



# International Growth



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## Objective

Invests primarily in large cap, growth-oriented companies in developed markets (excluding US) and emerging markets. Investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.

## Investment Philosophy

Confluence's international equity investment philosophy is rooted in a fundamental approach focused on owning high-quality, growth-oriented companies at reasonable valuations. We believe that higher-quality companies will outperform the broader market over the long-term, especially when the countries in which they do business benefit from favorable macroeconomic factors.

The investment process integrates top-down comprehensive evaluation of market cycles, macroeconomic variables, and geopolitical analysis with the firm's bottom-up, fundamental, company-specific approach.

## Overview

- Portfolio is weighted toward developed markets (excluding US) with an opportunistic emerging markets allocation
- Direct exposure to emerging markets is variable, limited to no more than 25% of portfolio's total value
- Approximately 2.5% position sizes at inception
- Diversification across countries and sectors
- Strategy assets: \$93.3 million<sup>1</sup>
- Low-to-moderate turnover
- Primary objective is long-term capital appreciation

<sup>1</sup>Total strategy assets include \$27.7 million assets under management (AUM) and \$65.6 million assets under advisement (AUA); as of 12/31/24.

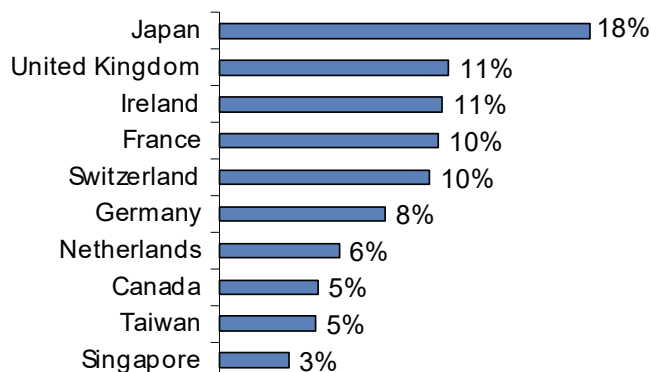
## Portfolio Holdings<sup>2</sup>

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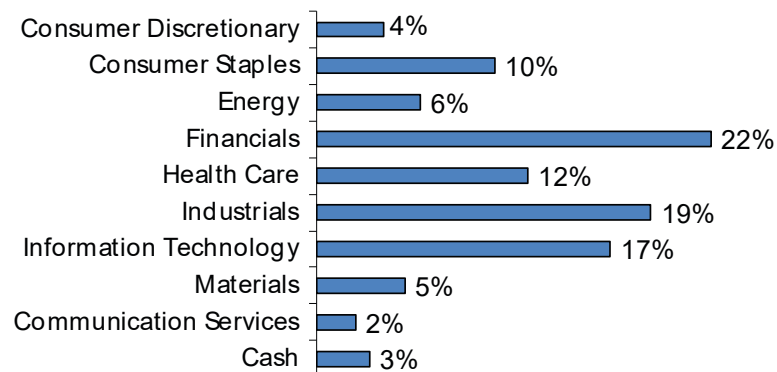
Characteristics	
Number of Positions	37-42
Portfolio Yield	2.4%
Annual Turnover (5-Yr Rolling as of 12/31/24)	19%
P/E (12-Month Trailing)	18.4
P/E (Forward 1-Year)	19.3
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	16.2%
Price/Book Ratio	4.8
Price/Sales Ratio	4.4
Return on Equity	17.9%
Weighted Debt-to-Capital	35.2%
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$MM)	\$149,984

10 Largest Holdings	Sectors	Weight
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Info. Technology	5.3%
Rheinmetall AG	Industrials	4.5%
SAP S.E.	Info. Technology	3.4%
DBS Group Holdings Ltd.	Financials	3.3%
AerCap Holdings N.V.	Industrials	3.3%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	Financials	3.3%
CyberArk Software Ltd.	Info. Technology	3.2%
Chubb Ltd.	Financials	3.0%
Accenture plc	Info. Technology	2.9%
Zurich Insurance Group A.G.	Financials	2.9%

## Country Allocation - 10 Largest



## Sector Allocation



## Performance

### Composite Returns<sup>3</sup> (For periods ending December 31, 2024)

	Since 10/1/99**	20-Year*	15-Year*	10-Year*	5-Year*	3-Year*	1-Year	YTD	QTD
<b>International Growth</b> <i>Pure Gross-Of-Fees<sup>4</sup></i>	6.6%	7.4%	6.9%	7.1%	8.7%	3.2%	9.9%	9.9%	(2.9%)
<i>Max Net-Of Fees<sup>5</sup></i>	3.4%	4.2%	3.7%	3.9%	5.5%	0.1%	6.6%	6.6%	(3.7%)
<b>MSCI World ex-US (Net)</b>	4.4%	5.0%	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%	1.9%	4.7%	4.7%	(7.4%)

\*Average Annualized Returns

Calendar Year**	Pure Gross- Of-Fees <sup>4</sup>	Max Net- Of-Fees <sup>5</sup>	MSCI World ex-US (Net)	Difference (Gross- MSCI World ex-US)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	MSCI World ex-US 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
2004	18.7%	15.2%	20.4%	(1.6%)	25	\$5,004	-	15.4%	15.3%	1.1%
2005	18.2%	14.7%	14.5%	3.8%	25	\$6,651	-	12.1%	11.3%	0.5%
2006	29.5%	25.6%	25.7%	3.8%	35	\$11,866	-	11.6%	9.5%	1.1%
2007	23.4%	19.7%	12.4%	10.9%	49	\$16,292	-	12.5%	9.7%	2.9%
2008	(37.8%)	(39.6%)	(43.6%)	5.8%	76	\$14,221	-	20.7%	19.5%	1.5%
2009	31.8%	27.9%	33.7%	(1.8%)	114	\$28,437	-	23.0%	23.9%	2.1%
2010	13.2%	9.9%	8.9%	4.3%	168	\$60,558	-	24.3%	26.3%	1.3%
2011	(11.4%)	(14.1%)	(12.2%)	0.8%	253	\$80,988	-	20.1%	22.3%	0.6%
2012	16.1%	12.7%	16.4%	(0.3%)	254	\$94,222	-	17.6%	19.0%	0.6%
2013	19.1%	15.6%	21.0%	(1.9%)	291	\$113,801	-	14.4%	16.0%	0.6%
2014	(1.7%)	(4.6%)	(4.3%)	2.6%	177	\$88,982	-	11.4%	12.7%	0.7%
2015	(2.1%)	(5.0%)	(3.0%)	0.9%	191	\$81,898	-	11.5%	12.3%	0.4%
2016	(5.1%)	(7.9%)	2.7%	(7.8%)	113	\$39,444	-	12.0%	12.3%	0.7%
2017	25.2%	21.4%	24.2%	1.0%	62	\$28,303	-	11.1%	11.7%	0.8%
2018	(13.5%)	(16.1%)	(14.1%)	0.6%	30	\$15,707	\$5,486,737	11.7%	11.1%	0.2%
2019	30.1%	26.3%	22.5%	7.6%	24	\$14,419	\$7,044,708	12.5%	10.8%	0.3%
2020	20.6%	17.1%	7.6%	13.1%	25	\$15,512	\$6,889,798	18.0%	18.1%	0.4%
2021	14.3%	10.9%	12.6%	1.7%	24	\$16,158	\$7,761,687	16.7%	17.2%	0.9%
2022	(16.5%)	(19.0%)	(14.3%)	(2.2%)	24	\$16,094	\$6,931,635	20.7%	20.1%	0.8%
2023	19.8%	16.2%	17.9%	1.8%	18	\$15,121	\$7,200,019	18.1%	16.6%	0.4%
2024	9.9%	6.6%	4.7%	5.2%	19	\$17,113	\$7,280,773	17.6%	16.6%	0.4%

\*\*Performance history begins 10/1/1999. Additional years of performance available on our website.

See performance disclosures on last page.

## Portfolio Benchmark

**MSCI World ex-US (Net) Index** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization index designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the USA. Performance results are presented net of estimated foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains. (Source: Bloomberg)

(An index is unmanaged and an investor cannot invest directly in an index. They are shown for illustrative purposes only & do not represent the performance of any specific investment. Index performance figures are reported as net returns.)

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The International Growth Strategy was inceptioned on October 1, 1997, and the current International Growth Composite was created on May 1, 2018. Performance presented prior to May 1, 2018, occurred while the Portfolio Management Team was affiliated with a prior firm and was independently verified for the periods of 10/1/1999 through 12/31/2017. The Portfolio Management Team members were the primary individuals responsible for selecting securities to buy and sell. Composite performance is typically net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income and capital gains with some exceptions based on custodian treatment. Confluence Investment Management LLC is an independent registered investment adviser. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The US Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented gross and net of all fees and include the reinvestment of all income.

<sup>4</sup> Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS® standards.

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Prior to 3/31/2020, the S&P/BNY ADR Index was shown as a secondary benchmark. This index was removed to simplify the presentation, being less widely recognized and relevant than the primary benchmark.

\*\*Results shown for the year 1999 represent partial period performance from October 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999. N/A-Composite Dispersion: Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.