

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

# **Global Focused Growth Equity Strategy**

**Total Strategy Assets:**<sup>1</sup> \$36.5 billion<sup>2</sup> Figures shown in Canadian Dollars

## **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Broad range of stocks across all capitalizations, incorporating developed and emerging markets. Single decision maker provides clear accountability. Utilize a bottom-up approach to create a focused, high-conviction portfolio of companies which we believe are on the right side of change and in which we have insights about potentially improving economic returns in the future that are not yet reflected in valuation.Global research platform uses fundamental analysis to identify companies with superior and sustainable growth prospects, and improving fundamentals. Macroeconomic and local market factors are integrated in stock selection decisions. Valuation appeal is measured against local market and broad sector opportunity set.

## PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- Number of holdings: typically 60-80 stocks
- Individual positions: Typically 0.5%-5.0%
- Emerging markets exposure: +/-15% of benchmark
- Broad sector ranges: +/-15% of benchmark
- Country ranges: +/-10% of benchmark (USA is +/-20%)
- Currency hedging: Currency views incorporated in stock selection
- Cash target range: Typically less than 5%, maximum 10%
- Primary benchmark is MSCI AC World Index and secondary benchmark is MSCI AC World Index Net.

## BENCHMARK

- MSCI All Country World Index
- MSCI All Country World Index Net

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### David Eiswert, CFA®

- 23 years of investment experience; 20 years with T. Rowe Price.
- M.A., University of Maryland
- B.A., St. Mary's College of Maryland

## PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS

#### Laurence Taylor, CFA®

- 24 years of investment experience; 15 years with T. Rowe Price.
- B.A., Greenwich University

#### Jennifer Martin

- 27 years of investment experience; 18 years with T. Rowe Price.
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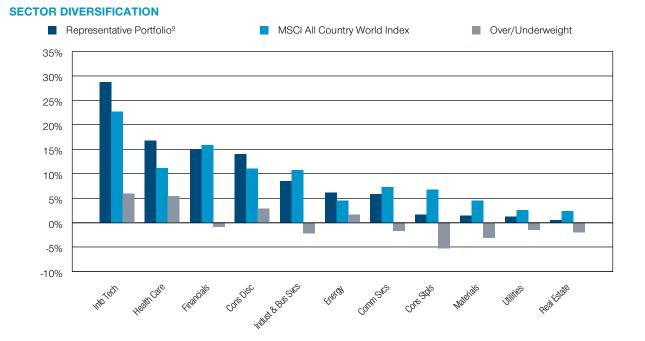
<sup>1</sup> Includes U.S.-registered mutual funds, a sub-fund of a Luxembourg domiciled SICAV, sub-funds of the T. Rowe Price Funds FCP, a sub-fund of a UK domiciled OEIC, a canadian pension pooled fund, separate accounts, subadvised portfolios, and non-proprietary funds.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under management are calculated in USD and converted to CAD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party.

As of 31 December 2023

## **TOP 10 ISSUERS**

% of Representative Portfolio <sup>e</sup>				
5.4%				
4.8				
4.0				
3.8				
3.5				
3.2				
3.2				
3.0				
2.3				
2.2				
35.4%				



# **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

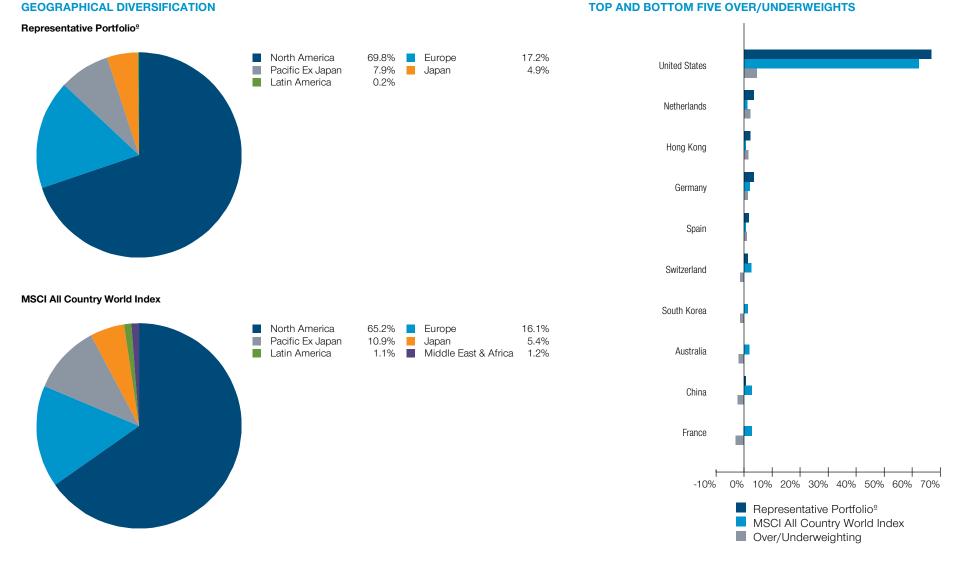
	Representative Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	MSCI All Country World Index		
Projected Earnings Growth Rate (3 - 5 Years)*° <sup>†</sup>	14.9%	10.0%		
Price to Earnings (Current Fiscal Year)* <sup>°†</sup>	29.8X	22.1X		
Return on Equity (Current Fiscal Year)° <sup>†</sup>	21.5%	18.6%		
Price to Book (trailing)°	6.4X	4.5X		
Investment Weighted Median Market Cap (mm)	\$181,733	\$134,575		
Investment Weighted Average Market Cap (mm)	\$723,770	\$618,762		
Number of Issuers	82	2,840		
Top 20 Issuers as % of Total	54.2%	25.0%		
Portfolio Turnover <sup>††</sup>	102.3%	_		
Active Share	74.8%	-		

°Investment Weighted Median.

Investment Weighted Market Cap is calculated in US Dollars and converted to CAD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party. \*I/B/E/S © 2024 Refinitiv. All rights reserved.

<sup>1</sup>These statistics are based on the portfolio's underlying holdings and are not a projection of future portfolio performance. Actual results may vary. <sup>a</sup>Please see Additional Disclosures section for further information.

<sup>††</sup>Portfolio Turnover represents 1 year period ending 12/31/2023.



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## PERFORMANCE

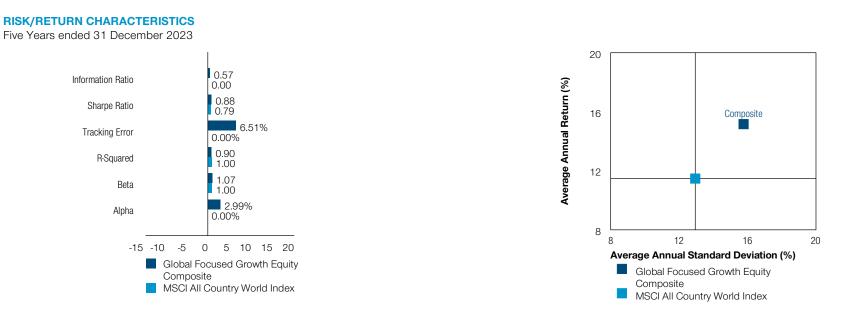
			Annualized				
	Three Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Fifteen Years	
Global Focused Growth Equity Composite (Gross)	9.94%	23.39%	1.65%	15.18%	15.28%	15.06%	
Global Focused Growth Equity Composite (Net)	9.78	22.66	1.04	14.50	14.59	14.38	
MSCI All Country World Index	8.40	19.51	7.47	11.48	10.85	11.27	
Value Added (Gross)	1.54	3.88	-5.82	3.70	4.43	3.79	
Value Added (Net)	1.38	3.15	-6.43	3.02	3.74	3.11	
MSCI All Country World Index Net	8.29	18.92	6.97	10.94	10.28	10.69	
Value Added (Gross)	1.65	4.47	-5.32	4.24	5.00	4.37	
Value Added (Net)	1.49	3.74	-5.93	3.56	4.31	3.69	

### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Gross performance returns are presented before management and all other fees, where applicable, but after trading expenses. Net of fees performance reflects the deduction of the highest applicable management fee that would be charged based on the fee schedule contained within this material, without the benefit of breakpoints. Gross and net performance returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and are net of all non-reclaimable withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains.

Valuations and performance are computed in USD and converted to CAD. When converting U.S. dollar composite returns, benchmarks, dispersion, and asset data, the same exchange rate source is used consistently. Total returns in non-U.S. dollar currencies are calculated by adjusting U.S. dollar performance by the percent change in the U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rate (as determined by an independent third party) for the time periods selected.

See GIPS® Composite Report located in this material for additional information.



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Statistics based on monthly gross returns. Returns would have been lower as the result of the deduction of applicable fees. Risk/Return Characteristics are computed in USD and converted to CAD using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party.

## FEE SCHEDULE

# **Global Focused Growth Equity Composite**

The Global Focused Growth Equity Composite seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investment in established companies operating in developed markets throughout the world, with faster earnings growth and reasonable valuation levels relative to market/sector averages. Further, the strategy seeks to buy companies where there is insight about improving economic returns of the business that are not fully reflected in their valuation. (Created June 2006, incepted January 31, 1996.) (Formerly known as Global Equity Composite)

First \$60 million	60 basis points
Next \$60 million	55 basis points
Above \$120 million	50 basis points on all assets *
Above \$230 million	45 basis points on all assets *
Minimum separate account size	\$60 million.

\* A transitional credit is applied to the fee schedule as assets approach or fall below the break point.

# **GIPS**<sup>®</sup> Composite Report

#### Global Focused Growth Equity Composite

Period Ended December 31, 2022 Figures Shown in Canadian dollar

	2013	2014	<u>2015</u>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	<u>2022</u>
Gross Annual Returns (%)	43.11	16.91	29.26	3.12	25.09	4.85	28.55	50.16	9.27	-22.10
Net Annual Returns (%) <sup>1</sup>	41.52	15.59	27.82	1.94	23.68	3.65	27.11	48.50	8.03	-23.01
MSCI All Country World Index (%) <sup>2</sup>	31.72	14.14	17.72	4.73	16.44	-0.73	20.86	14.77	18.02	-12.00
MSCI All Country World Index Net (%) <sup>2</sup>	31.04	13.55	17.10	4.13	15.83	-1.26	20.20	14.22	17.53	-12.43
MSCI World Index Net (%) <sup>2</sup>	35.18	14.39	18.89	3.79	14.36	-0.49	21.22	13.87	20.78	-12.19
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	12.03	9.29	10.14	12.76	13.41	13.14	12.17	15.46	14.34	17.83
MSCI All Country World Index 3-Yr St. Dev.	8.83	6.74	8.65	9.80	10.64	9.46	9.16	12.68	11.95	14.69
MSCI All Country World Index Net 3-Yr St. Dev.	8.84	6.76	8.66	9.80	10.64	9.45	9.17	12.68	11.96	14.70
MSCI World Index Net 3-Yr St. Dev.	8.64	6.67	8.88	10.09	10.93	9.62	9.28	12.97	12.34	15.36
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A	0.35	N/A	0.19	N/A	0.24	0.77	0.56	0.23
Comp. Assets (Millions)	1,101.3	1,122.1	1,495.4	1,774.3	2,952.7	4,060.8	10,722.8	24,119.4	29,759.3	16,785.9
# of Accts. in Comp.	8	7	8	9	12	11	18	24	27	24
Total Firm Assets (Billions)	739.9	868.2	1,072.9	1,095.9	1,253.2	1,328.5	1,579.7	1,888.7	2,088.7	1,676.6 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The fee rate used to calculate net returns is 1.15%. This represents the maximum fee rate applicable to all composite members. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.** 

<sup>2</sup>The primary benchmark is MSCI All Country World Index and secondary benchmark is MSCI World Net Index.

<sup>3</sup>Preliminary - subject to adjustment.

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Portfolio Construction: There is no guarantee that the investment will remain within the anticipated ranges of exposure.

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#### **General Portfolio Risks**

Equity - Equities can lose value rapidly for a variety of reasons and can remain at low prices indefinitely. ESG and sustainability - ESG and Sustainability risk may result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the portfolio. Geographic concentration - Geographic concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any social, political, economic, environmental or market conditions affecting those countries or regions in which the portfolio's assets are concentrated. Investment portfolio - Investing in portfolios involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly. Management - Management risk may result in potential conflicts of interest relating to the obligations of the investment manager. Market - Market risk may subject the portfolio to experience losses caused by unexpected changes in a wide variety of factors. Operational - Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

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