compounders. The remaining two buckets are fairly evenly split. Within compounders, key positions include Microsoft and Alphabet. Among disruptors, notable holdings include Amazon.com, Reliance Industries, Tesla, Moderna, and a number of Chinese companies such as Alibaba and Meituan. Finally, capital allocators contains more cyclical names such as BHP Group and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing.

The allocation between buckets is solely a byproduct of the team's bottom-up research. The main activity was selling down exposure to compounders that had appreciated such as Pernod Ricard, although healthcare declined as a result of poor performance on the back of stock specifics, and adding to names in communication and technology such as Meta Platforms, Amazon, and Nvidia as developments in artificial intelligence are expected to be a catalyst for profitability. As of December 2023, the biggest overweightings were in consumer cyclicals and communications, whereas technology and healthcare were the biggest underweightings.

## People Above Average | Michael Born, 22 Feb 2024 16:54 UTC

The three managers embody the intellectually curious and thoughtful approach associated with Baillie Gifford, and their significant experience levels support a People Pillar rating of Above Average.

The trio of Spencer Adair, Malcolm MacColl, and Helen Xiong lead here. Adair and MacColl bring more than 20 years at Baillie Gifford and have been managers on the Global Alpha Growth strategy since launch, whereas Xiong joined the firm in 2008. Xiong is well accustomed to the investment approach employed here, having worked as an analyst for the strategy between 2012 and 2014, and for six years as an "idea scout" for the key North American equity market when she was comanager at Baillie Gifford American. In addition to the investment managers, they are well supported by an analyst team of three (one of whom is focused on ESG) who rotate, a standard practice at the firm. Further support comes from the seven idea scouts who are split regionally. We consider all managers to be diligent and astute investors and have a high degree of conviction in the quality of the firm's research overall, which drives the majority of our conviction.




## Parent High | Daniel Haydon, 27 Jul 2022 18:24 UTC

Edinburgh-based Baillie Gifford, founded in 1908 as a partnership, is owned by just over 50 partners who average more than 20 years of tenure.

The group offers strategies across asset classes, but growth equities remain its key strength and continue to dominate in terms of assets under management.

Baillie Gifford's clientele is led by institutional investors, but in recent years the firm has continued to diversify into the retail channel. In addition to being one of the largest managers of UK-listed closed-end funds, it has been successful in gaining traction internationally over the past decade through its range of Irish UCITS and US mutual funds. The large and patient institutional investor base, closed-end presence, and

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partnership structure facilitate the firm's long-term approach to investing. This is further reinforced by the remuneration structure, wherein a large component of a fund manager's bonus is based on long-term performance.

The firm comprises many small, focused investment teams, but a strong culture of collaboration is encouraged, and staff turnover is among the lowest in the industry. Investors seem to genuinely like working here, and a distinctive growth philosophy permeates throughout the business. There is a scholarly discipline that promotes in-depth research, and this is accompanied by some strong ties to academic faculties and a nuanced, investor-led approach to risk management. Overall, the culture appears to be just as strong as ever, despite a handful of significant retirements in the last two years, and notable business growth over the past decade.

Manager transitions and people management are typically well-handled at Baillie Gifford, which takes a long-term view on team structures. Graduate intake remains the dominant form of recruiting new investors, and in the past many of these have gone on to work their whole careers here. When there is change, such as a retirement, it is usually telegraphed well in advance to investors.




Elsewhere, the firm remains willing to offer attractive fees and pass on economies of scale. It has demonstrated its willingness to safeguard investors' capital by capping funds approaching capacity and taken a measured approach to new product launches. In all, we think Baillie Gifford benefits from a strong investment-led culture, earning it a High Parent rating.

## Performance

Results have been strong over the longer term.

From its inception in June 2005 through the end of January 2024, the clean B share class outperformed both the category average, the MSCI ACWI Growth Index, and the Morningstar Global Growth Target Market Exposure Index. Generally, we have seen strong stock-picking drive outperformance, although having a higher beta versus peers has also driven performance through times of momentum. That said, more recent results have been challenged, as the firm's growth bias has been out of favor since 2021. Over the three years to the end of January 2024, the clean share class is 7.0 and 4.7 percentage points in GBP terms (annualized) below the benchmark and peers. The strategy has born up considerably better than the more growth-focused funds in Baillie Gifford's stable. This is thanks to its pragmatic approach to growth. Indeed we saw energy and basic materials contributing well over 2021-23. Whilst we can somewhat attribute this to expensive growth stocks rerating, there have been some single-stock disappointments. Notably over 2023, we saw healthcare names like Moderna, Novocure, and Royalty Pharma amongst the top detractors. Moderna has struggled to grow in the wake of the pandemic, whereas Novocure suffered from poor drug design and Royalty Pharma announced a collapse in earnings. The position in Signature Bank was

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at the heart of the US banking crisis in early 2023. The team remains resolute in its long-term approach. It is committed to delivering long-term growth, and the approach has delivered handsomely over the years. Overall, the fund continues to deliver long-term performance that is within expectations given its investment approach.

## Price

It's critical to evaluate expenses, as they come directly out of returns.

Based on our assessment of the fund's People, Process, and Parent Pillars in the context of these expenses, we think this share class will be able to deliver positive alpha relative to the category benchmark index, explaining its Morningstar Medalist Rating of Silver.

## Sustainability Summary | Autogenerated by Morningstar Manager Research, 21 Feb 2024 17:08 UTC

Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund has several promising attributes that may appeal to sustainability-focused investors.




Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund has an average Morningstar Sustainability Rating of 3 globes, indicating that the ESG risk of holdings in its portfolio is similar to that of its peers in the Global Equity Large Cap category. Funds with 4 or 5 globes tend to hold securities that are less exposed to ESG risk. Unlike impact, which measures positive environmental and societal outcomes attributable to an investment, ESG risk reflects the degree to which investments could be affected by material ESG issues, including climate change, biodiversity, product safety, community relations, data privacy and security, bribery and corruption, and corporate governance.

One key area of strength for Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund is its low Morningstar Portfolio Carbon Risk Score of 7.26 and very low fossil fuel exposure over the past 12 months, which earns it the Morningstar Low Carbon Designation. Thus, the companies held in the portfolio are in general alignment with the transition to a low-carbon economy. By prospectus, the fund aims to avoid, or limit its exposure to, companies associated with controversial weapons, and, as expected, the fund is not currently invested in such companies.

The fund aims to avoid, or limit exposure to, companies in violation with international norms, such as the UN Global Compact or the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

One potential issue for a sustainability-focused investor is that Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund doesn't have an ESG-focused mandate. Funds with an ESG-focused mandate would have a higher probability to drive positive ESG outcomes. The fund exhibits relatively high exposure (10.12%) to companies with high or severe controversies. Companies with controversies may be involved in incidents such as corruption, employee abuses, and environmental incidents that have a negative impact on stakeholders or the environment. Severe and high controversies can have significant financial repercussions, ranging from

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legal penalties to consumer boycotts. In addition, they can damage the reputation of both companies themselves and their shareholders.

## ESG Commitment Level

**Asset Manager:** BASIC | Danile Haydon, 01 Feb 2022 00:00 UTC

A long way through its ESG journey.

Baillie Gifford has a thoughtful approach to ESG, but team integration is ongoing and fund disclosure leaves room for improvement. It earns a Morningstar ESG Commitment Level of Basic.

Most of the systems and practices are already well-established. Indeed, the nuanced approach to sustainability and how it feeds into investment decisions is appealing. A sensible plan for 2022 will help to remedy some areas, including improvements to fund disclosure and the completion of ongoing ESG team integration. Overall, lots of thought, effort, and resources are being dedicated to ESG research, and the erudite approach marries well with the firm's history of long-term investing, intensive due diligence, and close company contact.

Baillie Gifford first launched a dedicated ESG fund in 2011. Prior to this, as long-term investors, governance played a prominent role. Over time, the approach has evolved and formalised, accompanied by considerable growth in the firm's ESG resources: The growing Sustainability and Governance team now counts 32 specialists, with substantial relevant experience. The firm uses a wide array of external data and has many academic linkages. ESG work is propagated via an integrated research platform and through educational sessions.

The group is at the tail-end of its transition towards a more integrated approach where ESG analysts will sit on investment desks, rather than the current centralised ESG resource structure. They have instituted four ESG research hubs, each specialising in an area deemed of high interest: data ethics, human rights, corporate governance, and climate change, with the latter currently the most evolved. A prospective fifth hub will focus on ESG data. As it stands, the ESG team is responsible for highlighting ESG risks and opportunities, and it does the bulk of portfolio company monitoring and engagements.

Proxy voting is centralised, with long-term shareholder value the guiding principle, rather than a strict ESG focus, though the two are interlinked. Baillie Gifford has a clearly articulated engagement strategy but rarely proposes shareholder resolutions or participates in broad collaborative engagements alongside peers. Many companies that score poorly on ESG metrics have already been screened out because of other investment criteria, so there is typically less need to agitate for major change.

Strategy-level disclosure is reasonably good but could be better, and the firm plans to introduce ESG metrics on all fund factsheets in 2022. ESG-focused strategies already have plentiful ESG data disclosure and highly detailed stewardship reports. ■■

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Process | ● Above Average

## Morningstar Category

EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Growth Equity

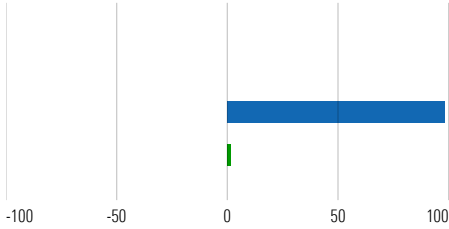
## Category Index

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## Prospectus Benchmark

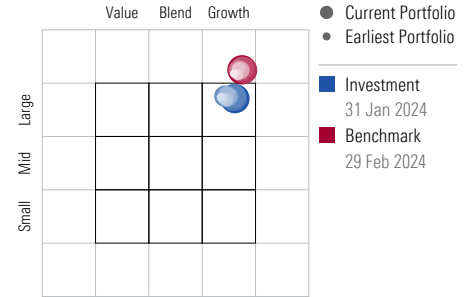
MSCI ACWI +2% NR GBP

## Asset Allocation 31 Jan 2024

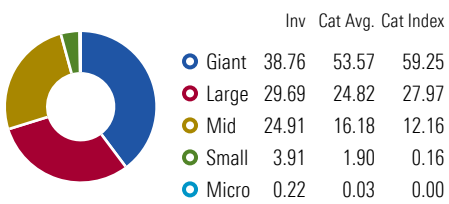


Asset Class	Net	Short	Long	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
Fixed Income	0.00	—	0.00	0.00	0.00
Preferred	0.00	—	0.00	0.02	0.00
Convertible	0.00	—	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equity	98.39	—	98.39	97.07	100.00
Cash	1.61	—	1.61	1.85	0.00
Other	0.00	—	0.00	1.06	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

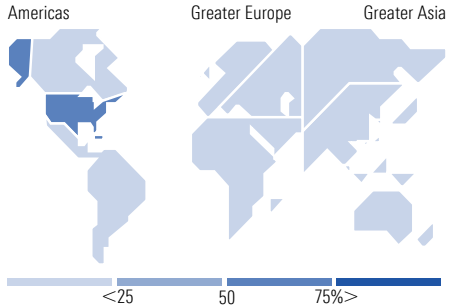
## Morningstar Style Trail 31 Jan 2024



## Market Capitalization Breakdown % 31 Jan 2024



## World Regions % 31 Jan 2024



## Sector Weightings % 31 Jan 2024

Sector	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
<b>Cyclical</b>	<b>39.60</b>	<b>28.95</b>	<b>27.56</b>
Basic Materials	8.81	3.17	2.54
Consumer Cyclical	14.95	11.49	14.32
Financial Services	13.53	13.48	8.88
Real Estate	2.31	0.81	1.82
<b>Sensitive</b>	<b>45.83</b>	<b>46.18</b>	<b>55.13</b>
Communication Svcs.	12.24	6.98	7.80
Energy	2.90	0.97	1.59
Industrials	10.60	10.55	9.55
Technology	20.09	27.68	36.19
<b>Defensive</b>	<b>14.58</b>	<b>24.87</b>	<b>17.31</b>
Consumer Defensive	2.18	7.54	5.40
Healthcare	12.40	16.53	10.77
Utilities	0.00	0.80	1.14

## Value & Growth Measures 31 Jan 2024

Metric	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
P/E	21.66	24.04	25.52
P/B	3.57	4.84	4.81
P/Sales	2.63	3.28	3.48
P/Cash Flow	11.66	16.90	16.65
Dividend Yield %	1.00	1.27	1.12
Long-Term Earnings %	12.92	11.59	15.96
Historical Earnings %	12.59	12.49	16.17
Sales Growth %	12.11	10.72	12.57
Cash-Flow Growth %	14.98	9.17	16.97
Book Value Growth %	10.30	9.05	13.16

Region	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
<b>Americas</b>	<b>67.92</b>	<b>66.29</b>	<b>68.08</b>
North America	65.69	65.12	67.12
Latin America	2.23	1.17	0.96
<b>Greater Europe</b>	<b>15.92</b>	<b>23.97</b>	<b>16.18</b>
United Kingdom	0.85	4.90	2.80
Europe-Developed	15.07	18.84	12.06
Europe-Emerging	0.00	0.00	0.15
Africa/Middle East	0.00	0.23	1.17
<b>Greater Asia</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>9.74</b>	<b>15.74</b>
Japan	4.48	3.60	5.80
Australasia	1.70	0.28	1.53
Asia-Developed	4.27	2.85	2.73
Asia-Emerging	5.72	3.01	5.68
<b>Not Classified</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Financial Metrics 31 Jan 2024

Metric	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
Wide Moat %	48.25	69.89	68.53
Narrow Moat %	35.45	23.69	24.23
No Moat %	16.30	6.42	7.24
Financial Health	B+	A-	A
Profitability	C	C+	B-
Growth	B-	B-	B-
ROIC	13.13	19.88	23.68
Cash Return %	49.51	82.10	34.08
P/FCF Ratio	33.01	34.87	36.83
D/C Ratio	32.21	33.42	34.10

## Top Holdings 31 Jan 2024

Holdings	Portfolio Weight %	Morningstar Rating	Total Rtn YTD %
Microsoft Corp	3.88	★★★	10.54
Martin Mar...erials Inc	3.56	★	20.79
Elevance Health Inc	3.52	★★★	6.96
Meta Platf...nc Class A	3.50	★★	40.89
Amazon.com Inc	3.46	★★★	16.88
Moody's Corporation	3.12	★★★	-1.85
CRH PLC	2.61	★★	20.78
Reliance L...ies Ltd DR	2.60	—	17.12
Mastercard Inc Class A	2.21	★★	10.00
Service Co...ernational	2.14	—	7.63

## Top Country Exposure % 31 Jan 2024

Country	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
United States	65.69	63.57	64.65
Japan	4.48	3.60	5.79
India	3.63	1.41	3.09
Netherlands	3.32	3.28	1.94
Ireland	3.13	0.35	0.05
Brazil	2.23	1.00	0.59
France	2.10	4.99	2.69
China	2.09	1.29	2.16

## Portfolio Holdings 31 Jan 2024

Metric	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
Avg. Market Cap (GBP Bil)	64.43	175.57	217.86
Turnover Ratio %	12	—	—
% Assets in Top 10	31	32	34
# of Holdings	102	730	1839
Base Currency	GBP	USD	USD

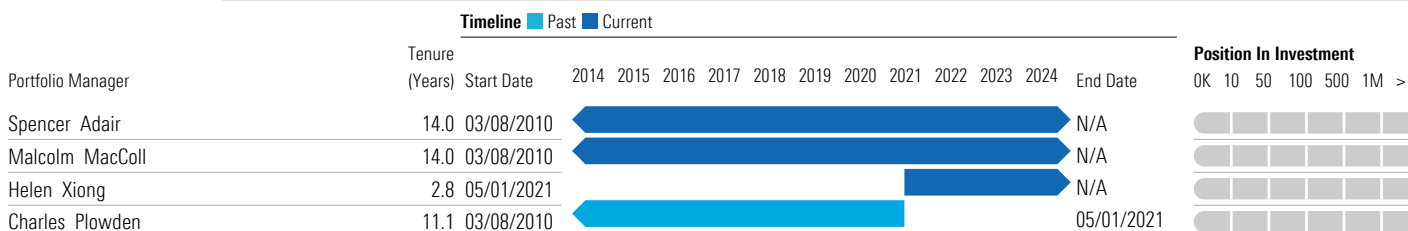
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<b>Management</b>	<b>Inception Date</b> 8 Mar 2010	<b>Number of Mgrs</b> 3	<b>Longest Tenure</b> 14.0 Years	<b>Average Tenure</b> 10.3 Years	<b>Advisor(s)</b> Baillie Gifford & Co	<b>Subadvisor(s)</b> —
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<b>Spencer Adair</b>	<b>Years of Experience</b> 24.2	<b>Position In Investment</b> N/A	<b>Current Investments Managed</b> 13	<b>Investment AUM</b> 21.217 Bil USD
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Largest Investments Managed	Tenure Dates	Role	Inv. Size Bil	Currency	Inv. Mil	Turnover Ratio %	Tenure Ret % 29 Feb 2024	Index Ret 29 Feb 2024
Vanguard Global Equity Fund	11 Apr 2008 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 8	7.56	USD	0	25	6.95	6.73
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund	08 Mar 2010 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	2.82	GBP	—	12	11.49	10.10
Monks	27 Mar 2015 to 05 Mar 2024	Lead	2.72	GBP	—	10.31	11.34	9.83
Baillie Gifford International Fund	01 Mar 2010 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	1.32	GBP	—	10	11.83	10.32
Baillie Gifford WW Global Alpha Fund	01 May 2013 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	1.28	USD	—	—	9.55	10.19

<b>Malcolm MacColl</b>	<b>Years of Experience</b> 25.2	<b>Position In Investment</b> N/A	<b>Current Investments Managed</b> 11	<b>Investment AUM</b> 19.466 Bil USD
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Largest Investments Managed	Tenure Dates	Role	Inv. Size Bil	Currency	Inv. Mil	Turnover Ratio %	Tenure Ret % 29 Feb 2024	Index Ret 29 Feb 2024
Vanguard Global Equity Fund	11 Apr 2008 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 8	7.56	USD	0	25	6.95	6.73
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund	08 Mar 2010 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	2.82	GBP	—	12	11.49	10.10
Monks	27 Mar 2015 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 2	2.72	GBP	—	10.31	11.34	9.83
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<b>Helen Xiong</b>	<b>Years of Experience</b> 16.2	<b>Position In Investment</b> N/A	<b>Current Investments Managed</b> 8	<b>Investment AUM</b> 15.935 Bil USD
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Largest Investments Managed	Tenure Dates	Role	Inv. Size Bil	Currency	Inv. Mil	Turnover Ratio %	Tenure Ret % 29 Feb 2024	Index Ret 29 Feb 2024
Vanguard Global Equity Fund	07 Sep 2021 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 8	7.56	USD	0	25	-0.82	2.49
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Growth Fund	01 May 2021 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	2.82	GBP	—	12	-1.21	3.25
Baillie Gifford International Fund	01 May 2021 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	1.32	GBP	—	10	-1.18	3.25
Baillie Gifford WW Global Alpha Fund	01 May 2021 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	1.28	USD	—	—	-4.51	3.25
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Equities	01 May 2021 to 05 Mar 2024	1 of 3	1.01	USD	0	9	-3.54	4.29

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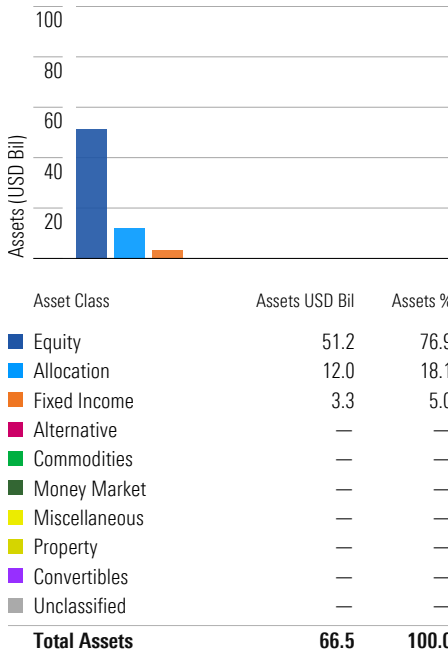
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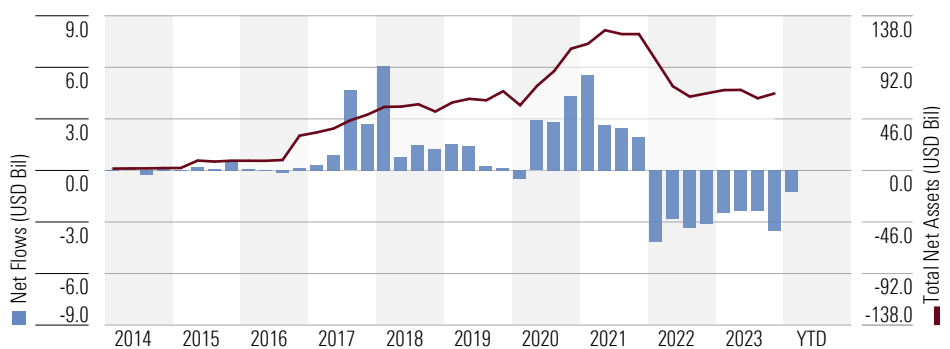
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<b>Firm / Investment Provider</b> Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.	<b>Advisor</b> Baillie Gifford & Co	<b>Subadvisor</b> —

**Branding Company Breakdowns:** Baillie Gifford 31 Jan 2024

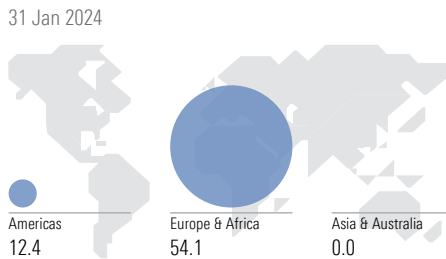
**Global Asset Class Breakdown 31 Jan 2024**



**Global Total Firm Assets and Investment Flows**



**Global Assets By Region, By Domicile USD Bil**



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## Performance

**Morningstar Category**  
EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Growth Equity

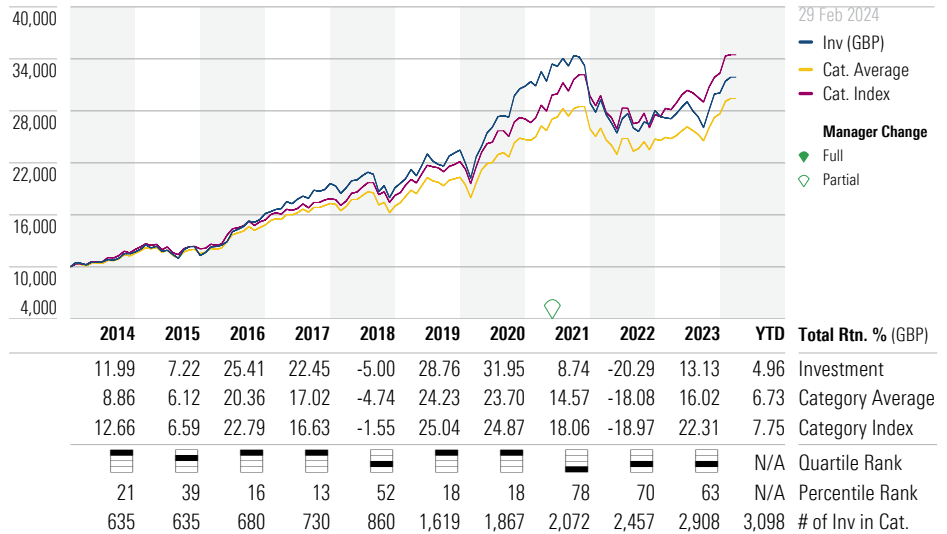
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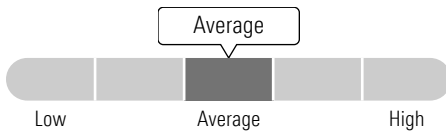
### Morningstar Rating and Risk 31 Jan 2024

Period / Inv in Cat	Total Return %	Morningstar Ret vs Cat	Morningstar Risk vs Cat	Morningstar Rating
3 Years 2,163	0.07	Below Avg	Avg	★★
5 Years 1,493	9.84	Avg	Above Avg	★★
10 Years 733	11.58	Above Avg	High	★★★
Overall	—	Avg	Above Avg	★★★

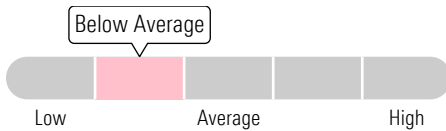
### Growth of \$10,000



### 3-Year Risk vs. Category Avg 31 Jan 2024



### 3-Year Return vs. Category Avg 31 Jan 2024



### 3-Year Market Volatility Measures 29 Feb 2024

	Inv	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
Upside Capture Ratio %	80.59	89.31	—
Downside Capture Ratio %	110.26	100.23	—
<b>Maximum Drawdown %</b>	—	—	—
Drawdown Peak Date	—	—	—
Drawdown Valley Date	—	—	—
Max Drawdown Duration	—	—	—

### Trailing Returns (Annualized) 29 Feb 2024

	Total Ret %	Investor Ret %	% Rank in Cat	Category Ret %	Index Ret %
1 Year	15.05	6.70	67.00	18.69	25.61
3 Years	0.07	-3.70	88.00	5.50	8.84
5 Years	9.84	9.79	66.00	10.74	13.07
10 Years	11.58	—	36.00	10.56	12.77
Earl Avail*	11.44	—	—	—	—

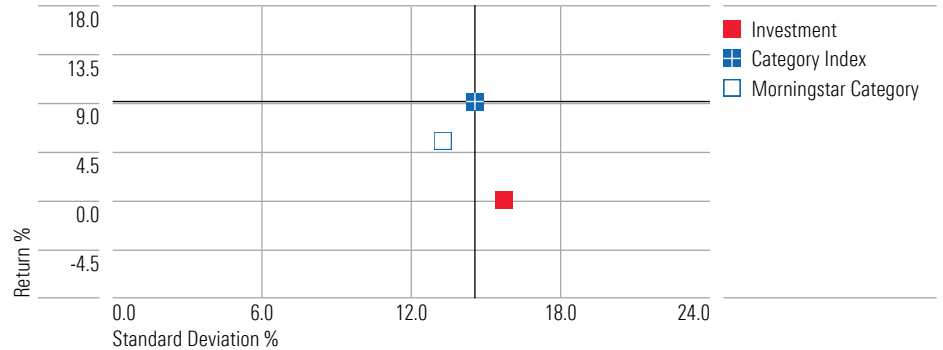
\*Earliest Available as of 08 Mar 2010

### Rolling Return Summary 29 Feb 2024

36-Month Rolling Periods	Quartile	%
132 Observations, 11 Years	72	
	10	
	13	
	5	

The shading and percentages correspond to how often the strategy returns landed in each category quartile.

### 3-Year Risk vs. Return Scatterplot 29 Feb 2024



### Risk & Return Measures 29 Feb 2024

Trailing	3-Year			5-Year			10-Year		
	Investment	Cat Avg.	Cat Index	Investment	Cat Avg.	Cat Index	Investment	Cat Avg.	Cat Index
Alpha	-8.17	-2.94	—	-3.07	-1.77	—	-1.57	-1.77	—
Beta	0.97	0.93	—	1.04	0.96	—	1.09	0.98	—
R-Squared	87.93	97.65	—	89.17	97.96	—	87.63	97.67	—
Sharpe Ratio	-0.26	0.00	0.17	0.35	0.42	0.54	0.41	0.41	0.56
Standard Deviation %	15.73	13.26	14.56	16.19	13.49	14.35	14.42	12.01	12.52

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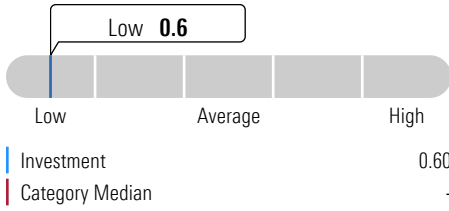
## Price

**Morningstar Category**  
EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Growth Equity

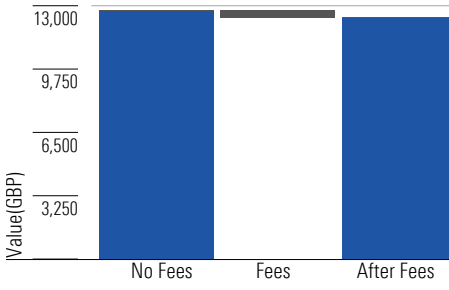
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### Ongoing Charge 13 Oct 2023



### Cost Illustration (10k; 5% Return; GBP) 13 Oct 2023

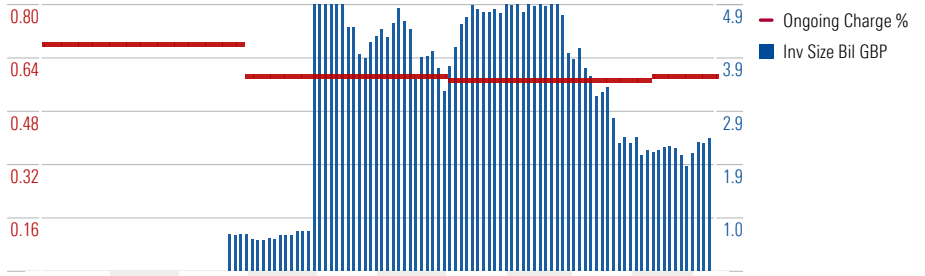


Initial Investment	10,000.00
Expected Market Return w/ No Fees (5%)	12,762.82
Fees	(388.68)

**Expected Market Return After Fees (4.4%) 12,374.13**

Ongoing fees as of 13 Oct 2023. The fees illustrated above do not reflect any additional account-related fees and charges

### Expense History 13 Oct 2023



2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 / 02	
0.68	0.68	0.68	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.60	—	Ongoing Charge %
—	—	1.0	1.0	3.8	3.8	4.6	4.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	Inv Size Bil GBP
-0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	3.1	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-0.1	Net Flows Bil GBP

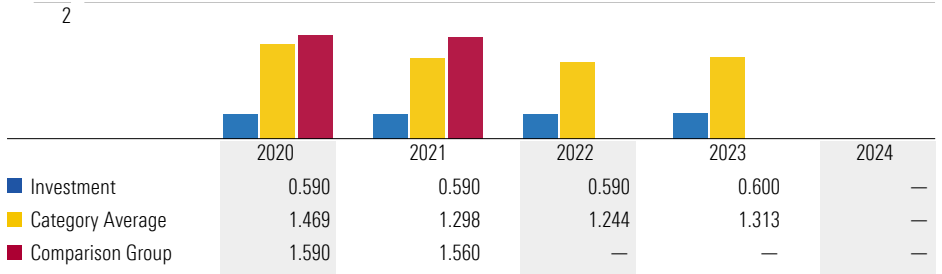
### Expense Breakdown

Ongoing Charge %	%
Ongoing Charge % 10/13/23	0.60
Representative Cost 03/31/24	0.59
Selected Components	%
Max Management Fee	0.57
Performance Fee	—
Category Average	—

### Fee Level

Fee Level	Low	Peer Group	Global Large-Cap Growth Equity Retail Broad
Fee Level Breakpoints			
		High	—
		Above Average	—
		Average	—
		Below Average	—
		Low	—
		Inv	0.60
		Peer Median	—

### Historical Expense Ratio % 13 Oct 2023



Expense Ratio:Ongoing Charge | Fee Level Comparison Group: Global Large-Cap Growth Equity Retail Broad

### Share Class Information

Investment Name	ISIN	Status	Fee Level	Ongoing Charge %	Max Mgmt Fee	Performance Fee	Minimum Initial Investment	Assets	1-Yr Flow	Currency
Baillie Gifford...Alpha Gr C Acc	GB00B3PL7966	Open	—	0.02	—	—	250,000	1.43 Bil	13.53 Mil	GBP
Baillie Gifford...Alpha Gr B Acc	GB00B61DJ021	Open	—	0.60	0.57	—	100,000	1.08 Bil	-123.16 Mil	GBP
Baillie Gifford...Alpha Gr B Inc	GB00B3PPZ729	Open	—	0.59	0.57	—	100,000	193.93 Mil	-27.02 Mil	GBP
Baillie Gifford...Alpha Gr C Inc	GB00B61JKB87	Open	—	0.02	—	—	250,000	28.06 Mil	-54.54 Mil	GBP
Baillie Gifford...Alpha Gr A Acc	GB00B61GGM26	Open	Average	1.44	1.42	—	1,000	1.83 Mil	-504.57 K	GBP

# Appendix

## Historical Medalist Rating —

Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	Feb 2024	Jan 2024
									Silver	Silver	Silver
Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	May 2023	April 2023	March 2023	Feb 2023	Jan 2023
Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver
Dec 2022	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	Aug 2022	Jul 2022	Jun 2022	May 2022	April 2022	March 2022	Feb 2022	Jan 2022
Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver

## Total Firm Assets and Investment Flows 31 Jan 2024

Total Net Assets (USD Bil)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Q1	1.62	2.20	8.64	33.89	56.67	60.62	58.19	113.05	98.39	71.67	—
Q2	1.79	8.82	8.59	37.36	57.00	63.86	75.49	125.08	75.08	71.84	—
Q3	1.82	7.90	9.30	44.75	59.03	62.57	88.60	121.62	65.84	64.40	—
Q4	2.12	8.69	31.01	49.77	52.53	70.67	108.62	121.66	68.78	68.73	—
Net Flows (USD Bil)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Q1	0.03	-0.03	0.07	0.34	6.06	1.52	-0.49	5.56	-4.16	-2.50	-1.27
Q2	0.11	0.22	0.01	0.88	0.76	1.44	2.91	2.63	-2.84	-2.34	—
Q3	-0.27	0.07	-0.16	4.65	1.46	0.25	2.82	2.45	-3.35	-2.35	—
Q4	0.16	0.54	0.14	2.70	1.27	0.16	4.31	1.97	-3.09	-3.51	—

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## Annualized Returns 12-31-2023

Standardized Returns (%)	7-day Yield		1Yr	5Yr	10Yr	Since Inception	Inception Date	Max Front Load %	Max Back Load %	Net Exp Ratio %	Gross Exp Ratio %	Max Redemption %
	Subsidized	Unsubsidized										
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Gr B Acc	—	—	13.13	10.75	11.32	11.25	03-08-2010	0.00	—	—	—	0.00
<b>Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD</b>			<b>5.53</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>6.61</b>	<b>01-03-1980</b>					
<b>MSCI EAFE NR USD</b>			<b>18.24</b>	<b>8.16</b>	<b>4.28</b>	<b>8.40</b>	<b>03-31-1986</b>					
<b>Morningstar Gbl Growth TME NR USD</b>			<b>29.62</b>	<b>12.83</b>	<b>9.06</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>11-24-2021</b>					
<b>S&amp;P 500 TR USD</b>			<b>26.29</b>	<b>15.69</b>	<b>12.03</b>	<b>10.88</b>	<b>01-30-1970</b>					
<b>USTREAS T-Bill Auction Ave 3 Mon</b>			<b>5.41</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>3.86</b>	<b>02-28-1941</b>					

## Return after Tax (%)

	On Distribution				Inception Date	On Distribution and Sales of Shares			
	1Yr	5Yr	10Yr	Since Inception		1Yr	5Yr	10Yr	Since Inception
Baillie Gifford Global Alpha Gr B Acc	—	—	—	—	03-08-2010	13.13	10.75	11.30	11.20

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An open-end fund is an investment company that issues shares on a continuous basis. Shares can be purchased from the open-end mutual fund itself, or through an intermediary, but cannot be traded on a secondary market,

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### 12b1 Expense %

A 12b-1 fee is a fee used to pay for a fund's distribution costs. It is often used as a commission to brokers for selling the fund. The amount of the fee is taken from a fund's returns.

### 30-Day SEC Yield

The 30-day SEC Yield is a calculation based on a 30-day period ending on the last day of the previous month. It is computed by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the period by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. The figure listed lags by one month. When a dash appears, the yield available is more than 30 days old. This information is taken from fund surveys.

### 30-Day Unsubsidized Yield

The 30-day Unsubsidized Yield is computed under a SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days. It excludes contractual expense reimbursements, resulting in a lower yield.

### Alpha

Alpha is a measure of the difference between a security or portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk (as measured by beta.) Alpha is often seen as a measure of the value added or subtracted by a portfolio manager.

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### Asset Class Breakdown

The asset class breakdown section shows the amount and percentage of assets by asset class for managed investments associated with a Parent Company.

### Attribution Statistics

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If a managed investment holds another managed investment as part of its holdings (such as when a mutual fund holds an exchange-traded fund or another mutual fund), the calculation will drill down to the individual security holdings of the underlying managed investment for analysis. The following securities are excluded from the attribution analysis, and the remaining holdings are rescaled to 100% when performing attribution analysis.

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#### Average Effective Duration

Average Effective Duration is a weighted average of the effective durations of fixed income and certain derivative

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#### Average Effective Maturity

Average Effective Maturity is a weighted average of the length of time, measured in years, until return of principal can be reasonably expected for debt securities, and is computed by weighting each holding effective maturity term by the market value of the holding and then averaging by the sum of holding values. The effective maturity may be the nominal maturity date, the next put date, the average life of a sinking fund, the weighted average life of an amortizing prepayment, or a proxy maturity date for perpetual securities. NOTE: Effective Maturity is measured only for holdings which have a principal value or reference a security with a principal value and exclude many derivatives.

#### Average Market Capitalization

Average Market Capitalization is a measure of the size of the companies in which a portfolio invests.

#### Average Weighted Coupon

Average weighted Coupon is the weighted average of the rates of interest paid of the fixed income and certain derivative securities in a portfolio. The average is computed by weighting each holding price by the market value of the holding and then averaging by the sum of holding values. For securities which pay no periodic interest but accrete in value at an assigned interest rate, (e.g. zero coupons), the value of the coupon is 0%. For non-periodic instruments which pay interest at maturity, (e.g. short-term bills/notes), the interest rate at issuance is assigned as the coupon rate.

#### Beta

Beta is a measure of a security or portfolio's sensitivity to market movements (proxied using an index.) A beta of greater than 1 indicates more volatility than the market, and a beta of less than 1 indicates less volatility than the market.

#### Book Value Growth %

Book value is the estimation of the book value growth for a stock. This is calculated by averaging the book-value growth rate per share of the stock for up to the previous four years. A managed investment's book value % is calculated by taking an asset-weighted average of the book value of all the stocks in the portfolio.

#### Cash Flow Growth %

Cash Flow Growth is the estimation of the cash flow growth for a stock. This is calculated by averaging the cash flow growth rate per share of the stock for up to the previous four years. A managed investment's cash flow

growth % is calculated by taking a share-weighted average of the cash flow of all the stocks in its portfolio.

#### Cash Return %

Cash return is calculated by dividing the company's free cash flow by its enterprise value, or market capitalization, plus net debt. This number tells you what cash return you would get if you bought the entire company, including its debt.

#### Company ESG Score Description

The ESG Score Description ranks the company-level ESG Risk Score for companies against their Sustainability peer group. The ESG Score Description is depicted as a range from Negligible to Severe, where Negligible equals a company that scores well below average relative to its peer group and Severe equals a company that scores well above average relative to its peer group. Breakpoints for the score description are established annually by determining how company scores fall into the following ranges within a peer group:

Negligible	Highest 5%
Low	Next 11%
Medium	Next 68%
High	Next 11%
Severe	Lowest 5%

Each month, a company's ESG Risk Score is compared to its peer group breakpoints and assigned a company score description. Morningstar lists the ESG Score Description for the largest holdings underlying a managed investment's portfolio.

#### Cost Illustration

The cost illustration chart provides an example of the fees you would pay over a one-, five-, or ten-year holding period for a \$10,000 investment in the managed investment, and assumes you redeem all of your shares at the end of the period. The example assumes that investment earns a 5.00% return, and that the investment's operating expenses remain the same. Fees may be paid by you in a variety of ways: when you purchase a managed investment; by direct withdrawal from your account during the time you own a managed investment; or when you sell the managed investment.

The cost illustration is designed to provide information to help you assess the importance of fees and expenses, and to understand how changes in your holding period may impact your investment. Assumptions and calculations applied in this analysis are critical to the outcomes shown in the cost illustration.

The fee projection analysis was generated using a managed investment, investment amount, and hypothetical rate of return. It is important that these assumptions be accurate estimations, as they are key inputs that impact the fee projection analysis. Applicable front-end charges were assessed at the point of purchase and deferred charges and redemption fees, when applicable, were assessed at the point of sale. The

analysis does not account for reinvestment of any applicable dividends or capital gains.

The information generated in the cost illustration is hypothetical in nature and assumes the managed investment's returns and expenses remain the same each year. Because returns and expenses vary over time, an investor's actual returns and expenses may be higher or lower. The hypothetical rate of return used in this analysis should not be considered indicative of future results. Actual results may differ substantially from that shown here. Principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that your shares of securities, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than your original investment, and may include a possible loss of your principal.

Morningstar uses the Prospectus Net Expense Ratio in its ongoing fees, fee level, and ranking calculations for most funds. However, the Annual Report Net Expense Ratio is used for closed-end funds because prospectuses are published infrequently.

Purchase fees and expenses are those costs incurred by an investor when they buy shares of a fund. Such fees and expenses may include front-end loads and/or trading commissions.

Redemption fees and expenses are those costs incurred by an investor when they sell shares of a fund.

Ongoing fees and expenses are those costs an investor incurs while holding shares of a fund. Such expenses may include asset-based fees and operating and management fees.

### Credit Quality

The credit quality breakdowns are shown for corporate bond holdings and depict the quality of bonds in the underlying portfolio. The report shows the percentage of fixed-income securities that fall within each credit-quality rating as assigned by a NRSRO. Bonds not rated by an NRSRO are included in the not-rated category.

### Credit Quality Breakdown

Displays the weighted distribution of holdings by credit rating symbol categories. The percentage for each rating category is computed by weighting each holding's credit rating by the market value of the holding and then averaging by the sum of holding values. For holdings that have more than one credit rating the ratings will be combined and an average rating for the holding will be computed. The distribution is based upon available credit ratings from recognized credit rating agencies such as a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) in the U.S. (For a list of all NRSROs, please visit <https://www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-current-nrsros.html>) The categories are based on the rating scale produced by Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC and range from AAA, indicating the highest level of credit quality, to D, indicating a security which has defaulted on its payment obligations. Holdings for which no credit rating is available are assigned to a "Not Rated", or "NR" category. Morningstar

calculates Long, Short, and Net values.

### Current Yield

Current yield is derived by taking the ratio of a bond's annual interest payment to the current price.

### Data Coverage %

The Data Coverage % data point is a summary metric describing the level of data completeness used to generate the overall rating. If the pillar is assigned directly or indirectly by analysts, the pillar has complete data availability, as no model was used to estimate the pillar score. If the pillar is assigned directly by algorithm, Morningstar counts the number of data points feeding both the positive and negative models and counts whether the vehicle has strategy-specific data available. A simple percentage is calculated per pillar. The overall data coverage % is then scaled by pillar weights.

### D/C Ratio

The debt-to-capital ratio for a managed investment's underlying stock holdings is calculated by dividing each security's long-term debt by its total capitalization (the sum of common equity plus preferred equity and long-term debt) and is a measure of the company's financial leverage.

All else being equal, stocks with high D/C ratios are generally riskier than those with low D/C ratios. Note that debt-to-capital figures can be misleading owing to accounting conventions.

Because balance sheets are based on historic cost accounting, they may bear little resemblance to current market values. Morningstar aggregates debt-to-capital figures for managed investments using a median methodology, whereby domestic stocks are ordered from highest to lowest based on their D/C ratios. One adds up the asset weighting of each holding until the total is equal to or greater than half of the total weighting of all domestic stocks in the managed investment. The debt/total cap for that stock is then used to represent the debt/total cap of the total portfolio.

### Deferred Load %

The back-end sales charge or deferred load is imposed when an investor redeems shares of a managed investment. The percentage of the load charged generally declines the longer the managed investment's shares are held by the investor. This charge, coupled with 12b-1 fees, commonly serves as an alternative to a traditional front-end load.

### Dividend Yield %

The dividends per share of the company over the trailing one-year period as a percentage of the current stock price.

### Downside Capture Ratio %

Downside Capture Ratio measures a managed investment's performance in down markets. A down market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the down market was captured by

the managed investment. For example, if the ratio is 110%, the managed investment captured 110% of the down market and therefore underperformed the market on the downside.

### ESG Risk Score %

Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Ratings are designed to help investors identify and understand financially material ESG risks at the security and portfolio level. The ESG Risk Ratings are based on a two-dimensional materiality framework that measures a company's exposure to industry-specific material risks and how well a company is managing those risks. ESG Risk Ratings are categorized across five risk levels: negligible, low, medium, high and severe. Ratings scale is from 0-100, with 100 being the most severe.

### Expense Ratio %

The expense ratio is the annual fee that all funds charge their shareholders. It expresses the percentage of assets deducted each fiscal year for fund expenses, including 12b-1 fees, management fees, administrative fees, operating costs, and all other asset-based costs incurred by the fund. Portfolio transaction fees, or brokerage costs, as well as front-end or deferred sales charges are not included in the expense ratio. The expense ratio, which is deducted from the fund's average net assets, is accrued on a daily basis. The gross expense ratio, in contrast to the net expense ratio, does not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period.

### Fee Level

Morningstar Fee Level puts the expenses of the managed investment in context by showing the range of fees charged by its peers. An overall Fee Level for the managed investment is shown, along with breakpoints for five quintiles of Fee Levels for the managed investment's peer group. Morningstar defines Fee Level peer groups by combining some categories with similar expected expenses, such as large value, large blend, and large growth, then segmenting the category group by distribution class of front-load, deferred-load, level-load, no-load, or institutional to provide more-relevant fee comparisons.

### Fee Quintile Breakdown

The fee quintile breakdown section sums the percentage of share classes associated with a Parent Company that has a Morningstar Fee Level—Distribution of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High.

### Financial Health

One of the three quantitative grades that Morningstar assigns to each stock as a quick way to get a handle on its fundamentals. To get a good grade in this area, a company should have low financial leverage (assets/equity), high cash-flow coverage (total cash flow/long-term debt), and a high cash position (cash/assets) relative to its sector.

### Free Cash Flow Yield

Equal to operating cash flow minus capital spending. Free

cash flow represents the cash a company has left over after investing in the growth of its business. Young, aggressive companies often have negative free cash flow, because they're investing heavily in their futures. As companies mature, though, they should start generating free cash flow.

#### Front-end Load %

The initial sales charge or front-end load is a deduction made from each investment in the fund and is generally based on the amount of the investment.

#### Growth

The Morningstar Growth Grade is based on the trend in revenue per share using data from the past five years. For the purpose of calculating revenue per share we use the past five years' revenue figures and corresponding yearend fully diluted shares outstanding; if year-end fully diluted shares outstanding is not available, we calculate this figure by dividing the company's reported net income applicable to common shareholders by the reported fully diluted earnings per share. A company must have a minimum of four consecutive years of positive and non-zero revenue, including the latest fiscal year, to qualify for a grade.

In calculating the revenue per share growth rate, we calculate the slope of the regression line of historical revenue per share. We then divide the slope of the regression line by the arithmetic average of historical revenue per share figures. The result of the regression is a normalized historical increase or decrease in the rate of growth for sales per share. We then calculate a z-score by subtracting the universe mean revenue growth from the company's revenue growth and dividing by the standard deviation of the universe's growth rates.

Stocks are sorted based on the z-score of their revenue per share growth rate calculated above, from the most negative z-score to the most positive z-score. Stocks are then ranked based on their z-score from 1 to the total number of qualified stocks. We assign grades based on this ranking.

#### Growth of 10,000

For managed investments, this graph compares the growth of an investment of 10,000 (in the base currency of the managed investment) with that of an index and/or with that of the average for all managed investments in its Morningstar Category. The total returns are not adjusted to reflect sales charges or the effects of taxation but are adjusted to reflect actual ongoing expenses, and they assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted, effects of sales charges and taxation would reduce the performance quoted. If pre-inception data is included in the analysis, it will be graphed.

The index in the Growth of 10,000 graph is an unmanaged portfolio of specified securities and cannot be invested in directly. The index does not reflect any initial or ongoing expenses. A managed investment's portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the

index. The index is chosen by Morningstar.

#### Historical Earnings %

The historical earnings % is an estimation of the historical earnings growth for a stock. This is calculated by averaging the earnings-growth rate per share of the stock for up to the previous four years. A managed investment's historical earnings % is calculated by taking an asset-weighted average of the historical earnings of all the stocks in the portfolio.

#### Index Return %

Index Return % measures the relevant index's annualized return for a specified time period.

#### Long-Term Earnings Growth %

Long-Term Earnings Growth is the estimation of the long-term earnings growth forecast of a stock. This is collected as a third-party estimate. A managed investment's long-term earnings % is calculated by taking an asset-weighted average of the long-term earnings of all the stocks in the portfolio.

#### Manager Ownership

Manager ownership sums the percentage of assets in managed investments with maximum manager ownership levels of more than \$1 million, \$500,001 to \$1 million, \$100,001 to \$500,000, \$50,001 to \$100,000, \$10,001 to \$50,000, \$1 to \$10,000, and \$0, as well as no data on manager ownership.

#### Manager Tenure

Manager tenure sums the percentage of assets in managed investments with longest-tenured manager stays of 0-3 years, 3-6 years, 6-9 years, 9-12 years, 12-15 years, and more than 15 years.

#### Management Fees %

The management fee includes the management and administrative fees listed in the Management Fees section of a fund's prospectus. Typically, these fees represent the costs shareholders paid for management and administrative services over the fund's prior fiscal year.

#### Maximum Drawdown %

Maximum Drawdown measures the peak-to-trough decline during a specific record period of a managed investment. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak and trough.

#### Morningstar Category

Morningstar Category is assigned by placing managed investments into peer groups based on their underlying holdings. The underlying securities in each portfolio are the primary factor in our analysis as the investment objective and investment strategy stated in a managed investment's prospectus may not be sufficiently detailed for our proprietary classification methodology. Managed investments are placed in a category based on their portfolio statistics and compositions over the past three years. Analysis of performance and other indicative facts are also considered. If the managed investment is new

and has no portfolio history, Morningstar estimates where it will fall before giving it a permanent category assignment. Categories may be changed based on recent changes to the portfolio.

#### Morningstar Economic Moat

An economic moat is a structural feature that Morningstar believes positions a firm to sustain excess profits over a long period of time, with excess profits defined as returns on invested capital above our estimate of a firm's cost of capital. The economic moat rating is not an indicator of the investment performance of the investment highlighted in this report. Narrow moat companies are those Morningstar believes are more likely than not to achieve normalized excess returns for at least the next 10 years. Wide-moat companies are those in which Morningstar believes excess returns will remain for 10 years, with excess returns more likely than not to remain for at least 20 years. Firms without a moat, including those that have a substantial threat of value destruction related risks related to ESG, industry disruption, financial health, or other idiosyncratic issues, are more susceptible to competition. Morningstar has identified five sources of economic moats: intangible assets, switching costs, network effect, cost advantage, and efficient scale.

#### Morningstar Equity Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box™ reveals a managed investment's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report. For equity managed investments, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned, and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, blend, or growth.) A darkened cell in the style box indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

#### Morningstar ESG Commitment Level

The Morningstar ESG Commitment Level is the summary expression of our analysts' opinion of the strength of the ESG investment program at the asset-manager level.

The date shown next to the Morningstar ESG Commitment Level is the date on which the Morningstar Manager Research analyst assigned or reaffirmed the current assessment for the managed investment based on the analyst's latest review and research report for the managed investment. The Morningstar ESG Commitment Level is reevaluated at least every 18 months.

The Morningstar ESG Commitment Level is not a credit or risk rating. It is a subjective evaluation performed by Morningstar's manager research group, which consists of various Morningstar, Inc. subsidiaries ("Manager Research Group"). In the United States, that subsidiary is Morningstar Research Services LLC, which is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Morningstar ESG Commitment Level scale is Leader, Advanced, Basic, and Low and is based on our analysts' evaluation of a firm's ESG philosophy and process, resources, and active ownership.

For more detailed information about Morningstar ESG Commitment Level, including its methodology, please go to

<http://global.morningstar.com/equitydisclosures>

The Morningstar ESG Commitment Level (i) should not be used as the sole basis in evaluating an investment product, (ii) involves unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause the Manager Research Group's expectations not to occur or to differ significantly from what they expected, and (iii) should not be considered an offer or solicitation to buy or sell the investment product.

### **Morningstar Fixed Income Style Box™**

The Morningstar Style Box reveals a managed investment's investment style as of the date noted on this report.

For portfolios holding fixed-income investments, a Fixed Income Style Box is calculated. The vertical axis shows the credit quality based on credit ratings and the horizontal axis shows interest-rate sensitivity as measured by effective duration. There are three credit categories- "High", "Medium", and "Low; and there are three interest rate sensitivity categories- "Limited", "Moderate", and "Extensive" resulting in nine possible combinations. As in the Equity Style Box the combination of credit and interest rate sensitivity for a portfolio is represented by a darkened cell in the matrix.

Morningstar uses credit rating information from credit rating agencies (CRA's) that have been designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSRO's) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States. For a list of all NRSROs, please visit <https://www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-learn-nrsros.html> Additionally, Morningstar will use credit ratings from CRA's which have been recognized by foreign regulatory institutions that are deemed the equivalent of the NRSRO designation.

To determine the rating applicable to a holding and the subsequent holding weighted value of a portfolio two methods may be employed. First is a common methodology approach where if a case exists such that two rating organizations/ agencies have rated a holding, the lower rating of the two should be applied; if three or more CRA's have rated a holding the median rating should be applied, and in cases where there are more than two ratings and a median rating cannot be determined the lower of the two middle ratings should be applied. Alternatively, if there is more than one rating available an average can be calculated from all and applied.

Please Note: Morningstar, Inc. is not an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the managed investment. Credit ratings for any security held in a portfolio may change over time.

Morningstar uses the credit rating information to calculate a weighted-average credit quality value for the portfolio. This value is based only upon those holdings

which are considered to be classified as "fixed income", such as government, corporate, or securitized issues. Other types of holdings such as equities and many, though not all, types of derivatives are excluded. The weighted-average credit quality value is represented by a rating symbol which corresponds to the long-term rating symbol schemas employed by most CRA's. Note that this value is not explicitly published but instead serves as an input in the Style Box calculation. This symbol is then used to map to a Style Box credit quality category of "low," "medium," or "high". Managed investments with a "low" credit quality category are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be equivalent to the commonly used High Yield classification, meaning a rating below "BBB", portfolios assigned to the "high" credit category have either a "AAA" or "AA+" average credit quality value, while "medium" are those with an average rating of "AA" inclusive to "BBB-". It is expected and intended that the majority of portfolios will be assigned a credit category of "medium".

For assignment to an interest-rate sensitivity category Morningstar uses the average effective duration of the portfolio. From this value there are three distinct methodologies employed to determine assignment to category. Portfolios which are assigned to Morningstar municipal-bond categories employ static breakpoints between categories. These breakpoints are "Limited" equal to 4.5 years or less, "Moderate" equal to 4.5 years to less than 7 years, and "Extensive" equal to more than 7 years. For portfolios assigned to Morningstar categories other than U.S. Taxable, including all domiciled outside the United States, static duration breakpoints are also used. The values differ from the municipal category values; "Limited" equals less than or equal to 3.5 years, "Moderate" equals greater than 3.5 years but less than or equal to 6 years, and "Extensive" is assigned to portfolios with effective durations of more than 6 years.

Note: Interest-rate sensitivity for non-U.S. domiciled portfolios (excluding those in Morningstar convertible categories) may be assigned using average modified duration when average effective duration is not available.

For portfolios Morningstar classifies as U.S Taxable Fixed-Income, interest-rate sensitivity category assignment is based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI). The classification assignment is dynamically determined relative to the benchmark index value. A "Limited" category will be assigned to portfolios whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI average effective duration, where the average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI the portfolio will be classified as "Moderate", and those portfolios with an average effective duration value 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as "Extensive".

### **Morningstar Global Category**

Morningstar Global Categories are peer groups for managed portfolios domiciled anywhere in the world. The Global Category is assigned by placing managed

investments into peer groups based on the characteristics of their underlying holdings. The underlying securities in each portfolio are the primary factor in our analysis as the investment objective and investment strategy stated in a managed investment's prospectus may not be sufficiently detailed for our proprietary classification methodology. Managed investments are placed in a category based on their portfolio statistics and compositions over the past three years. If the managed investment is new and has no portfolio history, Morningstar estimates where it will fall before giving it a permanent global category assignment. Global categories may be changed based on recent changes to the portfolio. Not all managed investments are available to purchase within your country. Returns- based analysis may not be valid in some circumstances due to the impact of currencies.

### **Morningstar Historical Sustainability Score**

The Historical Sustainability Score is an exponential weighted moving average of the Portfolio Sustainability Scores over the past 12 months. The process rescales the current Portfolio Sustainability Score to reflect the consistency of the scores. The Historical Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a managed investment has, on average, more of its assets invested in companies with high ESG Risk on a consistent historical basis.

### **Morningstar Investor Return**

Morningstar Investor Return (also known as "dollar-weighted return") measures how the average investor fared in a fund over a period of time. Investor Return incorporates the impact of cash inflows and outflows from purchases and sales and the growth in fund assets. In contrast to total returns, Investor Returns account for all cash flows into and out of the fund to measure how the average investor performed over time. Investor Return is calculated in a similar manner as internal rate of return. Investor Return measures the compound growth rate in the value of all dollars invested in the fund over the evaluation period. Investor Return is the growth rate that will link the beginning total net assets plus all intermediate cash flows to the ending total net assets.

### **Morningstar Medalist Rating™**

The Morningstar Medalist Rating is the summary expression of Morningstar's forward-looking analysis of investment strategies as offered via specific vehicles using a rating scale of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Neutral, and Negative. The Medalist Ratings indicate which investments Morningstar believes are likely to outperform a relevant index or peer group average on a risk-adjusted basis over time. Investment products are evaluated on three key pillars (People, Parent, and Process) which, when coupled with a fee assessment, forms the basis for Morningstar's conviction in those products' investment merits and determines the Medalist Rating they're assigned. Pillar ratings take the form of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High. Pillars may be evaluated via an analyst's qualitative assessment (either directly to a vehicle the analyst covers or indirectly when the pillar ratings of a covered vehicle are mapped

to a related uncovered vehicle) or using algorithmic techniques. Vehicles are sorted by their expected performance into rating groups defined by their Morningstar Category and their active or passive status. When analysts directly cover a vehicle, they assign the three pillar ratings based on their qualitative assessment, subject to the oversight of the Analyst Rating Committee, and monitor and reevaluate them at least every 14 months. When the vehicles are covered either indirectly by analysts or by algorithm, the ratings are assigned monthly. For more detailed information about the Medalist Ratings, including their methodology, please go to

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under Section "Methodology Documents and Disclosures".

### Morningstar Medalist Rating Breakdown

For share classes associated with this parent company and have a Morningstar Medalist Rating, this is the Morningstar Medalist Rating breakdown, based on Asset %. To give investors a sense of the number of share classes analyzed, we're also providing the total number of share classes rated.

### Morningstar Ownership Zone

The Morningstar Ownership Zone provides a graphic representation of the size and investment style of long stocks in managed investment's portfolio. The Ownership Zone is derived by plotting each stock in the portfolio within the Morningstar Style Box™. The Ownership Zone is the shaded area that represents 75% of the assets in

the portfolio and indicates the level of concentration in the holdings. The "centroid" in the middle of the Ownership Zone represents the weighted average of all the holdings. The Ownership Zone helps investors differentiate between portfolios that may otherwise look similar. Investors can also use the Ownership Zone to construct diversified portfolios and model how multiple managed investments complement one another in a portfolio.

### Morningstar Pillar Ratings

Morningstar assigns scores to the People, Process, and Parent Pillars on a -2 to +2 basis. Those scores correspond to the pillar ratings assigned to a vehicle based either on an analyst's qualitative assessment or using algorithmic techniques (as explained in further detail in the "Pillar Evaluation" section of Morningstar Medalist Rating Methodology). The pillar ratings take the form of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High.

The Morningstar Pillar Rating should not be used as the sole basis in evaluating a managed investment. Morningstar Pillar Ratings involve unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause Morningstar's expectations not to occur or outcomes to differ significantly from what we expected.

### Morningstar Portfolio Sustainability Score

The Morningstar Portfolio Sustainability Score is an asset-weighted average of company-level ESG Risk scores. The Portfolio Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a managed investment has, on average, more of its assets invested in companies with high ESG Risk.

### Morningstar Rank

Morningstar Rank is the total return percentile rank within each Morningstar Category. The highest (or most favorable) percentile rank is zero and the lowest (or least favorable) percentile rank is 100. Historical percentile ranks are based on a snapshot of a managed investment at the time of calculation.

### Morningstar Rating™

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is

derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/ 40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

### Morningstar Rating Breakdown

The Morningstar rating breakdown section sums the percentage of assets in a Parent Company's funds (share classes) that receive, 5-, 4-, 3-, 2-, 1-star, or Not Rated Morningstar Ratings.

### Morningstar Rating for Stocks

The Morningstar Rating for Stocks is a forward-looking, analyst-driven measure of a stock's current price relative to the analyst's estimate of what the shares are worth. Stock star ratings indicate whether a stock, in the equity analyst's educated opinion, is cheap, expensive, or fairly priced. To rate a stock, an analyst estimates what he thinks it is worth (its "fair value"), using a detailed, long-term cash flow forecast for the company. A stock's star rating depends on whether its current market price is above or below the fair value estimate. Those stocks trading at large discounts to their fair values receive the highest ratings (4 or 5 stars). Stocks trading at large premiums to their fair values receive lower ratings (1 or 2 stars). A 3-star rating means the current stock price is fairly close to the analyst's fair value estimate.

### Morningstar Return

The Morningstar Return rates a managed investment's performance relative to other managed products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of a product's excess return over a risk-free rate (the return of the 90-day Treasury Bill) in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the top 10% of products earn a High Morningstar Return (High), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Below Average (-Ave), and the bottom 10% Low (Low). Morningstar Return is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

### Morningstar Risk

Morningstar Risk evaluates a managed investment's downside volatility relative to that of other products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of the variations in monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations, in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the 10% of products with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk (Low), the next 22.5% Below

Average (-Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), and the top 10% High (High). Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

**Morningstar Style Trail**

The Morningstar Style Trail give you a historical view of the movement of a managed investment’s portfolio over time in terms of equity style based on historical periods. This helps to clearly define the management of a portfolio over time and determine the consistency of that management.






**Morningstar Sustainability Rating™**

The Morningstar Sustainability Rating™ is intended to measure how well the issuing companies of the securities within a managed investment’s portfolio holdings are managing their financially material environmental, social and governance, or ESG, risks relative to the managed investment’s Morningstar Global Category peers.

The Morningstar Sustainability Rating calculation is a five-step process. First, each managed investment with at least 67% of assets covered by a company-level ESG Risk Score from Sustainalytics receives a Morningstar Portfolio Sustainability Score. The Morningstar Portfolio Sustainability Score is an asset-weighted average of company-level ESG Risk Scores. The Portfolio Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a managed investment has, on average, more of its assets invested in companies with high ESG Risk.

Second, the Historical Sustainability Score is an exponential weighted moving average of the Portfolio Sustainability Scores over the past 12 months. The process rescales the current Portfolio Sustainability Score to reflect the consistency of the scores. The Historical Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a managed investment has, on average, more of its assets invested in companies with high ESG Risk, on a consistent historical basis.

Third, the Sustainability Rating is then assigned to all scored managed investments within Morningstar Global Categories in which at least thirty (30) managed investments receive a Historical Sustainability Score and is determined by each managed investment’s Morningstar Sustainability Rating Score rank within the following distribution:

	High	Highest 10%
	Above Average	Next 22.5%
	Average	Next 35%
	Below Average	Next 22.5%
	Low	Lowest 10%

Fourth, we apply a 1% rating buffer from the previous month to increase rating stability. This means a managed

investment must move 1% beyond the rating breakpoint to change ratings.

Fifth, we adjust downward positive Sustainability Ratings to managed investments with a with high ESG Risk scores. The logic is as follows:

- If Portfolio Sustainability score is above 40, then the managed investment receives a Low Sustainability Rating.
- If Portfolio Sustainability score is above 35 and preliminary rating is Average or better, then the managed investment is downgraded to Below Average.
- If Portfolio Sustainability score is above 30 and preliminary rating is Above Average, then the managed investment is downgraded to Average.
- If Portfolio Sustainability score is below 30, then no adjustment is made.

The Morningstar Sustainability Rating is depicted by globe icons where High equals 5 globes and Low equals 1 globe. Since a Sustainability Rating is assigned to all managed investments that meet the above criteria, the rating it is not limited to managed investments with explicit sustainable or responsible investment mandates.

Morningstar updates its Sustainability Ratings monthly. The Portfolio Sustainability Score is calculated when Morningstar receives a new portfolio. Then, the Historical Sustainability Score and the Sustainability Rating is calculated one month and six business days after the reported as-of date of the most recent portfolio. As part of the evaluation process, Morningstar uses Sustainalytics’ ESG scores from the same month as the portfolio as-of date.

Please go to <http://corporate1.morningstar.com/sustainableinvesting/> for more detailed information about the Morningstar Sustainability Rating methodology and calculation frequency.

**NAV**

A managed investment’s net asset value (NAV) represents its per-share price. NAV is calculated by dividing a managed investment’s total net assets by its number of shares outstanding.

**Percentile Rank in Category**

Percentile Rank is a standardized way of ranking items within a peer group, in this case, managed investments within the same Morningstar Category. The observation with the largest numerical value is ranked zero the observation with the smallest numerical value is ranked 100. The remaining observations are placed equal distance from one another on the rating scale. Note that lower percentile ranks are generally more favorable for returns (high returns), while higher percentile ranks are generally more favorable for risk measures (low risk).

**Peer Group**

The Peer Group, or rating group, is a group of similar managed investments that are compared against each

other for the purpose of assigning Morningstar ratings. For managed investments, the rating group is the Morningstar Category.

**Percentile Rank in Global Category**

Percentile Rank is a standardized way of ranking items within a peer group. The observation with the largest numerical value is ranked zero the observation with the smallest numerical value is ranked 100. The remaining observations are placed equal distance from one another on the rating scale. Note that lower percentile ranks are generally more favorable.

**Performance Quartile**

Performance Quartile reflects a managed investment’s Morningstar Rank.

**Potential Capital Gains Exposure**

Potential Capital Gains Exposure is an estimate of the percent of a fund’s assets that represent gains. It measures how much the fund’s assets have appreciated, and it can be an indicator of possible future capital gains distributions. A positive potential capital gains exposure value means that the fund’s holdings have generally increased in value while a negative value means that the fund has reported losses on its book.

**Price/Book Ratio**

The Price/Book Ratio (or P/B Ratio) for a managed investment is the weighted average of the P/B Ratio of the stocks in its portfolio. Book value is the total assets of a company, less total liabilities. The P/B ratio of a company is calculated by dividing the market price of its outstanding stock by the company’s book value, and then adjusting for the number of shares outstanding. Stocks with negative book values are excluded from this calculation. It shows approximately how much an investor is paying for a company’s assets based on historical valuations.

**Price/Cash Flow Ratio**

The Price/Cash Flow Ratio (or P/C Ratio) for a managed investment is the weighted average of the P/C Ratio of the stocks in its portfolio. The P/C Ratio of a stock represents the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar generated from a company’s operations. It shows the ability of a company to generate cash and acts as a gauge of liquidity and solvency.

**Price/Earnings Ratio**

The Price/Earnings Ratio (or P/E Ratio) for a managed investment is the weighted average of the P/E Ratios of the stocks in its portfolio. The P/E Ratio of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its trailing 12 months’ earnings per share. It can act as a gauge of a managed investment’s investment strategy in the current market climate, and whether it has a value or growth orientation. Companies in those industries enjoying a surge of popularity tend to have high P/E Ratios, reflecting a growth orientation. More staid industries tend to have low P/E Ratios, reflecting a value orientation.



### Price/Sales Ratio

The Price/Sales Ratio (or P/S Ratio) for a managed investment is the weighted average of the price/sales ratios of the stocks in its portfolio. Price/sales represents the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar of revenue generated from a particular company's operations.

### Profitability

The profitability grade is based on return on shareholders' equity (ROE) using data from the past five years. Companies with less than four years of consecutive ROE figures, including the ROE figure for the latest fiscal year, are excluded from the calculations. For the remaining universe of stocks, the profitability grade is based on the following three components:

1. The historical growth rate of ROE
2. The average level of historical ROE
3. The level of ROE in the latest fiscal year

### R-Squared

R-squared is the percentage of a security or portfolio's return movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark index, showing the degree of correlation between the security or portfolio and the benchmark. This figure is helpful in assessing how likely it is that beta and alpha are statistically significant. A value of 1 indicates perfect correlation between the security or portfolio and its benchmark. The lower the R-squared value, the lower the correlation.

### Representative Cost

Representative cost incorporates re-occurring costs charged by a fund to facilitate comparison of funds that calculate fees in different ways. For most markets, the representative cost is calculated using the net expense ratio excluding transaction costs. In the U.S., the representative cost does not include acquired expenses from other funds it may invest in, one-off costs, costs charged by third parties such as financial professionals or platforms, or one-off costs charged on entry or exit.

### Risk vs Return Scatterplot

The risk vs return scatterplot graph plots the return and risk (measured by standard deviation) for a selection of securities and a benchmark index for the trailing period identified in the report.

The returns noted for a security reflect any sales charges that were applied in the illustration over the time period selected, but do not reflect impacts of taxation. If impacts of taxation were reflected, the returns would be lower than those indicated in the report.

The return plotted in the graph is mean geometric return. Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the volatility of the security's or portfolio's returns in relation to the mean return. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the volatility of return in relation to the mean return.

### ROIC

This figure is the percentage a company earns on its invested capital in a given year (Year 1, 2, etc.).

The calculation is net operating profit after tax divided by average invested capital. The resulting figure is then multiplied by 100. Invested capital equals the sum of total stockholders' equity, long-term debt and capital lease obligation, and short-term debt and capital lease obligation. ROIC shows how much profit a company generates on its capital base. The better the company, the more profit it generates as a percentage of its invested capital. The company's net income is found in the income statement. The components of the company's invested capital are found in the balance sheet.

### Sales Growth %

Sales Growth is the estimation of the growth of sales for a stock. This is calculated by averaging the sales-growth rate per share of the stock for up to the previous four years. A managed investment's sales growth % is calculated by taking a share weighted average of the collective sales for all stocks in its portfolio.

### Role in Portfolio

Role in portfolio assists with portfolio allocation, managed investments can be designated "core", "supporting", or "specialty". Core funds should typically be the bulk of an investor's portfolio, while supporting players contribute to a portfolio but are secondary to the core. Specialty offerings tend to be speculative and should typically only be a small portion of an investor's portfolio.

### Sector Weightings %

Super Sectors represent Morningstar's broadest classification of equity sectors by assigning the 11 equity sectors into three classifications. The Cyclical Super Sector includes industries significantly impacted by economic shifts, and the stocks included in these sectors generally have betas greater than 1. The Defensive Super Sector generally includes industries that are relatively immune to economic cycles, and the stocks in these industries generally have betas less than 1. The Sensitive Super Sector includes industries that ebb and flow with the overall economy, but not severely so. Stocks in the Sensitive Super Sector generally have betas that are close to 1.

Fixed-income Super Sectors represent Morningstar's broadest classification of fixed-income sectors. Securities held in domestic taxable-bond portfolios are mapped into one of 14 fixed-income sectors, which in turn, roll up to five super sectors. The Government Super Sector includes all conventional debt issued by governments, bonds issued by a Central Bank or Treasury, and bonds issued by local governments, cantons, regions, and provinces. The Municipal Super Sector includes taxable and tax-exempt debt obligations issued under the auspices of states, cities, counties, provinces, and other non-federal government entities. The Corporate Super Sector includes bank loans, convertible bonds, conventional debt securities issued by corporations, and preferred stock.

The Securitized Super Sector includes all types of mortgage-based securities, covered bonds, and asset-backed securities. The Cash & Equivalents Super Sector includes cash in the bank, certificates of deposit, currency, and money market holdings. Cash can also be any fixed-income securities that mature in certain short time frames, commercial paper, and repurchase agreements. The Derivatives Super Sector includes the common types of fixed-income derivative contracts: futures and forwards, options, and swaps. This sector may be displayed as "Other" in certain reports.

### Sharpe Ratio

Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation and excess return (a measure of a security or portfolio's return in excess of the U.S. Treasury three-month Treasury Bill) to determine the reward per unit of risk.

### Standard Deviation

Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the volatility of the security or portfolio's returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the volatility of return.

### Standardized Returns

Standardized Return applies the methodology described in the Standardized Returns page of this report. Standardized Return is calculated through the most recent calendar-quarter end for one-year, five-year, 10-year, and/or since-inception periods, and it demonstrates the impact of sales charges (if applicable) and ongoing fund expenses. Standardized Return reflects the return an investor may have experience if the security was purchased at the beginning of the period and sold at the end, incurring transaction charges.

### Tax Cost Ratio

The Morningstar Tax Cost Ratio measures how much a managed investment's annualized return is reduced by the taxes investors pay on distributions. Mutual funds regularly distribute stock dividends, bond dividends and capital gains to their shareholders. Investors then must pay taxes on those distributions during the year they were received.

Like an expense ratio, the tax cost ratio is a measure of how one factor can negatively impact performance. Also like an expense ratio, it is usually concentrated in the range of 0-5%. 0% indicates that the managed investment had no taxable distributions and 5% indicates that the managed investment was less tax efficient.

### Tenure Return %

Tenure Return % is the annualized return of a managed investment since the manager started running the strategy. This is useful to compare with the Index Return %, which measures the relevant index's annualized return in the same time period.

### Total Firm Assets and Fund Flows

Morningstar estimates fund-level flow data and aggregates it at the firm level. The Flows graph shows quarterly net flows and the firm's asset growth rate. This information illustrates the movement of money into and

out of the firm's funds over time, which can be particularly illustrative in times of market volatility.

### Trailing Returns

Trailing Return applies the methodology described in the Standardized Returns page of this report. Standardized Return is calculated through the most recent calendar-quarter end for one-year, five-year, 10-year, and/or since inception periods, and it demonstrates the impact of sales charges (if applicable) and ongoing fund expenses. Standardized Return reflects the return an investor may have experienced if the managed investment was purchased at the beginning of the period and sold at the end, incurring transaction charges.

Load-Adjusted Monthly Return is calculated applying the same methodology as Standardized Return, except that it represents return through month-end. As with Standardized Return, it reflects the impact of sales charges and ongoing fund expenses, but not taxation. If adjusted for the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be significantly different.

Trailing Return +/- indicates how a managed investment has performed relative to its peers (as measure by its Standard Index and/or Morningstar Category Index) over the time periods shown.

### Total Return

Total Return, or "Non Load-Adjusted Return", reflects performance without adjusting for sales charges (if applicable) or the effects of taxation, but it is adjusted to reflect all actual ongoing security expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. It is the return an investor would have experienced if the managed investment was held throughout the period. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the performance quoted would be significantly reduced.

Total Return +/- indicates how a managed investment has performed relative to its peers (as measure by its Standard Index and/or Morningstar Category Index) over the time periods shown.

### Turnover Ratio %

Turnover Ratio measures the trading activity in a managed investment's portfolio by taking the lesser of purchases or sales (excluding all securities with maturities of less than one year) and dividing by average monthly net assets. In practical terms, the resulting percentage loosely represents the percentage of the managed investment's underlying holdings that have changed over the past year. The inverse of a managed investment's turnover ratio is the average holding period for a security in that managed investment.

### Upside Capture Ratio %

Upside Capture Ratio measures a managed investment's performance in up markets relative to the market (benchmark) itself. It is calculated by taking the managed investment's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return.

### World Regions %

The world regions is a display of the portfolio's assets invested in the regions shown on the report.

## Investment Risks

### International/Emerging Market Equities

Investing in international securities involves special additional risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, political risk, and risk associated with varying accounting standards. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.

### Sector Strategies

Portfolios that invest exclusively in one sector or industry involve additional risks. The lack of industry diversification subjects the investor to increased industry-specific risks.

### Non-Diversified Strategies

Portfolios that invest a significant percentage of assets in a single issuer involve additional risks, including share price fluctuations, because of the increased concentration of investments.

### Small Cap Equities

Portfolios that invest in stocks of small companies involve additional risks. Smaller companies typically have a higher risk of failure and are not as well established as larger blue-chip companies. Historically, smaller-company stocks have experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the overall market average.

### Mid Cap Equities

Portfolios that invest in companies with market capitalization below \$10 billion involve additional risks. The securities of these companies may be more volatile and less liquid than the securities of larger companies.

### High-Yield Bonds

Portfolios that invest in lower-rated debt securities (commonly referred to as junk bonds) involve additional risks because of the lower credit quality of the securities in the portfolio. The investor should be aware of the possible higher level of volatility, and increased risk of default.

### Tax-Free Municipal Bonds

The investor should note that the income from tax-free municipal bond funds may be subject to state and local taxation and the Alternative Minimum Tax.

### Bonds

Bonds are subject to interest rate risk. As the prevailing level of bond interest rates rise, the value of bonds already held in a portfolio declines. Portfolios that hold bonds are subject to declines and increases in value due to general changes in interest rates.

### HOLDERS

The investor should note that these are narrow industry-focused products that, if the industry is hit by hard times, will lack diversification and possible loss of investment

would be likely. These securities can trade at a discount to market price, ownership is of a fractional share interest, the underlying investments may not be representative of the particular industry, the HOLDR might be delisted from the AMEX if the number of underlying companies drops below nine, and the investor may experience trading halts.

### Hedge Funds

The investor should note that hedge fund investing involves specialized risks that are dependent upon the type of strategies undertaken by the manager. This can include distressed or event-driven strategies, long/short strategies, using arbitrage (exploiting price inefficiencies), international investing, and use of leverage, options and/or derivatives. Although the goal of hedge fund managers may be to reduce volatility and produce positive absolute return under a variety of market conditions, hedge funds may involve a high degree of risk and are suitable only for investors of substantial financial means who could bear the entire loss of their investment.

### Bank Loan/Senior Debt

Bank loans and senior loans are impacted by the risks associated with fixed income in general, including interest rate risk and default risk. They are often non-investment grade; therefore, the risk of default is high. These securities are also relatively illiquid. Managed products that invest in bank loans/senior debt are often highly leveraged, producing a high risk of return volatility.

### Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs)

ETNs are unsecured debt obligations. Any repayment of notes is subject to the issuer's ability to repay its obligations. ETNs do not typically pay interest.

### Leveraged ETFs

Leveraged investments are designed to meet multiples of the return performance of the index they track and seek to meet their managed investment objectives on a daily basis (or other time period stated within the prospectus objective). The leverage/gearing ratio is the amount of excess return that a leveraged investment is designed to achieve in comparison to its index performance (i.e. 200%, 300%, -200%, or -300% or 2X, 3X, -2X, -3X). Compounding has the ability to affect the performance of the managed investment to be either greater or less than the index performance multiplied by the multiple stated within the managed investments objective over a stated time period.

### Short Positions

When a short position moves in an unfavorable way, the losses are theoretically unlimited. The broker may demand more collateral and a manager might have to close out a short position at an inopportune time to limit further losses.

### Long-Short

Due to the strategies used by long-short managed investments, which may include but are not limited to leverage, short selling, short-term trading, and investing

in derivatives, these managed investments may have greater risk, volatility, and expenses than those focusing on traditional investment strategies.

#### Liquidity Risk

Closed-end fund, ETF, and HOLDR trading may be halted due to market conditions, impacting an investor's ability to sell a fund.

#### Market Price Risk

The market price of ETFs, HOLDRs, and closed-end funds traded on the secondary market is subject to the forces of supply and demand and thus independent of the NAV. This can result in the market price trading at a premium or discount to the NAV, which will affect an investor's value.

#### Market Risk

The market prices of ETFs and HOLDRs can fluctuate as a result of several factors, such as security-specific factors or general investor sentiment. Therefore, investors should be aware of the prospect of market fluctuations and the impact it may have on the market price.

#### Target-Date Funds

Target-date funds typically invest in other mutual funds and are designed for investors who are planning to retire during the target date year. The fund's target date is the approximate date when investors expect to begin withdrawing their money. A target-date fund's investment objective/strategy typically becomes more conservative over time, primarily by reducing its allocation to equity mutual funds and increasing its allocations in fixed-income mutual funds. An investor's principal value in a target-date fund is not guaranteed at any time, including at the fund's target date.

#### High double- and triple-digit returns

High double- and triple-digit returns were the result of extremely favorable market conditions, which may not continue to be the case. High returns for short time periods must not be a major factor when making investment decisions.

## Benchmark Disclosure

#### Barclays US Agg Bond TR USD

This index is composed of the BarCap Government/Credit Index, the Mortgage- Backed Securities Index, and the Asset-Backed Securities Index. The returns we publish for the index are total returns, which include the daily reinvestment of dividends. The constituents displayed for this index are from the following proxy: iShares Core US Aggregate Bond.

#### MSCI EAFE NR USD

This Europe, Australasia, and Far East index is a market-capitalization-weighted index of 21 non-U.S., industrialized country indexes.

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#### Russell 1000 TR USD

Consists of the 1000 largest companies within the Russell 3000 index, which represents approximately 98% of the investable US equity market. Also known as the Market-Oriented Index, because it represents the group of stocks from which most active money managers choose. The constituents displayed for this index are from the following proxy: iShares Russell 1000.

#### S&P500 TR USD

A market capitalization-weighted index composed of the 500 most widely held stocks whose assets and/or revenues are based in the US; it's often used as a proxy for the stock market. TR (Total Return) indexes include daily reinvestment of dividends. The constituents displayed for this index are from the following proxy: iShares Core S&P 500.

#### USTREAS T-Bill Auction Ave 3 Mon

Three-month T-bills are government-backed, short-term investments considered to be risk-free and as good as cash because the maturity is only three months. Morningstar collects yields on the T-bill on a weekly basis from the Wall Street Journal.

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