

## T. Rowe Price Funds SICAV

# **Global Select Equity Fund**

## A concentrated, style-balanced global equity portfolio

## **Fund snapshot**

- An actively managed, style-balanced, high conviction global equity fund that aims to deliver consistent positive excess returns over a full market cycle
- Seeks to invest in strong businesses with durable competitive advantages across a wide spectrum of companies
- Primary focus on profitable, mature businesses in mid to large cap securities with sustainable moats and competent management

Asset class	Global equities
Benchmark*	MSCI World Net Index
Inception	December 2020
Portfolio Managers	Peter Bates
Style	Core
No of holdings	30-45
ISINs	LU2243340366 (I USD) LU2243340440 (Q USD)
SFDR classification**	Article 8 <sup>†</sup>

### **Fund overview**



"We want to own durable and resilient companies with clear reasons why we expect them to continue to win in the future."

#### Peter Bates | Portfolio Manager

The T. Rowe Price Global Select Equity Fund is a global style-balanced, concentrated portfolio with a focus on high quality, industry-leading companies that we believe can perform well in any market. We build the portfolio from the bottom-up, with a focus on idiosyncratic opportunities while seeking to neutralise portfolio-defining exposures to macro variables and factors.

Given our ability to invest across the broad geographic and sectoral universe, we use our extensive global research platform to help maximise our opportunity set. With a framework emphasising business quality and risk control, we are focused on stock-specific outcomes rather than macro-specific outcomes. Within the portfolio, we predominantly own steady growers with long growth runways that can durably compound over time, but also have exposure to disruptors with the potential to deliver outlier returns, and cyclicals and turnarounds where fundamentals are inflecting.

ESG considerations are an important component in assessing quality and long-term sustainability of the companies in which we invest, but above all, we focus on investing in profitable, mature, and globally established businesses that are well managed and capable of generating solid revenue and cash flow; qualities we believe can create long-term shareholder value, regardless of the market environment.

#### Reasons to consider this fund



## High Conviction Portfolio

Harnesses the best ideas from our deep global research team into a high conviction portfolio of 30-45 holdings, while integrating both absolute and relative risk control.



#### Style Balanced Approach

A core portfolio that incorporates ideas across the style spectrum that we believe should do well in all market environments.



#### **Global Expertise**

Capitalises on our experienced global research team, and long-term relationships with companies to gain informational insights across a wide spectrum of companies.

When investing in funds, certain risks apply. The fund can be affected by changes in currency exchange rates. For a full list of risks applicable to this fund, please refer to the prospectus.

- \* The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.
- \*\* Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR).
- † As of February 2024.

## Our global equity advantage



## Quick takeaways

- T. Rowe Price has the experience, resources, and capabilities to effectively manage global equity portfolios
- We believe using our expansive global research capabilities across fundamental and responsible investing and leveraging our long-term firmwide insights can assist us in uncovering and exploiting anomalies across the style spectrum within the global equity universe
- A portfolio manager with the global experience and tested framework for consistent decision making

We believe that active management, driven by bottom-up fundamental research, can uncover opportunities regardless of the market environment. We further believe that our research advantage can best identify durable and improving businesses and that we can own them with conviction when the balance of risk and return is favourable.

## **Our information edge**

T. Rowe Price has one of the industry's strongest commitments to in-house research. We aim to bring our clients better insights through deep industry expertise, which we believe can lead to stronger long-term investment results.

The investment process behind the Global Select Equity Fund is designed to take maximum advantage of the firm's broad geographic and industry capabilities. Our global research team provides the breadth of resources and cross-collaboration needed to help uncover opportunities across a wide universe. The team also includes our Responsible Investing team which leverages proprietary analysis to provide research and insights on current and evolving ESG issues impacting individual securities.

Ultimately, we want to invest in quality business that can generate growth in earnings and free cash flow in excess of expectations and buy them at good to fair valuations.

Key to this objective is to garner a deep qualitative understanding of the industry and competitive dynamics, as well as company-specific attributes. It's important not just to understand the status quo, but also acknowledge and anticipate change. We want to own durable and resilient companies with clear reasons why we expect them to continue to win in the future.

That's why we place so much importance on gaining familiarity with company management and seeking to understand how they think on topics like capital allocation so we can more accurately predict how they will act and respond to future change.

## **Experience at the helm**

Portfolio Manager Peter Bates has over 20 years of investment experience and has been with T. Rowe Price since 2004. As a former industrials analyst, global industrials sector portfolio manager and sector team lead, he brings a global perspective, an analyst's discipline of research, and a deep understanding of the business economics and operational strengths that make companies successful.

Throughout his tenure at T. Rowe Price, he has formed deep relationships with other portfolio managers and analysts from around the globe, including those with sector and regional specialties. His experience leveraging the firm's global research platform and knowledge of multinational companies, we believe, makes Peter well placed to manage a concentrated, yet globally sector-diversified, portfolio.

Fig. 1: Global Select Equity Fund - Stock Selection Is Focused on Identifying Strong Businesses



Quality businesses with good risk/return characteristics

Consistent and growing free cash flow generation



Durable competitive advantages

Pricing power and differentiated capabilities with scale advantages



Established businesses with improving fundamentals and returns

With a clear strategy and good execution through the business cycle



Disrupting businesses gaining share

Large addressable market with high growth and opportunity for extreme outcomes

## **Our Investment Approach**



## **Quick takeaways**

- A high active share portfolio that emphasises bottom-up stock-picking and seeks to minimise excessive factor bets
- We seek to build a truly global portfolio-diversified across style, market cap, sectors and regions-that aims to deliver alpha irrespective or cycle or market leadership
- Multi-dimensional risk management is an integral part of our investment process

## Style-balanced portfolio

We apply a consistent investment framework in striving to build a high-conviction, concentrated portfolio of strong businesses with durable competitive advantages across a wide spectrum of companies. These companies can be disruptors, steady growers, or cyclicals and turnarounds (see Fig. 2). The portfolio seeks to have meaningful exposure to steady growth but could be overweight disruptors or cyclical turnarounds at times depending on market opportunities. Constructing a style-balanced portfolio is how we believe we will be able to add value for clients over the long term, regardless of the market environment.

Fig. 2: Style-Balanced Approach Enables Opportunities To Add Value In All Market Environments







### Multidimensional risk management lens

The fund seeks to find the right balance between conviction and diversification in pursuit of returns. We expect the majority of portfolio risk (approximately 60%–80%) to come from stock-specific risk. Stock-specific risk is managed through fundamental and ESG analysis, evaluation of management quality, and valuation discipline. Country and sector weightings are derived from our bottom-up stock selection.

Our valuation framework and knowledge of a company's fundamental and ESG merits help us manage idiosyncratic risk. We seek to manage position sizes and individual security characteristics to build a balanced portfolio and diversify risk without sacrificing returns.

At a macro level, our multidimensional approach to risk management helps us to neutralise portfolio-defining macro variable exposures with the goal of avoiding unintended bets.

Holdings	30-45
Position size range	Typically 2-5%
Benchmark**	MSCI World Net Index
Cash level	Typically <5%, max 10%
Sectors	Unconstrained
Countries	Unconstrained
Emerging Markets	Max 10%

<sup>\*</sup>The manager is not constrained by the fund's benchmark, which is used for performance comparison purposes only.

## Risks - The following risks are materially relevant to the fund:

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**Currency risk** – Currency exchange rate movements could reduce investment gains or increase investment losses.

**Emerging markets risk** – Emerging markets are less established than developed markets and therefore involve higher risks.

**Issuer concentration risk** – Issuer concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any business, industry, economic, financial or market conditions affecting those issuers in which the fund's assets are concentrated.

**Sector concentration risk** – Sector concentration risk may result in performance being more strongly affected by any business, industry, economic, financial or market conditions affecting a particular sector in which the fund's assets are concentrated.

**Small and mid-cap risk** – Small and mid-size company stock prices can be more volatile than stock prices of larger companies.

Volatility risk - The performance of the fund has a risk of high volatility.

#### General fund risks

**Equity risk** – Equities can lose value rapidly for a variety of reasons and can remain at low prices indefinitely.

**ESG and Sustainability risk** – May result in a material negative impact on the value of an investment and performance of the fund.

**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 fund's assets are concentrated.

**Investment fund risk** – Investing in funds involves certain risks an investor would not face if investing in markets directly.

**Management risk** – The investment manager or its designees may at times find their obligations to a fund to be in conflict with their obligations to other investment funds they manage (although in such cases, all portfolios will be dealt with equitably).

**Market risk** – Prices of many securities change daily and can fall based on a wide variety of factors.

**Operational risk** – Operational risk may cause losses as a result of incidents caused by people, systems, and/or processes.

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