

# CONCENTRATED GLOBAL EQUITY STRATEGY

as at 31 December 2023

We have a highly selective, concentrated approach to investing in companies that can deliver compound wealth creation over the long term, because we believe that it is companies that create wealth, not equity markets.

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

### Company focus

Unconstrained, rigorous in-house company research is based on our consistently applied philosophy and process. We only select those businesses which meet our stringent investment criteria, regardless of their geography or industry.

### Team approach

We invest as a team. Our long-tenured, experienced investment team challenges and debates all proposals.

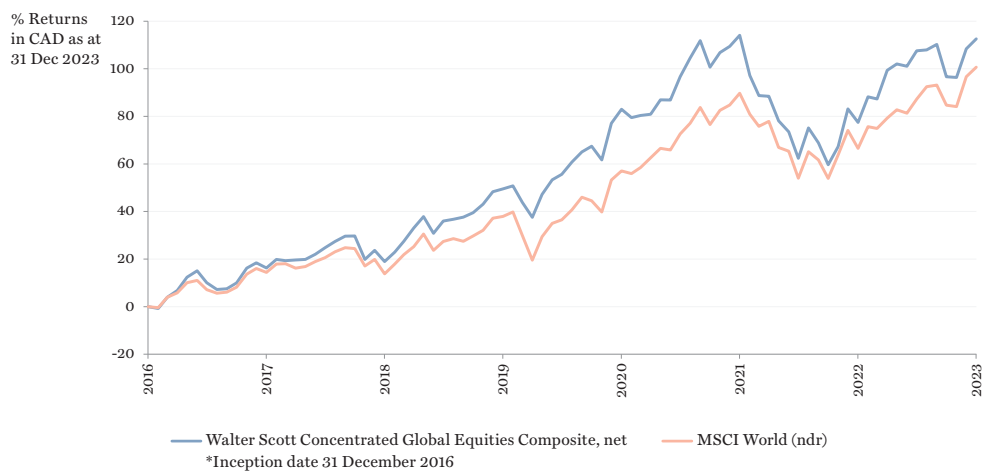
### Long-term investment horizon

Our buy-and-hold approach is focused on sustainable growth. We invest for the long term in order to exploit the power of compound growth.

### ESG integration

Analysis of environmental, social and governance factors is integrated into our investment process. We believe that good ESG practices and successful businesses typically go hand-in-hand.

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION\*



## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

Returns in CAD % as at 31 December 2023	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since inception*
Walter Scott Concentrated Global Equities Composite, net	19.8	5.1	12.3	11.4
MSCI World (ndr)	20.5	8.5	12.0	10.5

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Returns in CAD % as at 31 December 2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Walter Scott Concentrated Global Equities Composite, gross	20.7	-16.5	17.9	23.3	26.7	3.1	17.1
Walter Scott Concentrated Global Equities Composite, net	19.8	-17.1	17.0	22.4	25.7	2.3	16.2
MSCI World (ndr)	20.5	-12.2	20.8	13.9	21.2	-0.5	14.4
Excess Returns (net vs index)	-0.7	-4.9	-3.8	8.5	4.5	2.8	1.9

**Past performance is not a guide to future performance and returns may also increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

Source: Walter Scott (Strategy), MSCI (Index). Gross performance returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees which if applied would reduce returns but they do reflect the reinvestment of dividends and/or other earnings. Net performance returns reflect the deduction of a model management fee of 0.75% per annum and the reinvestment of dividends and/or other earnings. Please refer to the back page for further information.

MSCI World is used as a comparative index for this strategy for illustrative purposes. The strategy does not aim to replicate the composition or performance of the comparative index.

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## STRATEGY OVERVIEW

The Concentrated Global Equity strategy aims to provide investors with a favourable real rate of return over the long term by investing in a concentrated portfolio of leading companies across the globe. Stocks are selected through fundamental, in-house company analysis.

The portfolio will typically consist of 25-30 world-class companies we consider capable of generating superior real returns over the long-term. These will be companies which we believe demonstrate high levels of durable growth and profitability, alongside strong balance sheets.

Our unconstrained approach typically leads to portfolios that bear little or no resemblance to any stock market index.

**C\$108.7bn firm wide AUM**  
**C\$1.3bn concentrated global equity strategy AUM**  
**Composite inception date: 31 December 2016**

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio
Number of Securities	25
Operating Margin	22.7%
ROE	26.6%
Net Debt to Equity*	18%
P/E Ratio	31.0x
Dividend Yield**	1.2%
Active Share	89%

Source: Walter Scott, FactSet & MSCI. Portfolio Characteristics are subject to change and are based on a Walter Scott Concentrated Global Equity representative portfolio as at 31/12/23.

\*Net Debt to Equity figure excludes securities from the financial sector.

\*\*Calculated, based on MSCI definition, using current holdings and reflecting the deduction of a model fee of 0.75% per annum (see Fees section for more detail).

## TOP TEN STOCKS

Stock	% of portfolio
Adobe	4.9
ASML Holding	4.8
Microsoft	4.7
Novo Nordisk	4.7
Intuitive Surgical	4.5
Alphabet - Class C	4.5
Amphenol	4.3
Mastercard	4.3
Texas Instrument	4.3
L'Oréal	4.2

## SECTOR

Information technology	30.0%	
Healthcare	23.5%	
Industrials	12.5%	
Consumer discretionary	12.3%	
Financials	7.7%	
Communication services	4.5%	
Consumer staples	4.2%	
Materials	2.9%	
Liquidity	2.4%	

## REGION

USA	57.3%	
Europe ex UK	25.8%	
Asia Pacific ex Japan	7.5%	
Japan	3.6%	
Emerging Markets	3.4%	
Liquidity	2.4%	

Source: Walter Scott, Concentrated Global Equity representative portfolio as at 31/12/23 used to demonstrate Top Ten Stocks, Sector and Region information. The representative portfolio adheres to the same investment approach as the Walter Scott Global Concentrated Equity Strategy. All holdings are subject to change. Information is historical and may not reflect current or future portfolio's. Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

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## COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION

This composite includes all global portfolios that are predominantly invested in large and mid-cap equities. Portfolios within the composite typically hold 25 to 30 stocks.

Composite change: Effective 1 July 2021, the Walter Scott Concentrated Global Equities Composite was redefined from a predominantly mid and large-cap 20-30 stock strategy to a predominantly mid and large-cap 25-30 stock strategy. The new definition is considered to be a more accurate reflection of the implementation of the strategy.

## FEES

Net of management fee composite returns are calculated by deducting a model fee from the gross return. Actual management fees may differ from the model fees used and performance-based fees may result in higher fees than model fees applied. The model fee rate is higher than the since inception average actual composite fee rate as at 31 December 2022. The model rate deducted is equivalent to the highest fee rate that would be charged to the intended audience. For further details of fee rates see Part II of Form ADV.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS DEFINITIONS

Please contact us on [clientservice@walterscott.com](mailto:clientservice@walterscott.com) for further information on the methodologies used in the calculation of the portfolio characteristics shown.

## BENCHMARK DEFINITION

MSCI World: a global equity benchmark that represents large and mid-cap equity performance across developed markets countries. It is not directly exposed to emerging markets. Further information can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

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