

# SGA International Growth Equity



Q1 2024

## Strategy

- **Be selective** in company identification and look for specific characteristics in all portfolio companies: pricing power, repeat revenues, growth opportunity, financial strength, and management strength
- **Be diligent** in firsthand, team-based research to increase the odds that companies meet our quality and growth expectations, and to identify new investment opportunities
- **Be disciplined** in valuation, managing price risk through the application of valuation tools focused on cash flow

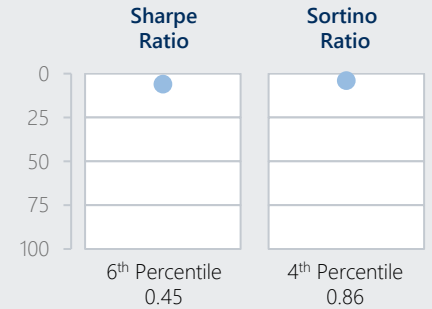
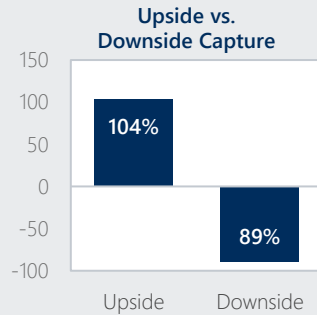
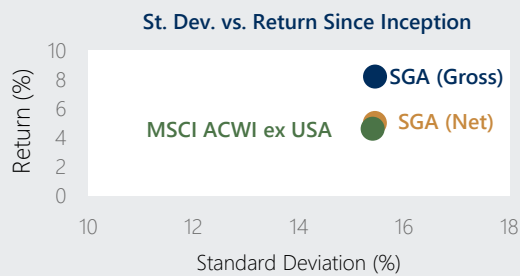
## Portfolio Construction

Style	International Growth
Assets as of 3/31/2024	\$913 million
Composite Inception	March 1, 2015
Holdings	25 – 35
Position Size	2 – 6%
Maximum Exposure to One Sector	40%
Maximum Exposure to One Industry	25%
Expected Annual Turnover	30 – 45%

## Performance Results

	Q1 2024	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	Since Incep.
SGA International Growth (Gross)	0.1%	10.0%	2.0%	8.6%	8.2%
SGA International Growth (Net)	-0.6%	6.8%	-1.0%	5.4%	5.0%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net TR)	4.7%	13.3%	1.9%	6.0%	4.6%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index (Net TR)	5.9%	11.2%	-0.8%	6.2%	5.3%

## Risk vs. Return



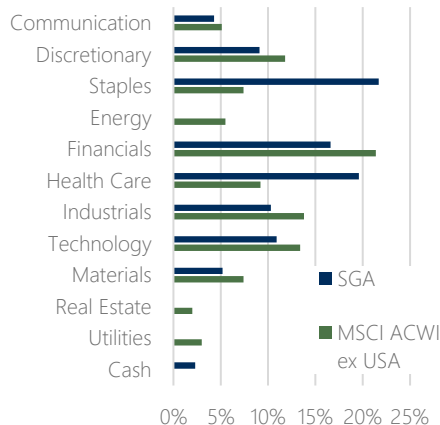
## Region Allocation

	SGA	ACWI ex USA	Diff.
Developed Europe	59.2%	42.6%	+16.6%
Canada	7.8%	7.6%	+0.2%
Japan	3.4%	15.3%	-11.9%
China & Hong Kong	4.6%	7.7%	-3.1%
EM ex-China	20.7%	20.6%	+0.1%
Other Developed	2.1%	6.2%	-4.1%

## Largest Holdings

	Weight	Sector	3-Year Earnings Growth (Est.)	Owned Since
Novo Nordisk	5.7%	Health Care	18%	Inception
Aon	5.3%	Financials	9%	Inception
FEMSA	5.2%	Consumer Staples	11%	Inception
STERIS	5.2%	Health Care	12%	5/2020
Universal Music Group	4.3%	Communication Services	13%	5/2023
HDFC Bank	4.2%	Financials	18%	Inception
CPKC	3.9%	Industrials	17%	10/2022
ICON	3.8%	Health Care	17%	9/2021
Alcon	3.6%	Health Care	14%	4/2019
L'Oreal	3.3%	Consumer Staples	11%	2/2018

## Sector Allocation



## Portfolio Characteristics

	SGA	MSCI ACWI ex USA	SGA	MSCI ACWI ex USA
No. of Holdings	32	2,231	Gross Margin	52%
% In Top 10 Holdings	44%	12%	Net Debt/EBITDA	0.7x
Wgt. Avg. Market Cap	\$110B	\$105B	Cash/Earnings (C/E) Ratio	90%
Median Market Cap	\$57B	\$9B	Enterprise Yield (EY)	3.2%
3-Yr. Est. Earnings Growth	13.9%	9.5%	Turnover (12 Mo)	22%
3-Yr. Est. Revenue Growth	9.7%	3.5%	Active Share	92%

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, SGA Earnings and Revenues Estimates and Adjustments. SGA paid a standard fee to eVestment for access to rankings and other services. Peer Rank based on Gross Returns. Data as of 3/31/2024. SGA EPS Growth data based upon portfolio companies' non-GAAP operating earnings. EPS calculations exclude companies with earnings going from (i) positive to negative or (ii) negative to positive, year to year. SGA Enterprise Yield is a proprietary measure of the projected free cash flow truly available to investors as a percentage of market value (CFATS / Market Capitalization). Active share describes the share of portfolio holdings that differ from the benchmark. Gross Margin, C/E Ratio, EY calculated as weighted average. Net Debt/EBITDA calculated as weighted average excluding securities +/- 1 standard deviation from the benchmark average and excluding Bank, Insurance, and Investment Banking & Brokerage industries. Upside and Downside Capture calculated using monthly gross returns vs MSCI ACWI ex USA Index. Peer Rank data since inception. Universe is eVestment All ACWI ex-US Equity, as of 12/31/2023. Peer size is 255. Sortino Ratio uses MAR of 0%. The largest contributors and detractors are determined using a ranking of the absolute contribution to portfolio return by each security held over the period under consideration. SGA weights and characteristics based on a representative account. Nothing herein should be considered investment advice, or a recommendation to purchase or sell. A complete list of all securities held by the strategy in the preceding year can be obtained free of charge by contacting SGA at (203) 348-4742. Trailing and Since Inception returns are annualized for periods longer than one year. Results are presented gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income (including dividends, interest and other earnings). MSCI Indices are Net Total Return (MSCI Net Total Return Indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes). For interest and capital gains, SGA does not withhold taxes. For dividends, SGA will withhold taxes as reported by the client's custodian. Returns are calculated net of withholding taxes on dividends. The Net Returns are calculated based on the deduction of a model fee of 3.00% being the highest applicable fee that may be charged to SGA clients for the International Growth WRAP equity strategy. Net Returns do account for custodian and brokerage fees. Actual fees charged to clients may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fees schedule and portfolio size. SGA's fees are available upon request and may be found in Part 2A of its Form ADV. SGA International Growth WRAP composite inception is 3/1/2015. This information is supplemental and complements the GIPS Report on composite performance found on the back page of this document. It should not be assumed that future results will be reflective of past performance.

Q1 2024 Review

- Following an early market pullback, optimism around the global macro backdrop sent market indices higher in Q1; SGA's portfolio performed in-line initially but lagged during the strong rebound
- Developed Markets performed best given strength in Europe and Japan; Emerging Markets lagged given continued weakness in China and a pullback in Latin American markets despite strong returns in Taiwan due to the outperformance of Semis
- Market leadership was concentrated in Semis, Banks, and Industrial stocks, while Consumer Staples companies continued to lag, posing a headwind for our style of growth investing
- Positions in Novo Nordisk, SAP, Recruit, Adyen, and Linde were trimmed on strength. Positions in Dassault Systemes, FEMSA, and MercadoLibre were added to on weakness.

Portfolio Purchases

LVMH  
Lululemon  
Haleon  
Waste Connections

Portfolio Sales

Temenos  
Shandong Weigao

Absolute Contributors

	Company	CTR
Q1 2024	Novo Nordisk	1.27%
	Aon	0.66%
	SAP	0.62%
	ICON	0.59%
	Adyen	0.59%
3-Year	Novo Nordisk	6.76%
	FEMSA	2.97%
	Aon	2.81%
	Linde	2.50%
	SAP	1.82%

Absolute Detractors

	Company	CTR
Q1 2024	HDFC Bank	-0.86%
	AIA Group	-0.80%
	Temenos	-0.71%
	Shandong Weigao	-0.68%
	Atlassian	-0.45%
3-Year	Temenos	-3.00%
	AIA Group	-2.34%
	New Oriental Education	-2.23%
	Adidas	-2.16%
	Shandong Weigao	-1.56%

Period	Total Return						3 Year Standard Deviation						
	Before Fees	After Fees	MSCI ACWI ex-USA Net TR Index	MSCI ACWI Growth ex-USA Net TR Index	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion	SGA Composite	MSCI ACWI ex-USA Net TR Index	MSCI ACWI Growth ex-USA Net TR Index	Total Assets in Composite at Period End (USD millions)	Total Firm Assets at Period End (USD millions)	Percentage of non-fee paying accounts	Percentage of WRAP accounts
Mar. 1 - Dec. 31, 2015	-4.63%	-7.00%	-10.32%	-6.77%	Five or Fewer	N/A				0.096	5,318	100%	0%
2016	0.65%	-2.33%	4.50%	0.12%	Five or Fewer	N/A				0.097	5,672	100%	0%
2017	37.83%	33.85%	27.19%	32.01%	Five or Fewer	N/A				0.133	9,971	100%	0%
2018	-12.42%	-15.04%	-14.20%	-14.43%	Five or Fewer	N/A	12.85%	11.38%	11.55%	89	9,096	0%	0%
2019	30.96%	27.16%	21.51%	27.34%	Five or Fewer	N/A	12.01%	11.34%	11.50%	307	12,347	0%	0%
2020	25.55%	21.90%	10.65%	22.20%	Five or Fewer	N/A	15.87%	17.93%	16.48%	310	18,780	0%	0%
2021	9.53%	6.31%	7.82%	5.09%	Five or Fewer	N/A	15.11%	16.79%	15.01%	325	22,899	0%	0%
2022	-17.73%	-20.21%	-16.00%	-23.05%	Five or Fewer	N/A	18.68%	19.26%	18.99%	257	18,407	0%	0%
Since Inception (March 1, 2015)	7.14%	3.99%	2.84%	3.68%			15.48*	15.42*	15.24*				

N/A- Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

3 Year Standard Deviation is not shown for 2015, 2016, and 2017 as 36 months of returns are not available

\* Since Inception Annualized Standard Deviation. SGA Composite Standard Deviation based on Gross Returns.

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The composite includes non-wrap accounts only, from 3/1/15 to 12/31/22.

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