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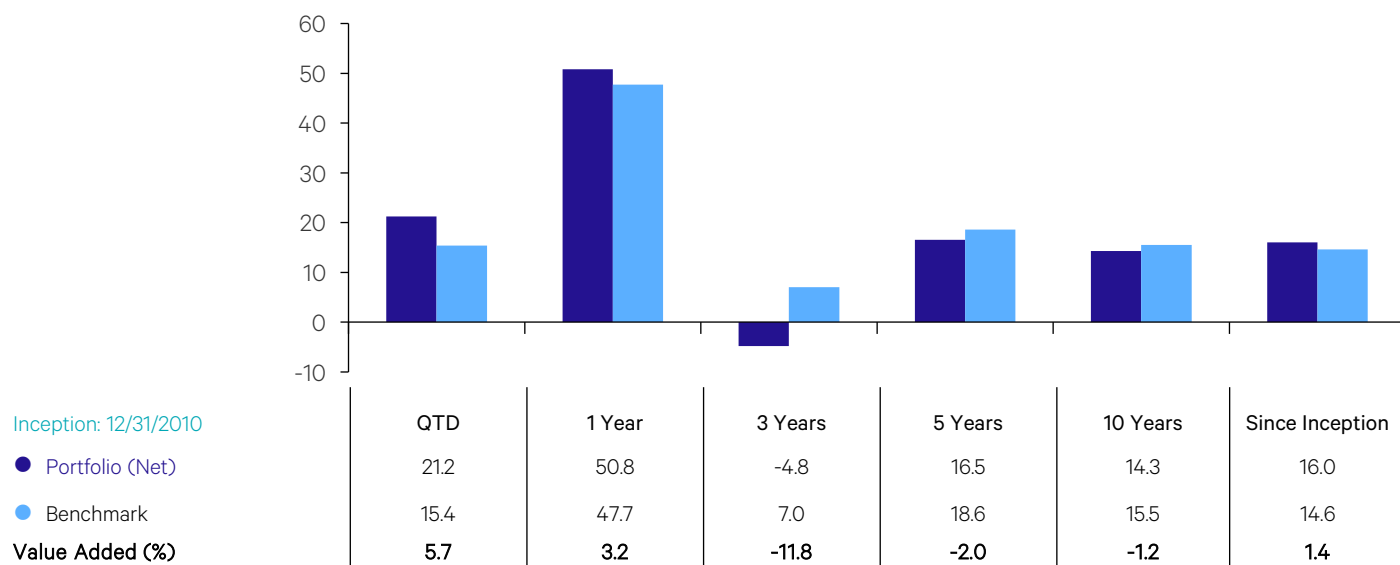
Technology Innovators leverages our deep domain knowledge to seek to identify leading innovative businesses globally that are the key facilitators or beneficiaries of powerful secular shifts enabled by technologies.

INVESTMENT CRITERIA

1. Sustainable above-average earnings growth
2. Leadership position in a promising business space
3. Significant competitive advantage/unique business franchise
4. Clear mission and value-added focus
5. Financial strength
6. Rational valuation relative to the market and business prospects

INVESTMENT RESULTS (%)

Technology Innovators vs MSCI ACWI Info Tech and Communication Services Index



CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Portfolio (Net)	4.4	5.5	-2.3	46.5	12.8	41.4	76.0	9.7	-47.9	50.8
Benchmark	15.2	3.2	12.2	41.8	-4.6	38.5	38.3	22.4	-32.3	47.7
Value Added (%)	-10.8	2.3	-14.5	4.7	17.4	2.9	37.8	-12.6	-15.6	3.2

Inception date is 12/31/2010. Returns over one year are annualized. The investment results shown are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. The investment results are those of the Technology Innovators Composite. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing Technology Innovator Composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Past performance is not indicative of future results. GIPS Reports found [here](#).

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Portfolio Businesses	28	510
Active Share	71%	n/a
5-Year Historical EPS Growth	33%	23%
Consensus Long-Term EPS Growth	26%	15%
Consensus Forward P/E - Next 12 mos.	36x	23x
Strategy Assets	\$1.3B	n/a
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (USD)	\$552.6B	\$1.1T
Median Market Cap (USD)	\$72.4B	\$10.0B
Turnover - Trailing 12 mos.	26%	n/a
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity	16.1	24.5

RETURN & VOLATILITY METRICS

(Trailing 5 Years Net of Fees)	Portfolio	Benchmark
Annualized Excess Return	-1.7%	n/a
Beta	1.16	1.00
Information Ratio	-0.2	n/a
R-Squared	85.2%	100.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.6	1.0
Standard Deviation	26.1%	22.5%
Tracking Error	10.6%	n/a
Up Capture	110%	100%
Down Capture	113%	100%

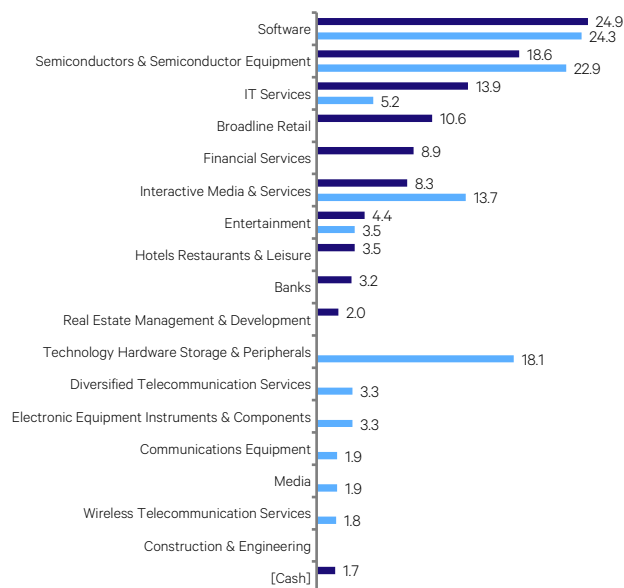
TOP TEN HOLDINGS (49.7% OF ASSETS)



Company	Sector	Domicile	Portfolio(%)	Owned Since
Microsoft	Information Technology	United States	6.5	2023
NVIDIA	Information Technology	United States	6.2	2023
ServiceNow	Information Technology	United States	5.9	2016
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	United States	5.0	2015
ASML Holding	Information Technology	Netherlands	4.9	2010
Alphabet	Communication Services	United States	4.8	2010
Lam Research	Information Technology	United States	4.2	2020
Shopify	Information Technology	Canada	4.1	2017
Snowflake	Information Technology	United States	4.1	2020
Samsara	Information Technology	United States	4.0	2021

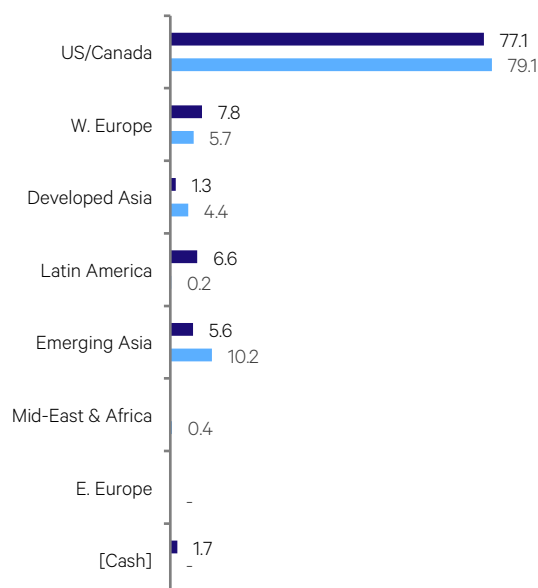
INDUSTRY EXPOSURE

● Portfolio ● Benchmark



REGIONAL EXPOSURE

● Portfolio ● Benchmark



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PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS BY SECTOR

SECTOR/COMPANY	GICS INDUSTRY	DOMICILE	PORTFOLIO (%)	BENCHMARK (%)	OWNED SINCE
Communication Services			12.7	24.3	
Alphabet	Interactive Media & Services	United States	4.8	7.7	2010
Meta Platforms	Interactive Media & Services	United States	3.5	3.9	2023
Netflix	Entertainment	United States	3.1	1.1	2017
Sea	Entertainment	Singapore	1.3	0.1	2020
Consumer Discretionary			14.1	-	
Airbnb	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	United States	0.8	-	2020
Amazon	Broadline Retail	United States	5.0	-	2015
Coupang	Broadline Retail	Korea	2.2	-	2023
DoorDash	Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	United States	2.7	-	2020
MercadoLibre	Broadline Retail	Argentina	3.4	-	2020
Financials			12.1	-	
Adyen	Financial Services	Netherlands	2.9	-	2018
Block	Financial Services	United States	3.1	-	2020
Nu Holdings	Banks	Brazil	3.2	-	2021
Visa	Financial Services	United States	2.9	-	2010
Information Technology			57.4	75.7	
ASML Holding	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	Netherlands	4.9	1.5	2010
Atlassian	Software	United States	3.8	0.2	2018
Cloudflare	IT Services	United States	2.1	0.1	2021
Datadog	Software	United States	3.2	0.2	2022
Klaviyo	Software	United States	1.4	-	2023
Lam Research	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	United States	4.2	0.5	2020
Microsoft	Software	United States	6.5	13.0	2023
NVIDIA	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	United States	6.2	6.0	2023
Okta	IT Services	United States	3.5	0.1	2020
Samsara	Software	United States	4.0	-	2021
ServiceNow	Software	United States	5.9	0.7	2016
Shopify	IT Services	Canada	4.1	0.5	2017
Snowflake	IT Services	United States	4.1	0.3	2020
Taiwan Semiconductor	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	Taiwan	3.4	2.3	2016
Real Estate			2.0	-	
CoStar Group	Real Estate Management & Development	United States	2.0	-	2014
Cash			1.7	-	

Data presented is that of the Technology Innovators Composite. The index represented will differ in characteristics, holdings, and sector weightings from that of the composite. The index does not contain cash. Rounding may cause figures to vary from 100.0%. GIPS Reports found [here](#). Source: Sands Capital, FactSet, MSCI

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES & RESULTS (USD, NET)

Net Results (%) as of December 31, 2023

			ANNUALIZED %					
	INCEPTION DATE	STRATEGY ASSETS	4Q23	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Select Growth	2/29/1992	\$13.5B	22.7	52.0	-6.7	13.1	10.8	11.9
Russell 1000 Growth Index			14.2	42.7	8.9	19.5	14.9	10.3
Value Added			8.6	9.4	-15.6	-6.4	-4.1	1.6
Global Growth	12/31/2008	\$16.4B	20.1	32.4	-6.3	10.0	8.7	15.1
MSCI All Country World Index			11.0	22.2	5.7	11.7	7.9	10.2
Value Added			9.1	10.2	-12.1	-1.8	0.8	4.9
Emerging Markets Growth	12/31/2012	\$8.7B	6.3	11.7	-12.5	5.8	4.6	5.3
MSCI Emerging Markets Index			7.9	9.8	-5.1	3.7	2.7	2.2
Value Added			-1.6	1.8	-7.5	2.1	1.9	3.1
Global Leaders	3/31/2017	\$3.6B	13.5	20.7	-2.8	9.6	-	10.4
MSCI All Country World Index			11.0	22.2	5.7	11.7	-	9.3
Value Added			2.5	-1.5	-8.6	-2.2	-	1.1
International Growth	3/31/2018	\$604.8M	18.9	16.0	-11.5	10.2	-	7.4
MSCI All Country World Index ex USA			9.8	15.6	1.5	7.1	-	3.6
Value Added			9.1	0.4	-13.0	3.1	-	3.9
Technology Innovators	12/31/2010	\$13B	21.2	50.8	-4.8	16.5	14.3	16.0
MSCI ACWI Info Tech and Communication Services Index			15.4	47.7	7.0	18.6	15.5	14.6
Value Added			5.7	3.2	-11.8	-2.0	-1.2	1.4

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Quarterly Letter

Dear clients, consultants, and friends,

In volatile times, we often hear people say, “It’s different this time.” But it’s never really different.

Society is always cycling through periods of deterioration and renewal. These cycles happen across sectors, geographies, and cultures, sometimes simultaneously, which can create disruptive shifts.

About four years ago, when the coronavirus pandemic emerged, we began to experience such a shift. It changed life as we knew it. People hunkered down. Markets seized. Demand for goods and services surged for some sectors and collapsed in others to meet the needs of a society in isolation. And the inability of supply to shift and meet demand created bottlenecks that we still experience today. Massive fiscal and monetary stimulus further altered market, investor, and consumer behavior. Society adjusted, then adapted.

While the causes of dramatic disruptions vary, their effect on financial markets is predictable. Crisis, panic, conflict, shifts in macroeconomics, and a barrage of headlines from myriad news sources cause markets to shorten their focus and seize with

fear. In the pandemic’s case, investors were unable to look past the geopolitics, rising interest rates, inflation, and recession worries that dominated the headlines.

It is during such periods that active managers can position for long-term success. When we lengthen our time horizon, the effects of the near-term sentiment tend to wash out, and we are left to focus on the potential earnings growth of our portfolio businesses. Our ability to create value for our clients is not in anticipating the day-to-day and quarter-to-quarter price moves but in predicting the direction and magnitude of the possibilities. Throughout our 30-year-plus history, this is what has—and will always—matter to us as long-term business owners.

As we continue to emerge from one of the most difficult periods in modern history, we are encouraged by the results of our investment strategies, which logged solid absolute investment results for 2023. Most also outperformed their respective benchmarks. We delivered in 2023 by sticking with our time-tested investment strategy, following our process, doing our research, and executing.

EXHIBIT 1

ANNUAL INVESTMENT RESULTS FOR OUR FLAGSHIP STRATEGIES

Trailing 1 Year (Net) as of 12/31/23

	SELECT GROWTH (Russell 1000 Growth Index)	GLOBAL GROWTH (MSCI All Country World Index)	EMERGING MARKETS GROWTH (MSCI Emerging Markets Index)	GLOBAL LEADERS (MSCI All Country World Index)	INTERNATIONAL GROWTH (MSCI All Country World Index ex USA)	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATORS (MSCI ACWI Info Tech and Communication Services Index)
Portfolio	52.0	32.4	11.7	20.7	16.0	50.8
Benchmark	42.7	22.2	9.8	22.2	15.6	47.7
Value Added	9.4	10.2	1.8	-1.5	0.4	3.2

Sands Capital flagship public equity strategies include Select Growth, Global Growth, Emerging Markets Growth, Global Leaders, International Growth, and Technology Innovators. The investment results shown are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. The investment results are those of the following composites. Net of fee performance was calculated using Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite's actual fees and performance fees if applicable. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing Global Growth Equity Composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing Emerging Markets Growth Composite's monthly gross return. Beginning on April 1, 2019, the highest applicable annual fee was lowered, and net of fee returns were calculated by reducing the composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing Global Leaders Equity Composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing International Growth Equity Composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing Technology Innovator Composite's monthly gross return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. GIPS Reports found [here](#). Past performance is not indicative of future results. Sands Capital, FactSet, MSCI, FTSE Russell.

The Rhythm of History

As investors, we felt the force of these disruptive years in waves. Stock markets crashed in the first couple of months of 2020 as the global outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic spread a profound fear of the unknown.

At the same time, many of our digital businesses that were already growing fast, grew even faster as people stayed home and moved more of their professional and personal lives online. Central banks, led by the Federal Reserve, guided interest rates to near zero. In response, the stock markets reversed and soared. In turn, we, along with many investors, worried about how this combination of rapid growth and low rates would affect valuations. We wondered whether this mix would allow businesses with unsustainable business models to persist and adversely affect the businesses we held in client portfolios.

While concerning, this volatile mix was nothing new. The causes were different, but the conditions “rhymed” with the past. We put our 30-plus years of experience to work. We dug in, focused on business

fundamentals, and continued to own what we believed would be the best-advantaged business models over the long term, based on our extensive, proprietary research.

As long-term investors, we don't manage risk through the use of hedges or derivatives, nor do we shy away from businesses simply because their stocks are volatile. Instead, we believe that adhering to our six investment criteria—and focusing on the durability of long-term earnings potential—is the best way to mitigate long-term risk as business owners. We stayed clear of special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), “concept companies,” and what we considered to be bad businesses or those with less sustainable business models.¹

Still, our prudence didn't seem to matter, starting in the fourth quarter of 2021 when central banks reversed course and rapidly raised interest rates to contain global inflation. Those moves put the brakes on the digital economy, and all long-duration assets got hit. Investors sold anything considered risky, and the stocks of many growth businesses declined significantly.

¹ Special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) are a means for many experienced management teams and sponsors to take companies public. A SPAC raises capital through an initial public offering for the purpose of acquiring an existing operating company.

But as we enter 2024, we can see that prudence does matter and that our brand of active investing does work. As long-term investors, we listen to the rhythm of history, learn from it, and find the patterns that help us better anticipate and adapt to future disruptions, crises, downturns, and panics.

Long-term Opportunities in a Short-sighted Market

During the past year, as global macroeconomic news drove market sentiment, we stayed close to management teams as they readjusted their business models to achieve better cash flow efficiencies and sustainable growth without losing their value-adding offerings to customers.

We sold a few businesses, but, more often, we increased at lower prices our investments in businesses we already owned in client portfolios. While the markets and media focused on short-term dynamics, created partly by the Federal Reserve pivot and loosening financial conditions,

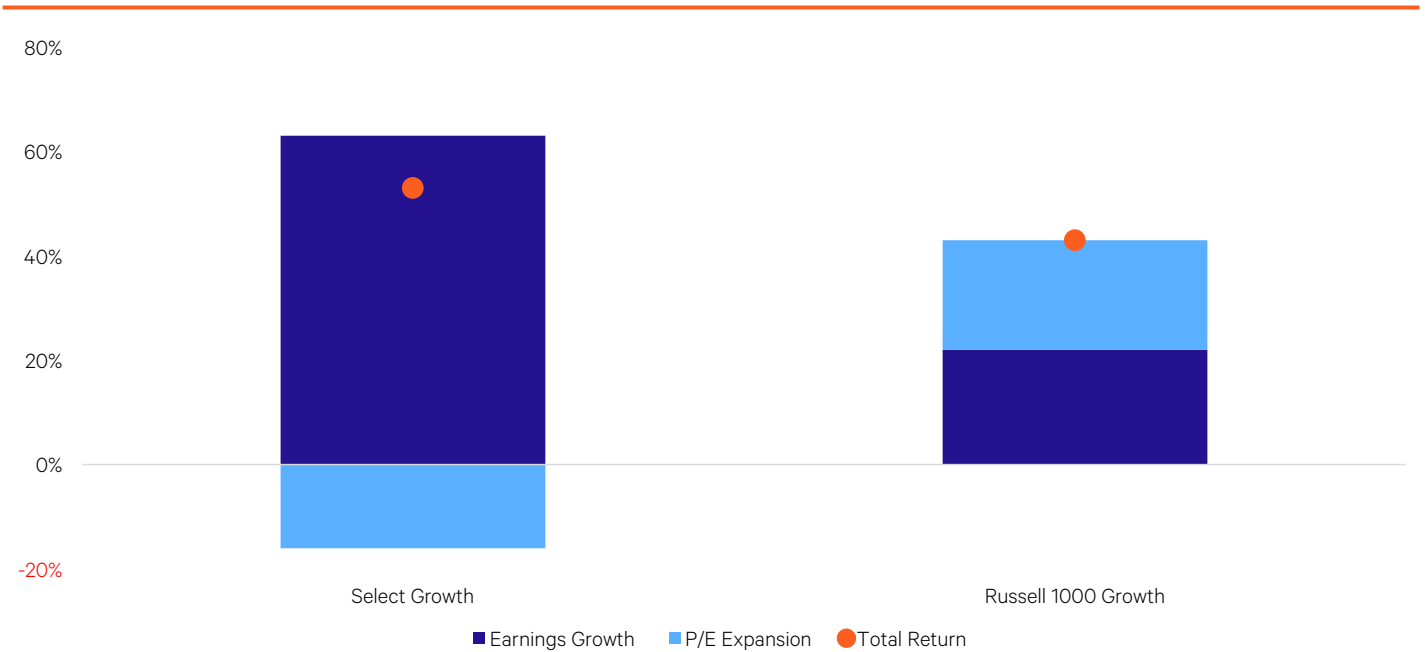
business fundamentals ultimately were the real drivers of stock performance.

The decomposition of 2023's investment results for all strategies shows that earnings growth was the primary driver for the stock price appreciation of our businesses and that, in aggregate, they actually experienced multiple compression. In the exhibits below, we use the results of our strategy with the longest track record, Select Growth, to illustrate this trend. Multiple expansion, on the other hand, drove at least half of the gains of the indexes. Our conclusion: The business fundamentals of our companies are sound and likely better than those of the benchmarks or the average company. This is active management at work.

We knew the tides would turn and that markets would eventually refocus on business fundamentals and the attractive growth prospects of the businesses we own. We did not know exactly when this would happen. We never do. But, in listening to the rhythm of history, we knew it was a high probability. It's never really different.

EXHIBIT 2
IMPROVING FUNDAMENTALS ARE DRIVING RECENT INVESTMENT RESULTS

Select Growth vs. Russell 1000 Growth Index 2023 Return Decomposition



Source: Factset. Chart uses monthly data as of 12/31/23. P/E expansion is the change in next twelve months' P/E multiple. Inception date is 2/29/1992. Returns are cumulative and calculated monthly. The investment results shown are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. The investment results are those of the Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite. Net of fee performance was calculated using Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite's actual fees and performance fees if applicable. Past performance is not indicative of future results. GIPS Reports found [here](#).

In 2022, we saw business fundamentals start to improve. Then, during 2023, most of the stock prices of the businesses we own began to reflect these improvements, in many cases, substantially and in short periods. As easy money dried up, many of our businesses were able to widen their competitive moats as less-financially stable businesses buckled. At Sands Capital, we have a saying that “you must be there, not be getting there.” In other words, active investors need to own the right businesses for their clients when the fundamentals and potential of these businesses are strong but before their stock prices rise. Fortunately, we were there and hope to stay there.

Our Vision of the Future Has Not Changed

A solid finish to a rocky year served as a reminder of how important it is to stay true to our investment philosophy, not be distracted by sentiment shifts, and stay focused on the long-term potential of our businesses.

The key for active managers is to emphasize the difference between short-term market moves and

long-term value creation. By focusing on the long term, we are able to take advantage of value created by market misconceptions.

In Exhibit 3, we see that one-year investment results can be very volatile, because nonfundamental factors often drive stock prices in the short term. Ten-year rolling investment results are much smoother because the longer time period dampens the influence of valuations and sentiment.

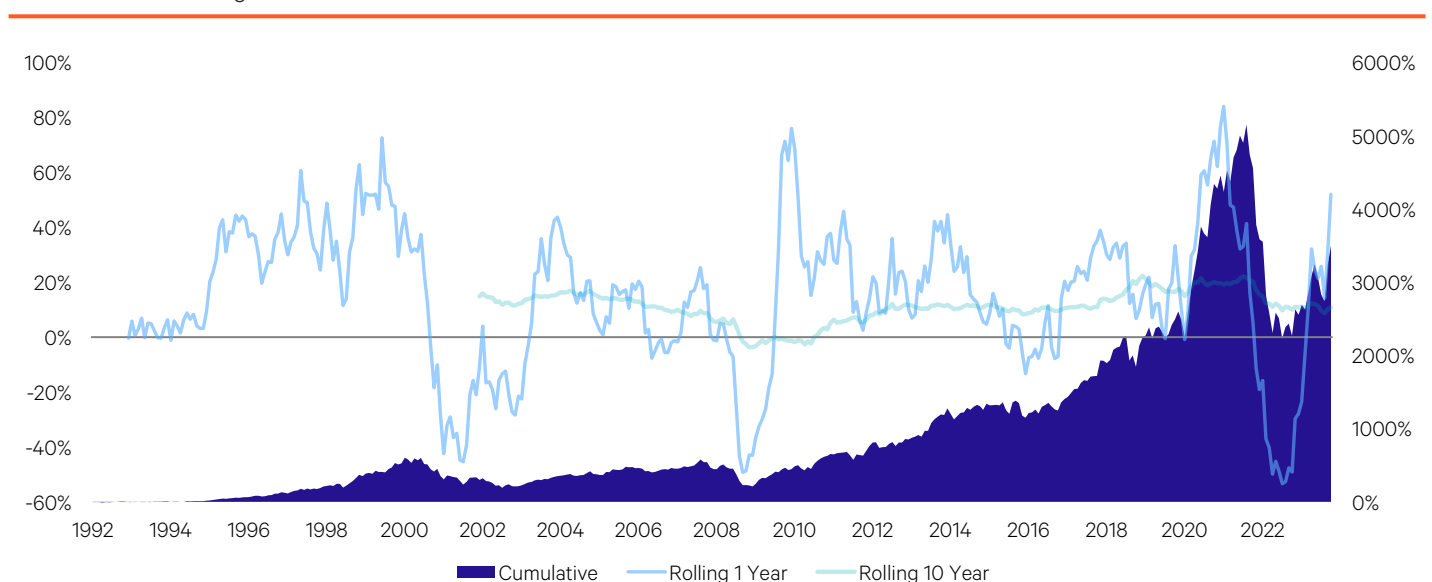
Over time, we’ve observed that both for the market—and for our portfolios—earnings power and growth dictate the value and stock prices of businesses (See Exhibit 4.) By focusing on distinct periods, however, investors can miss the big picture, which is the opportunity created by compounding returns. We also need to keep in mind that, over the same period, the earnings growth of our businesses far exceeded their increase in market capitalization, which can be seen as a proxy for stock price appreciation.

Dexcom, Adyen, and Block are examples of businesses whose stocks were caught in the

EXHIBIT 3

WE ACCEPT SHORT-TERM VOLATILITY FOR POTENTIAL LONG-TERM WEALTH CREATION

Select Growth Rolling and Cumulative Investment Results 2/28/92 to 12/31/23



Source: eVestment. Data as of 12/31/23. Inception date is 2/29/1992. Returns are cumulative and calculated monthly. The investment results shown are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. The investment results are those of the Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite. Net of fee performance was calculated using Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite's actual fees and performance fees if applicable. Past performance is not indicative of future results. GIPS Reports found [here](#).

irrational selling that characterized the third quarter, only to experience strong rebounds in the fourth quarter. In each case, the market reacted harshly to news that we viewed as overly punitive and ultimately incorrect or incomplete.

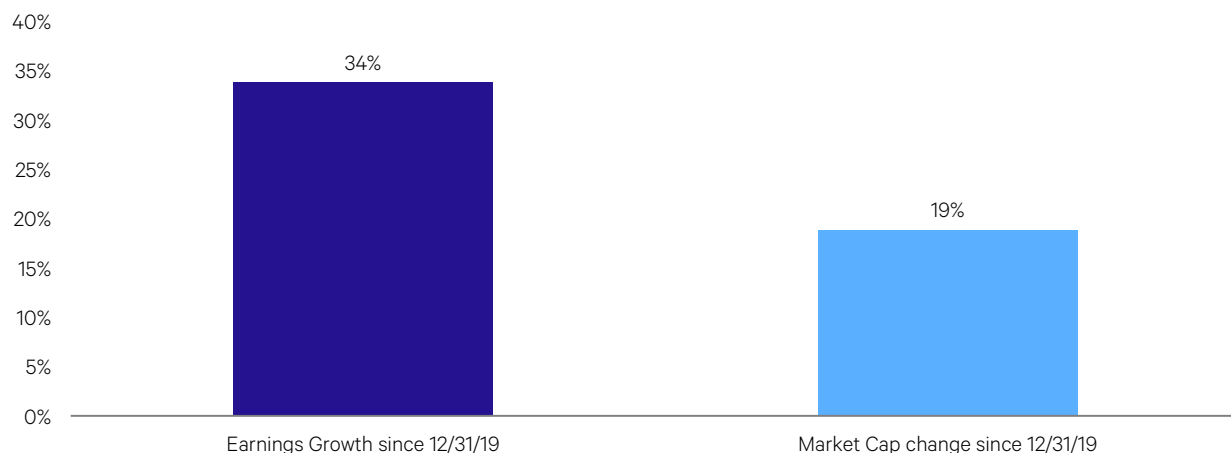
Dexcom's rout was perhaps the most publicized as investors reacted to a fear that increasing adoption of a new class of drugs (GLP-1) used to reduce blood sugar and assist in weight loss would shrink the population of people with Type 2 diabetes who would use continuous glucose monitors (CGMs.) This fear, however, stood in contrast to our years of research. Our view was that increased GLP-1 adoption would not significantly reduce the number of people with Type 2 diabetes and could actually be a long-term positive for CGM growth, because GLP-1s and CGMs are more complementary than competitive. By the end of the year, Dexcom recovered as additional data confirmed our thesis, and the company posted strong business results marked by accelerating growth and record patient adds and cash flows. We continue to believe that CGM adoption is just in its early stages with a long runway for growth in the meaningfully underpenetrated diabetes population.

Markets jumped to similar negative conclusions about Block and Adyen, which sent their stocks drastically lower in the third quarter before recovering in the fourth. In the case of Block, markets battered the stock as an obsession over near-term cyclical headwinds spun into a narrative of structurally impaired growth, competitive moat, and profitability. Adyen faced similar pressure when investors interpreted an unexpected deterioration in U.S. volumes as a sign of broad-based commoditization rather than the temporary and isolated adjustment it ultimately proved to be. In both cases, the stocks reversed course in the fourth quarter after the companies reported strong results and gave multiyear growth and profitability guidance that exceeded expectations and helped dispel bearish forecasts of continued deterioration. Block provided investors with added visibility into the durability of its long-term investment case by sharing concrete insights about its finances, product traction, and go-to-market plans. Adyen also took strides to restore market confidence by committing to more frequent business updates and insights into its growth trajectory.

EXHIBIT 4

WE BELIEVE EARNINGS GROWTH WILL LEAD MARKET CAP HIGHER OVER TIME

Sands Capital Flagship Public Equity Strategies as of 12/31/23



Sands Capital flagship public equity strategies include Select Growth, Global Growth, Emerging Markets Growth, Global Leaders, International Growth and Technology Innovators. Weighted-average earnings growth was measured using broker-reported actual numbers, local currency, with outliers capped at +/- 50 percent for statistical integrity. Weighted-average percent change in market capitalization reflects the change in market value of total shares outstanding for each company. All company level data sourced from FactSet.

Shopify's story spanned much of 2023. Heading into the year, sentiment was weak, as investors hyper-focused on consumer spending, the health of Shopify's merchant base, ongoing investments in logistics, and increasing competition from Amazon. Late in 2022, we conducted extensive research on Shopify and the direct-to-consumer ecommerce market more broadly. Based on discussions with more than 20 Shopify merchants, direct-to-consumer experts, digital advertisers, and fulfillment experts, we strengthened our conviction in Shopify's long-term potential and determined that the market concerns were largely overblown.

We concluded that the market was overlooking the increasing strength in Shopify's core business, including accelerating share gains in the enterprise, a strong slate of new products, and the potential for significant margin expansion. Although we did not agree with Shopify's logistics investment, we did not think it was enough to derail our investment case and saw a self-help opportunity for management to better detail the magnitude and expected returns of the investment or to exit altogether. Many of our expectations materialized in 2023. Gross merchandise volume and revenue growth accelerated, and operating margins improved over the course of 2023, translating to attractive results.

We are well aware that not all of our investments experienced these kinds of significant selloffs or rebounds. But we highlight the above businesses to illustrate how indiscriminate markets can be once panic sets in and how critical patience and conviction are in riding out these waves. As an active manager, we are encouraged that after the passage of time, the markets refocused, and in each of these cases our views on the fundamental health of the businesses and their increasing competitiveness were validated.

As we look five to 10 years into the future, what matters most is that many of our investment cases have been significantly enhanced and that the secular trends supporting them are immutable. Being able to maintain a patient long-term approach gave us the opportunity to own these businesses throughout the challenging environment and going

forward we expect we will reap the benefits to varying degrees of our unwavering conviction.

These are businesses that are creating or benefiting from technological advances, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing. These are companies that enable better, faster, and cheaper access to commerce, financial services, and healthcare. Historically, these types of leading businesses have created the most value for shareholders, and we have no reason to believe that this has changed.

Investing in Our Future

As in past downturns, we have continued to invest in our people, processes, systems, and infrastructure to ensure that we will be able to address the opportunities and challenges of the future.

- This year, we added 14 professionals across the firm, to support the growth and complexity of our business, which span public and private markets and multiple geographies.
- Our research team visited more than 30 countries and more than 1,000 companies as analysts and portfolios managers evaluated existing portfolio businesses and prospected for new ones. We have always believed that on-the-ground research is invaluable in fostering our understanding of the unique aspects of economies, societies, and institutions, as well as the market opportunities for individual businesses.
- We hired a full-time director of AI solutions, who worked with us for five years as a consultant. He has formed a team to address how artificial intelligence is affecting investment opportunities. The team will also determine how we can use AI to more productively run our own business. We are happy to share our learnings with you.

Active Management Still Works

As we head into 2024 there is much to be concerned about in the world. This has been true for our entire careers. Unfortunately, it will likely always be true. One thing that has changed is that many of the businesses we own are much more reasonably priced than they were a few years ago. Furthermore, they are significantly more profitable, are self-sustaining, and continue to innovate and grow.

After one of the most challenging times ever for active management, we continue to believe active, concentrated investors, doing deep proprietary research are advantaged and should perform well.

We recognize that expectations are high for our portfolio companies. They have their work cut out to rise to those challenges. They must continue to adapt and evolve. We will continue to evaluate them with rigor and passion to determine that they are fundamentally strong, resilient in the face of the fast-changing environment, and that they maintain valuations that are attractive relative to their long-term growth prospects.

We know our businesses have to deliver and won't be rewarded for promises. We are up for the challenge and appreciate the confidence and patience it takes to allow this to play out.

I am confident that together we will continue to identify and own the next generation of wealth creating businesses for our clients.

Finally, as every year, I want to thank you for your partnership and for standing by us and supporting our style of investment during such a challenging time. We have much to be optimistic about and hopeful for.

Sincerely,



Frank M. Sands, CFA

Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Officer

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The businesses referenced in this article: Adyen, Block, Dexcom, and Shopify represent examples of portfolio companies that experienced some of the most extensive draw downs in the third quarter and recoveries in the fourth. We are showcasing these examples to illustrate the extreme volatility that typified the period, and which was not always driven by any "rational" or fundamental trigger for a selloff, such as an earnings warning or similar negative news event for the individual company.

As of December 31, 2023, Adyen, Dexcom, Block and Shopify were holdings in Sands Capital strategies.

References to "we," "us," "our," and "Sands Capital" refer collectively to Sands Capital Management, LLC, which provides investment advisory services with respect to Sands Capital's public market investment strategies, and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC, which provides investment advisory services with respect to Sands Capital's private market investment strategies, which are available only to qualified investors. As the context requires, the term "Sands Capital" may refer to such entities individually or collectively. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be one firm and are doing business as Sands Capital. Sands Capital operates as a distinct business organization, retains discretion over the assets between the two registered investment advisers, and has autonomy over the total investment decision-making process.

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Contribution Analysis

CONTRIBUTION ANALYSIS (NET %)

Top Absolute Contributors

Quarter to Date

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
ServiceNow	5.8	26.4	1.6
Block	2.5	74.8	1.5
Adyen	2.5	72.5	1.5
Shopify	3.8	42.8	1.5
Microsoft	6.9	19.3	1.5

Trailing 1 Year

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Shopify	4.3	123.7	4.6
ServiceNow	5.9	81.3	4.4
Amazon	5.4	80.2	4.2
Samsara	3.6	167.8	3.8
Lam Research	4.0	87.9	3.3

Trailing 3 Year

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
ASML Holding	5.2	57.1	3.2
Lam Research	3.5	70.0	2.4
Samsara	2.0	33.3	2.0
Visa	6.0	19.8	1.7
Microsoft	1.2	35.6	1.5

Trailing 5 Year

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Shopify	4.1	455.0	12.6
ServiceNow	5.7	289.1	9.8
ASML Holding	4.6	400.6	9.5
Zoom Video Communications	1.1	541.6	6.5
Visa	6.1	96.5	6.4

Bottom Absolute Detractors

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Klaviyo	1.7	-19.5	-0.5
Sea	1.5	-7.8	-0.2
Coupang	2.5	-4.8	-0.2
Airbnb	0.9	-0.8	-0.0
Okta	3.3	11.1	0.1

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Klaviyo	0.5	-15.9	-0.4
Adyen	3.7	-7.0	-0.3
Coupang	2.2	-10.1	-0.3
Sea	2.0	-22.9	-0.3
Match Group	0.0	7.7	0.2

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Sea	3.7	-81.5	-4.4
Match Group	2.0	-72.1	-3.8
Block	3.6	-66.3	-3.6
Twilio	1.7	-76.2	-3.2
Adyen	4.4	-46.5	-3.0

Company Name	Average Weight	Return	Contribution
Eventbrite	0.3	-81.8	-2.4
Cloudflare	0.9	-43.9	-2.0
UiPath	0.8	-71.2	-2.0
Okta	1.3	-29.3	-0.9
Snowflake	2.2	8.9	-0.6

All values are those of the Technology Innovators Composite. The companies identified above represent a subset of current holdings in the Technology Innovators portfolio and were selected based on the performance measures presented. With the exception of IPOs where actual transacted prices are used, contributions are calculated in FactSet Portfolio Analysis using FactSet end of day prices, and do not reflect actual purchase prices. This can affect the presentation of contribution and performance of transactions amid heightened volatility. Security return and contribution are net of advisory fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and any other earnings. Attribution generated returns will not match actual performance because FactSet uses different exchange rate sources, the performance does not capture intra-day trading, and the analysis removes the impact of cash flows. Relative Return calculations do not incorporate risk or volatility impacts and should not be exclusively relied upon. To receive a description of the calculation methodology for the attribution analysis and a complete list detailing each holding's attribution please contact a member of the Client Relations Team at 703-562-4000. GIPS Reports found [here](#). Past performance is not indicative of future results. This communication is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer, invitation, or recommendation to buy, sell, subscribe for, or issue any securities. The material is based on information that we consider correct, and any estimates, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations contained in this communication are reasonably held or made at the time of compilation. However, no warranty is made as to the accuracy or reliability of any estimates, opinions, conclusions, or recommendations. It should not be construed as investment, legal, or tax advice and may not be reproduced or distributed to any person.

4Q23 CONTRIBUTOR

Adyen shares traded higher after reported results and management commentary calmed fears about growing competition and provided visibility into the company's growth and margin trajectory.

For context, shares fell sharply in August after the business reported first-half 2023 results that included an unexpectedly sharp deceleration in volumes—largely driven by heightened competitive intensity in the United States—and margin compression driven by the company's sizable hiring cycle. At the time, we viewed the market reaction as excessive and did not believe that the company's growth or profitability was impaired.

Adyen's third-quarter results demonstrated healthy acceleration versus the second-quarter growth implied in August's earnings announcement. Forward guidance called for continued multiyear sales growth acceleration and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) operating margin expansion from the low 40 percent range to at least the low 50 percent range by 2026. Management was responsive to investor feedback, offering timebound guidance, a commitment to quarterly business updates, and enhanced disclosures to help the market understand the company's growth trajectory.

The United States—where competitive fears were concentrated—was one of Adyen's fastest-growing regions and was a clear source of market share gains. Within the U.S. online segment, the most competitive area, certain peers began to withdraw from what we viewed as unsustainable and unprofitable growth. As competitors increasingly rationalize operations, we expect Adyen's competitive position to strengthen. This position is supported by deepening partnerships with companies such as Bill.com, Plaid, and Shopify.

TRAILING 1 YEAR CONTRIBUTOR

Shopify shares advanced following business results that showcased its resilience in a challenging consumer environment. The results demonstrate, in our view, that many headwinds from a year ago are fading or turning into tailwinds.

In third-quarter business results, Shopify displayed encouraging progress, with several fundamental metrics exceeding consensus expectations. Gross merchandise value (GMV) advanced 22 percent year-over-year—its fastest growth rate since pandemic stimulus payments boosted spending in the fourth quarter of 2021 and well above the growth rate for the overall ecommerce market. Through a combination of growing payments penetration and accelerating subscription revenue, this translated into 30 percent year-over-year revenue growth. Profitability also inflected higher as adjusted operating margins reached 16 percent, 19 percentage points higher than a year ago.

In our view, Shopify's ability to sustain above-average earnings growth remains underappreciated. We estimate the business will deliver GMV growth higher than the broader ecommerce market, and revenue growth will exceed GMV through a combination of pricing power, payments penetration, and additional merchant services coming online. Furthermore, our research indicates the divestment of the Shopify Fulfillment Network and operating leverage is likely to result in margins that exceed consensus estimates.

4Q23 DETRACTOR

Coupang shares were weak after the company reported lower-than-expected third-quarter profitability.

Margin pressure is coming from investments that we view as transitory, distracting from otherwise encouraging business trends. Specifically, we believe margin pressure came primarily from Coupang expanding its product selection and providing incentives to onboard new merchants to its fulfillment offering—investments that we expect to ultimately pay dividends. Weaker-than-expected margins overshadowed strong gross merchandise value (GMV) and active customer growth trends. We believe Coupang grew three times faster than the overall Korean product ecommerce market in the third quarter, when it captured substantially all of the market's growth. Growth has come from both expanding spend per customer and accelerating growth in active customers year-to-date.

We think recent results support our view of Coupang as a structural share gainer in Korean ecommerce, driven by its highly differentiated fulfillment services. Through a combination of continued growth in GMV, the expansion of the company's third-party seller offering, and ongoing improvements in operating efficiency, we expect sustained above-average earnings growth for the business.

TRAILING 1 YEAR DETRACTOR

Sea shares were volatile in 2023 as evidence of improving profitability was overshadowed by fears of increasing competitive pressures.

In early 2023, Sea rapidly pivoted to profitability (with Shopee's Asia EBITDA going from -\$300 million in the second quarter of 2022 to \$200 million in the second quarter of 2023), benefiting from reduced subsidies, rationalized competition, and a growing and underpenetrated ecommerce market in Southeast Asia.

However, more recently, emerging competitive pressures weighed on shares of the business. In response to a growing competitive threat from TikTok, in mid-2023, Sea reversed course and ramped its investment, primarily to spend on free shipping and subsidies. More recently, TikTok entered into a strategic partnership with GoTo's Tokopedia, Indonesia's second-largest ecommerce platform. TikTok's move may force Sea to invest more capital for longer to compete, given TikTok/Tokopedia's combined high market share and superior financial position.

We continue to evaluate Sea's ability to produce above-average earnings growth in an environment of increasing competitive intensity. We remain encouraged by the significant growth opportunity for ecommerce in Southeast Asia, Sea's favorable standing with consumers, and the infrastructure that Sea has developed to support its growth. However, these factors are contending with the likelihood that the cost for Sea to maintain its competitive position may increase and delay its ability to reach sustainable profitability.

Purchases & Sales

PURCHASES

No transactions for this Period.

SALES

No transactions for this Period.

The securities identified represent full purchases and sales within the prior quarter but do not include weight changes. In-progress purchase investment actions are not included. Upon request, a complete list of securities purchased and sold will be provided. It should not be assumed that these holdings were or will be profitable. GIPS Reports found [here](#).

CARBON EXPOSURE - REPORTED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Carbon Footprint					
	CARBON EMISSIONS	TOTAL CARBON EMISSIONS	CARBON INTENSITY	WEIGHTED AVERAGE CARBON INTENSITY	CARBON EMISSIONS DATA AVAILABILITY
Technology Innovators	2.8	2,814	18.8	16.2	94%
MSCI IT & Communication Services	10.0	10,047	36.6	25.7	100%
	tCO2e/\$M Invested	tCO2e	tCO2e/\$M Sales		Market Value

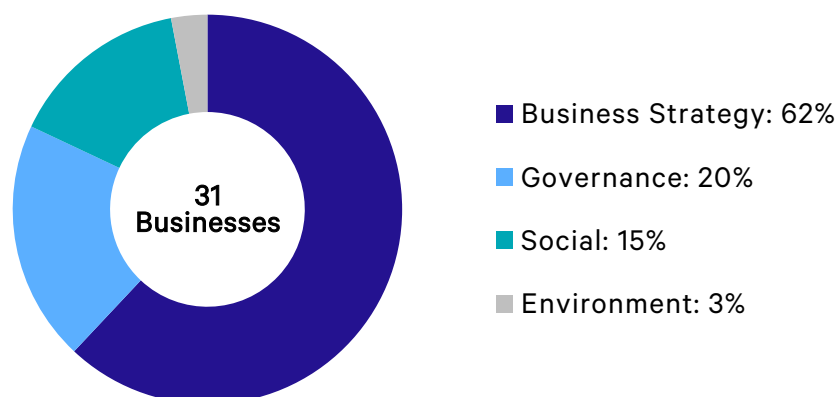
Carbon Intensity allows comparison of emissions across companies of different sizes and in different industries. At a business level, MSCI ESG Research calculates Carbon Intensity as Scope 1 & 2 carbon emissions per dollar of sales. The portfolio-level Weighted Average Carbon Intensity is the sum product of the business weights and their intensities.

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VOTING ACTIVITY - TRAILING 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

VOTES	BUSINESSES	RESOLUTIONS	%
Cast in Favor of Management	2	311	97%
Cast Against Management	5	9	3%
Abstentions	0	0	0%
		320	100%

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY - TRAILING 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023



TOPICS ADDRESSED

Governance

Capital structure
Executive compensation
Increasing transparency and disclosure
Board structure or composition
Regulation
Management accountability
Shareholder protections and rights
ESG strategy and oversight

Social

Human capital management
Regulation
Product safety and impact
Data security and privacy
Diversity and inclusion
Labor rights
Health and safety
Human rights

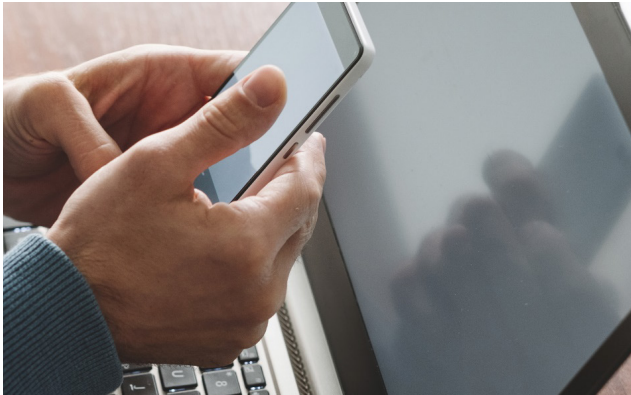
Environmental

Environmental policy and strategy
GHG emissions or climate change strategy
Energy use and efficiency
Materials use and sourcing
Pollution and waste management
Regulation
Water use and efficiency

We may refrain from voting when issues arise that cause us to determine that voting proxies is not in the best interest of our clients or that it is not reasonably possible to determine whether voting proxies will be in the best interests of clients. Additionally, we do not vote in certain countries that require "share blocking," due to the possible liquidity constraints that could result in the cost of voting outweighing the benefit to the client. Shares out on loan also may not be voted.

Sands Capital regularly engages with the management teams and, if appropriate, board members of portfolio businesses to better understand each business's long-term strategic vision and management of risks and opportunities, including those pertaining to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) matters. More information is available in the Sands Capital Engagement Policy at <https://sandscapital.com/media/Sands-Capital-Engagement-Policy-Statement.pdf>.

Okta



Business: Okta is the world's leading independent provider of enterprise identity and access management software, based on revenue and integrations.

Key issues: Artificial intelligence governance; data privacy and security; greenhouse gas emissions.

Okta is a provider of next-generation identity and access management software in the cloud. Its products include single sign-on, universal directory, and multifactor authentication within the core identity access management platform. Modern identity solutions are necessary for every business and information technology organization as they undergo the shift to cloud services and adopt an increasing number of apps. We maintain awareness of the company's environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices to ensure the company remains aligned with our six investment criteria. Okta has historically made its ESG team available on a regular basis for us to connect with on topics we feel are material to its business. Recently, we had a chance to cover a broad array of ESG topics, including those pertaining to artificial intelligence (AI) governance, data privacy and security, executive compensation, board representation, and greenhouse gas emissions. We highlight our discussion of AI governance and greenhouse gas emissions here.

The rise and proliferation of AI is something we are tracking closely. It is topical across the many software companies we own—including Okta—that are experimenting with ways to integrate the technology into their products and internal processes. Okta has acknowledged the potential privacy, confidentiality, and security issues related to the use of AI models. Consequently, we wanted to know what the company has done to mitigate the potential risks associated with increasing AI usage.

The ESG team at Okta was very clear that it is committed to the responsible use of AI and that the issue is being discussed at the board level. As a result, the company has adopted an acceptable-use policy for AI internally and has rolled out stakeholder guidance across teams for deploying and developing AI products. Additionally, the company has incorporated AI training for its employees to enhance their awareness of the risks. We are encouraged by the thoughtful nature of Okta's initial approach and the rigor with which it is evaluating AI-related risks. Still, we plan to continue engaging on the topic moving forward.

Another topic we discussed with the representatives at Okta was the company's emissions profile. As a technology company, the vast majority of its emissions stem from Scope 3 activities, which are tied to its vendors and suppliers. Therefore, the company understands the importance of engaging with its supply chain on this topic and has encouraged its vendors to set their own emissions reduction targets. Okta has also committed to financially supporting some of its smaller suppliers in measuring emissions and setting targets to ensure that the burden involved is not cost-prohibitive. Okta's team indicated that it's doing this to help meet its own long-term target for 65 percent of vendor spend going to companies with emissions reduction targets by 2027. In light of the proposed SEC climate disclosure rule and recent climate disclosure laws passed in California, we believe the company's efforts on this topic will allow it to mitigate any regulatory risk surrounding emissions moving forward.

We appreciate Okta's willingness to engage with us on these material issues to the company's business. We believe that these engagements demonstrate Okta is continually improving its ESG profile.

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Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite (TEIEC) GIPS Report

YEAR END	NUM OF ACCTS	END OF PERIOD AUM (USD \$M)	TEIEC			R1000G		NON-FEE PAYING % OF COMPOSITE	ASSET WGT'D STD. DEV. (GROSS)	FIRMS TOTAL ASSETS (USD \$M)
			NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	R1000G	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.			
2022	88	\$6,625.17	-49.14	-48.88	28.26	-29.14	23.47	0.00	0.19	\$40,707.08
2021	78	\$10,733.38	4.89	5.36	20.99	27.60	18.17	0.00	0.23	\$75,340.29
2020	82	\$12,888.65	71.42	72.15	22.42	38.49	19.64	0.00	0.71	\$68,621.83
2019	84	\$10,063.97	33.34	33.91	17.22	36.39	13.07	0.00	0.15	\$44,636.85
2018	90	\$9,140.97	6.77	7.27	17.03	-1.51	12.13	0.00	0.19	\$35,387.67
2017	102	\$11,646.37	35.15	35.74	15.07	30.21	10.54	0.00	0.48	\$41,331.26
2016	115	\$10,192.82	-7.13	-6.70	15.58	7.08	11.15	0.00	0.18	\$34,914.29
2015	146	\$14,686.78	2.92	3.40	14.56	5.67	10.70	0.00	0.50	\$44,192.42
2014	155	\$17,737.17	8.95	9.63	14.51	13.05	9.59	0.00	0.18	\$47,659.83
2013	155	\$16,244.61	42.19	42.95	15.55	33.48	12.18	0.00	0.17	\$42,067.92

Net Returns

As of 12/31/2023	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (2/29/1992)
TEIEC	22.7	52.0	-6.7	13.1	10.8	11.9
R1000G	14.2	42.7	8.9	19.5	14.9	10.3

Effective 5/31/2022, the name of the composite changed from Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite to Select Growth Tax Exempt Institutional Equity Composite. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be one firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as Sands Capital. Sands Capital operates as a distinct business organization, retains discretion over the assets between the two registered investment advisers, and has autonomy over the total investment decision making process. Prior to October 1, 2021, the firm was defined as: Sands Capital Management, LLC, is an independent registered investment adviser. Sands Capital claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS® standards. Sands Capital has been independently verified for the periods February 7, 1992 through December 31, 2022. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Select Growth Tax-Exempt Institutional Equity Composite ("TEIEC") has had a performance examination for the periods February 29, 1992 through December 31, 2022. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. The TEIEC contains all fee and non-fee paying, tax-exempt institutional accounts managed in the Select Growth strategy. The Select Growth strategy is a concentrated portfolio that normally consists of the equity securities of 25 to 30 primarily large and mid-capitalization growth businesses. Portfolio companies are primarily domiciled in the U.S. but may also include ADRs and the equity securities of foreign issuers in other developed and emerging markets that are listed on U.S. exchanges. The strategy may experience losses as it is subject to equity securities risk, market and issuer risk, selection risk, growth style risk, concentration risk, and other economic risks that may influence the returns of this strategy. The benchmark for the TEIEC is the Russell 1000 Growth Index ("R1000G"). The R1000G measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The TEIEC holds securities that are not included in the R1000G, and Sands Capital may invest in securities not covered by the index. The minimum account size for this composite is \$3 million. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated of performance dispersion for accounts in the composite for the entire year, using beginning of period values. Gross and net performance includes the reinvestment of all income and is presented net of expenses, interest income, and capital gains. For periods prior to 2013, gross returns are shown as supplemental information and are stated gross of all fees and transaction costs for bundled fee accounts; net returns are reduced by all fees and transaction costs incurred. Net returns presented are calculated using actual fees and performance fees if applicable. Bundled fee accounts pay a fee based on a percentage of assets under management. Other than brokerage commissions this fee may have included portfolio monitoring, consulting services, and in some cases, custodial services. As of January 1, 2013, bundled fee accounts are no longer included in the TEIEC and in 2012, bundled fee account assets represented 0.9% percent of the composite. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. A list of composite descriptions, pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and broad distribution funds is available upon request. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The investment management fee schedule for separate accounts is 0.75% on the first \$50 million of assets under management and 0.50% on assets under management greater than \$50 million. 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Global Growth Equity Composite (GSEC) GIPS Report

YEAR END	NUM OF ACCTS	END OF PERIOD AUM (USD \$M)	GSEC			MSCI ACWI		NON-FEE PAYING % OF COMPOSITE	ASSET WGT'D STD. DEV. (GROSS)	FIRMS TOTAL ASSETS (USD \$M)
			NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	MSCI ACWI	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.			
2022	22	\$12,198.63	-43.63	-43.13	26.71	-18.36	19.86	0.00	0.27	\$40,707.08
2021	22	\$24,989.26	10.22	11.17	18.47	18.54	16.84	0.00	0.22	\$75,340.29
2020	18	\$18,329.54	49.57	50.81	19.87	16.26	18.13	0.00	0.43	\$68,621.83
2019	18	\$12,690.57	30.65	31.72	14.24	26.60	11.22	0.00	0.41	\$44,636.85
2018	15	\$9,713.59	-2.85	-2.03	14.93	-9.42	10.48	0.00	0.14	\$35,387.67
2017	14	\$10,812.64	38.88	40.01	13.85	23.97	10.36	0.00	0.20	\$41,331.26
2016	21	\$9,019.25	0.54	1.41	14.56	7.86	11.06	0.00	0.12	\$34,914.29
2015	18	\$9,129.68	0.40	1.27	13.92	-2.36	10.79	0.00	0.18	\$44,192.42
2014	19	\$9,285.34	5.37	6.26	13.72	4.16	10.50	0.00	0.25	\$47,659.83
2013	18	\$7,531.91	27.89	28.97	16.28	22.80	13.94	0.00	0.25	\$42,067.92

Net Returns

As of 12/31/2023	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (12/31/2008)
GSEC	20.1	32.4	-6.3	10.0	8.7	15.1
MSCI ACWI	11	22.2	5.7	11.7	7.9	10.2

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Sands Capital has been independently verified for the periods February 7, 1992 through December 31, 2022. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Global Growth Equity Composite ("GSEC") has had a performance examination for the periods December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2022. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. The GSEC reflects information from all fee paying and non-fee paying accounts managed in the Global Growth strategy. The Global Growth strategy is a concentrated portfolio that normally consists of the equity securities of 30 to 50 primarily large and mid- capitalization growth businesses. Portfolio companies are domiciled in both developed and emerging markets. The portfolio may invest a significant percentage of its assets in U.S. listed securities, ADRs, and foreign securities traded on foreign exchanges, and may include the use of derivative access products including Low Exercise Price Warrants ("LEPWs") and Participation Notes ("P-Notes") to gain exposure to certain foreign markets where direct investment is restricted or not always practical or cost efficient. The strategy may experience losses as it is subject to equity securities risk, market and issuer risk, selection risk, growth style risk, concentration risk, currency exchange risk, foreign company risk, derivatives risk and other economic risks that may influence the returns of this strategy. The benchmark for the GSEC is the MSCI All Country World Index ("MSCI ACWI"). The MSCI ACWI is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The GSEC holds securities not included in the MSCI ACWI and Sands Capital may invest in securities not covered by the index. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated of performance dispersion for accounts in the composite for the entire year, using beginning of period values. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Gross and net performance includes the reinvestment of all income and is presented net of expenses, foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile. The benchmark return is net of the maximum withholding tax rate of the constituent company's country of incorporation applicable to institutional investors. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing the monthly gross composite return by 1/12 of the annual model fee of 0.85%. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. A list of composite descriptions, pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and broad distribution funds is available upon request. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The investment management fee schedule for separate accounts is 0.85% on the first \$50 million, 0.65% on the next \$200 million and 0.55% on all assets above \$250 million. Accounts may also pay a performance-based fee that consists of a base fee plus a percentage of the annualized excess return versus the benchmark. 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Emerging Markets Growth Composite (EMGC) GIPS Report

YEAR END	NUM OF ACCTS	END OF PERIOD AUM (USD \$M)	EMGC			MSCI EM		NON-FEE PAYING % OF COMPOSITE	ASSET WGT'D STD. DEV. (GROSS)	FIRMS TOTAL ASSETS (USD \$M)
			NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	MSCI EM	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.			
2022	16	\$6,626.47	-34.18	-33.60	24.23	-20.09	20.26	0.02	0.23	\$40,707.08
2021	23	\$13,014.02	-9.01	-8.23	21.42	-2.54	18.33	0.02	0.44	\$75,340.29
2020	10	\$6,521.97	54.79	56.05	22.43	18.31	19.60	0.04	0.17	\$68,621.83
2019	8	\$3,551.45	28.20	29.39	14.85	18.42	14.17	0.05	0.21	\$44,636.85
2018	10	\$2,432.63	-13.97	-12.86	15.97	-14.57	14.60	0.06	0.30	\$35,387.67
2017	9	\$2,010.72	39.12	40.82	14.51	37.28	15.35	0.08	0.28	\$41,331.26
2016	9	\$1,114.66	2.51	3.81	16.03	11.19	16.07	0.10	0.24	\$34,914.29
2015	8	\$776.57	-8.90	-7.76	15.43	-14.92	14.06	0.14	0.30	\$44,192.42
2014	<5	\$444.88	5.71	7.04	— ²	-2.19	— ²	0.34	n.m. ¹	\$47,659.83
2013	<5	\$1.17	12.64	14.02	— ²	-2.60	— ²	100.00	n.m. ¹	\$42,067.92

Net Returns

As of 12/31/2023	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (12/31/2012)
EMGC	6.3	11.7	-12.5	5.8	4.6	5.3
MSCI EM	7.9	9.8	-5.1	3.7	2.7	2.2

¹ n.m. – Not statistically meaningful, five or less accounts in the composite for the entire year. ² The 3-year annualized standard deviation is not shown due to having less than 36 months of returns. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be one firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as Sands Capital. Sands Capital operates as a distinct business organization, retains discretion over the assets between the two registered investment advisers, and has autonomy over the total investment decision making process. Prior to October 1, 2021, the firm was defined as Sands Capital Management, LLC, is an independent registered investment adviser. 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The EMGC reflects information from all fee-paying and non-fee-paying accounts managed in the Emerging Markets Growth strategy. The Emerging Markets Growth strategy is a concentrated portfolio that normally consists of the equity securities of 30 to 50 primarily large and mid-capitalization growth businesses. Portfolio companies are domiciled, listed, or have significant exposure (e.g., substantial portion of revenues, profits, or productive assets) to emerging and frontier markets. The portfolio may invest in ADRs, foreign securities traded on foreign exchanges, and may include the use of derivative access products including Low Exercise Price Warrants ("LEPWs") and Participation Notes ("P-Notes") to gain exposure to certain foreign markets where direct investment is restricted or not always practical or cost efficient. The strategy may experience losses as it is subject to equity securities risk, market and issuer risk, selection risk, growth style risk, concentration risk, currency exchange risk, foreign company risk, derivatives risk and other economic risks that may influence the returns of this strategy. The benchmark for the EMGC is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index ("MSCI EM"). The MSCI EM is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets. The EMGC may hold securities not included in the MSCI EM and Sands Capital may invest in securities not covered by the index. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated of performance dispersion for accounts in the composite for the entire year, using beginning of period values. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Gross and net performance includes the reinvestment of all income and is presented net of expenses, foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile. The benchmark return is net of the maximum withholding tax rate of the constituent company's country of incorporation applicable to institutional investors. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing the monthly gross composite return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 1.25% for the period from January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2019. Beginning on April 1, 2019, the highest applicable annual fee was lowered and net of fee returns were calculated by reducing the monthly gross composite return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. A list of composite descriptions, pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and broad distribution funds is available upon request. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The investment management fee schedule for separate accounts is 0.85% on the first \$50 million, 0.65% on the next \$200 million and 0.55% on all assets above \$250 million. The Sands Capital Emerging Markets Growth Master Fund LP, which is included in the composite, has an investment management fee schedule of 0.85% on all assets and the total expense ratio is 1.00%. Accounts may also pay a performance-based fee that consists of a base fee plus a percentage of the annualized excess return versus the benchmark. Additional information regarding performance fees is available upon request. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary which will result in performance that may be higher or lower. 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Global Leaders Equity Composite (GLEC) GIPS Report

YEAR END	NUM OF ACCTS	END OF PERIOD AUM (USD \$M)	GLEC		ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	MSCI ACWI		NON-FEE PAYING % OF COMPOSITE	ASSET WGT'D STD. DEV. (GROSS)	FIRMS TOTAL ASSETS (USD \$M)
			NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS		MSCI ACWI	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.			
2022	9	\$3,002.72	-29.28	-28.66	22.70	-18.36	19.86	0.09	0.17	\$40,707.08
2021	7	\$3,378.02	7.51	8.42	17.03	18.54	16.84	0.09	0.08	\$75,340.29
2020	7	\$2,719.58	26.75	27.80	17.66	16.26	18.13	0.10	0.15	\$68,621.83
2019	5	\$1,361.96	35.76	36.89	— ²	26.60	— ²	0.16	n.m. ¹	\$44,636.85
2018	<5	\$351.83	2.04	2.90	— ²	-9.42	— ²	0.45	n.m. ¹	\$35,387.67
2017 ³	<5	\$49.95	21.30	22.04	— ²	15.96	— ²	3.10	n.m. ¹	\$41,331.26

Net Returns

As of 12/31/2023	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (3/31/2017)
GLEC	13.5	20.7	-2.8	9.6	10.4
MSCI ACWI	11	22.2	5.7	11.7	9.3

¹ n.m. – Not statistically meaningful, five or less accounts in the composite for the entire year. ² The 3-year annualized standard deviation is not shown due to the composite having less than 36 months of returns. ³ Annual performance results for 2017 reflect partial period performance. Returns are calculated from 3/31/17 to 12/31/17 for both the composite and the index. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be one firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as Sands Capital. 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The strategy employs a portfolio construction approach that intends to balance growth and volatility and places additional emphasis on leadership and competitive advantage, as well as strong free cash flow generation and high return on invested capital. Portfolio companies are domiciled in both developed and emerging markets. The portfolio may invest a significant percentage of its assets in U.S. listed securities, ADRs, and foreign securities traded on foreign exchanges, and may include the use of derivative access products including Low Exercise Price Warrants ("LEPWs") and Participation Notes ("P-Notes") to gain exposure to certain foreign markets where direct investment is restricted or not always practical or cost efficient. The strategy may experience losses as it is subject to equity securities risk, market and issuer risk, selection risk, growth style risk, concentration risk, currency exchange risk, foreign company risk, derivatives risk and other economic risks that may influence the returns of this strategy. The benchmark for the GLEC is the MSCI All Country World Index ("MSCI ACWI"). The MSCI ACWI is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The GLEC holds securities not included in the MSCI ACWI and Sands Capital may invest in securities not covered by the index. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated of performance dispersion for accounts in the composite for the entire year, using beginning of period values. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Gross and net performance includes the reinvestment of all income and is presented net of expenses, foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile. The benchmark return is net of the maximum withholding tax rate of the constituent company's country of incorporation applicable to institutional investors. Net of fee performance was calculated by reducing the monthly gross composite return by 1/12 of the highest applicable annual fee of 0.85%. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. A list of composite descriptions, pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and broad distribution funds is available upon request. Past performance is not indicative of future results. 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International Growth Equity Composite (IGEC) GIPS Report

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			NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	MSCI ACWI ex USA	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.			
2022	<5	\$53.23	-41.00	-40.46	26.68	-16.00	19.25	2.58	n.m. ¹	\$40,707.08
2021	<5	\$64.79	1.35	2.22	19.30	7.82	16.79	3.55	n.m. ¹	\$75,340.29
2020	<5	\$2.25	60.19	61.53	— ²	10.65	— ²	100.00	n.m. ¹	\$68,621.83
2019	<5	\$1.40	46.28	47.49	— ²	21.51	— ²	100.00	n.m. ¹	\$44,636.85
2018 ³	<5	\$0.95	-7.14	-6.54	— ²	-13.17	— ²	100.00	n.m. ¹	\$35,387.67

Net Returns

As of 12/31/2023	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception (3/31/2018)
IGEC	18.9	16.0	-11.5	10.2	7.4
MSCI ACWI ex USA	9.8	15.6	1.5	7.1	3.6

¹ n.m. – Not statistically meaningful, five or less accounts in the composite for the entire year. ² The 3-year annualized standard deviation is not shown due to the composite having less than 36 months of returns. ³ Annual performance results reflect partial period performance. The returns are calculated from 03/31/18 to 12/31/18 for both the composite and the index. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be one firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as Sands Capital. 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Portfolio companies are domiciled, operated, listed, or derive a significant portion of their revenues, profits, or productive assets outside of the United States in both developed and emerging markets. The portfolio may invest in ADRs, foreign securities traded on foreign exchanges, and may include the use of derivative access products including Low Exercise Price Warrants ("LEPWs") and Participation Notes ("P-Notes") to gain exposure to certain foreign markets where direct investment is restricted or not always practical or cost efficient. The strategy may experience losses as it is subject to equity securities risk, market and issuer risk, selection risk, growth style risk, concentration risk, currency exchange risk, foreign company risk, derivatives risk and other economic risks that may influence the returns of this strategy. The benchmark for the IGEC is the MSCI ACWI ex USA, a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed (excluding the US) and emerging markets. The IGEC holds securities not included in the MSCI ACWI ex USA and Sands Capital may invest in securities not covered by the index. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated of performance dispersion for accounts in the composite for the entire year, using beginning of period values. The U.S. dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Gross and net performance includes the reinvestment of all income and is presented net of expenses, foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile. 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Technology Innovators Composite (TIC) GIPS Report

			TIC			MSCI ACWI IT COMM					
YEAR END	NUM OF ACCTS	END OF PERIOD AUM (USD \$M)	NET RETURNS	GROSS RETURNS	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV. (NET)	MSCI ACWI IT COMM	ANN. 3 YR. STD. DEV.	NON-FEE PAYING % OF COMPOSITE	ASSET WGT'D STD. DEV. (GROSS)	FIRMS TOTAL ASSETS (USD \$M)	
2022	6	\$173.48	-47.85	-47.37	27.68	-32.28	22.55	2.79	0.13	\$40,707.08	
2021	<5	\$164.23	9.75	10.66	20.12	22.38	17.29	5.29	n.m. ¹	\$75,340.29	
2020	<5	\$173.98	76.01	77.46	21.25	38.25	19.32	4.25	n.m. ¹	\$68,621.83	
2019	<5	\$141.10	41.40	42.58	16.79	38.53	14.17	3.01	n.m. ¹	\$44,636.85	
2018	<5	\$118.18	12.78	13.73	17.18	-4.59	14.28	2.55	n.m. ¹	\$35,387.67	
2017	<5	\$117.97	46.48	47.73	16.64	41.77	13.68	2.31	n.m. ¹	\$41,331.26	
2016	<5	\$122.94	-2.32	-1.48	18.56	12.20	13.32	1.52	n.m. ¹	\$34,914.29	
2015	<5	\$138.46	5.48	6.38	18.23	3.20	11.19	1.38	n.m. ¹	\$44,192.42	
2014	<5	\$149.69	4.37	5.24	17.98	15.20	11.32	1.21	n.m. ¹	\$47,659.83	
2013	<5	\$224.68	48.16	49.39	17.58	26.51	13.91	0.78	n.m. ¹	\$42,067.92	

Net Returns

As of 12/31/2023	QTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (12/31/2010)
TIC	21.2	50.8	-4.8	16.5	14.3	16.0
MSCI ACWI IT COMM	15.4	47.7	7	18.6	15.5	14.6

¹ n.m. – Not statistically meaningful, five or less accounts in the composite for the entire year. As of October 1, 2021, the firm was redefined to be the combination of Sands Capital Management, LLC and Sands Capital Ventures, LLC. Both firms are registered investment advisers with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The two registered investment advisers are combined to be one firm for GIPS purposes and are doing business as Sands Capital. Sands Capital operates as a distinct business organization, retains discretion over the assets between the two registered investment advisers, and has autonomy over the total investment decision making process. Prior to October 1, 2021, the firm was defined as Sands Capital Management, LLC, is an independent registered investment adviser. 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The composite reflects information from all fee paying and non-fee paying accounts managed in the Technology Innovators strategy. The Technology Innovators strategy is a concentrated portfolio that normally consists of the equity securities of 20 to 35 primarily large and mid-capitalization growth businesses which are publicly or privately held, with a particular emphasis placed on companies facilitating or benefitting from powerful secular shifts enabled by technologies. Portfolio companies are domiciled in both developed and emerging markets. The portfolio may invest in U.S. listed securities, ADRs, foreign securities traded on foreign exchanges, and may include the use of derivative access products including Low Exercise Price Warrants ("LEPWs") and Participation Notes ("P-Notes") to gain exposure to certain foreign markets where direct investment is restricted or not always practical or cost efficient. 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