



PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Concentrated Global Equity SMA

As of 30 November 2023



Portfolio Manager:

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Joined Firm:

2004

Investment Experience:

22 Years

SMA INFORMATION

Inception Date	24 March 2021
Benchmark	MSCI World (ex-Australia) Net

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The portfolio aims to outperform the MSCI World ex-Australia Index Net (AUD) over a full market cycle.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

	Country	Industry	% of Rep. Portfolio
UnitedHealth Group	United States	Health Care Providers & Services	4.6
Roper Technologies	United States	Industrial Conglomerates	4.4
Amazon.com	United States	Broadline Retail	3.9
Meta Platforms	United States	Interactive Media & Services	3.8
Eli Lilly and Co	United States	Pharmaceuticals	3.7
CF Industries	United States	Chemicals	3.4
Steel Dynamics	United States	Metals & Mining	3.4
PG&E	United States	Electric Utilities	3.3
NVIDIA	United States	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	3.3
Enel	Italy	Electric Utilities	3.3

SECTOR EXPOSURE (%)

	% of Rep. Portfolio	Rep. Portfolio vs. MSCI World (ex-Australia) Net
Health Care	19.0	6.7
Financials	17.4	2.7
Industrials & Business Services	16.3	5.2
Information Technology	12.4	-11.1
Materials	9.3	5.7
Utilities	6.6	3.9
Communication Services	6.1	-1.2
Consumer Discretionary	5.8	-5.1
Consumer Staples	4.2	-2.8
Energy	0.0	-4.7
Real Estate	0.0	-2.3

PERFORMANCE

Figures Shown in Australian Dollars

	One Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	One Year	Annualised Since Inception 31 Mar 2021 ²
Concentrated Global Equity SMA Composite (Gross) [^]	3.61%	0.56%	25.18%	18.27%	12.77%
MSCI World (ex-Australia) Net*	4.43	-0.73	21.01	14.37	10.01
Value Added (Gross) ¹	-0.82	1.29	4.17	3.90	2.76

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

[^] Gross returns are presented before the deduction of expenses and all other fees, but may include transaction costs. Returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Actual fees assessed by the SMA platforms will vary and are not included in the gross returns.

* Index returns shown with reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes.

Performance is computed in U.S. dollars and converted to the currency shown using an exchange rate determined by an independent third party.

¹ The Value Added is shown as the Composite (Gross) minus its Index.

² The SMA inceptioned 24 March 2021. Data reflects period beginning 31 March 2021, which is the first full month since composite inception.

Effective 13 November 2023, the name of the SMA changed from T. Rowe Price Global Select Equity SMA (Australia) to T. Rowe Price Concentrated Global Equity SMA.

COUNTRY DIVERSIFICATION (TOP 10)

	% of Rep. Portfolio	MSCI World (ex-Australia) Net
United States	73.31	71.24
Switzerland	6.40	2.78
Japan	5.33	6.22
Italy	3.26	0.70
Germany	2.54	2.35
Taiwan	2.28	0.00
Canada	1.98	3.20
United Kingdom	1.94	4.05
France	0.00	3.32
Netherlands	0.00	1.31

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

In Australian dollar terms, global equities advanced strongly in November amid hopes that central banks may not have to raise interest rates further to combat inflation.

U.S. equities rose sharply in November. U.S. Treasury yields retreated from recent highs following the release of some weaker-than-expected inflation and labor market data. This boosted expectations that the Federal Reserve—which refrained from raising short-term interest rates at the beginning of the month and has done so since late July—will not need to raise short-term rates again. Sentiment was also lifted by a pullback in oil prices, as the conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip seemed unlikely to spread to other countries in the oil-rich Middle East.

Developed European markets produced robust returns during the period. A steep decline in inflation and falling bond yields lifted investor sentiment. Both the European Central Bank and the Bank of England (BoE) held their benchmark rates level at the start of the month. Eurozone and UK inflation were much weaker than forecast, prompting financial markets to fully price in the possibility of a first 25-basis-point rate cut in April (1 basis point equals 0.01 percentage point). Annual consumer price growth in the eurozone slowed to a two-year low of 2.4% in November, after dropping to 2.9% in October. In the UK, the headline inflation rate fell to 4.6% in October from 6.7% in September. Meanwhile, the eurozone and the UK economies skirted recession. The eurozone economy slowed in the third quarter sequentially, with the annual growth rate slipping to 0.1%. UK gross domestic product remained unchanged, and the BoE forecast little improvement in 2024.

Developed Asian markets also produced gains. Japanese equities advanced in November as expectations that U.S. interest rates had peaked pushed riskier assets higher. On the economic data front, investors appeared to take Japan's worse-than-expected third-quarter gross domestic product data in stride, while a hot October consumer inflation print stoked speculation about further monetary policy normalization by the Bank of Japan.

Emerging markets advanced in November but underperformed their developed peers. Latin American markets were among the best-performing regions, as most countries produced positive returns. Stocks in Argentina surged amid hopes that President-elect Javier Milei, a right-wing libertarian economist, would take strong measures to revitalize the economy and bring inflation down. Shares in Mexico and Brazil also rose meaningfully. Stocks in emerging Asia were mostly positive, with South Korea and Taiwan leading the region. Chinese equities lagged amid broader concerns about the country's slowing growth. Emerging Europe also performed well as Greece, Poland, and Hungary generated the strongest returns.

Sector performance in the MSCI World Index ex Australia was mostly positive. Information technology, real estate, and financials were the best performers, while energy and consumer staples were the only sectors to produce negative returns.

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PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Rep. Portfolio	MSCI World (ex-Australia) Net
Number of Holdings	35	1,436
Top 20 Holdings as Percent of Total	64.8%	28.8%
Percent of Portfolio in Cash	3.0%	-
Active Share	86.1%	-
Portfolio Turnover	77.2	-

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

The portfolio underperformed the MSCI World ex Australia Index Net for the one-month period ended November 30, 2023. At the sector level, sector allocation detracted the most from relative returns, while stock selection was also negative. An underweight to the information technology sector weighed the most on relative results. Stock selection in materials also hurt relative performance, most notably our positions in CF Industries and Freeport-McMoran. On the positive side, our lack of exposure to energy helped relative returns. At the regional level, holdings in North America detracted, while stock picks in Japan modestly contributed.

OUTLOOK

In our view, the stock market is continuing to behave as if a "soft landing" or lack of recession is a certainty, with valuations remaining stretched in some areas. Our goal is to manage assets to do well in any environment. While we are more neutral in our outlook in that we do not know what the future holds and acknowledge there is a degree of uncertainty looking forward to 2024, it seems that we are likely in an environment where interest rates will be higher for longer than many anticipated at the start of the year.

We always seek to take a proactive view of risk and to only take on risk when we are getting paid for it, which is especially important in today's world. As such, we have been adjusting our positioning in order to lower our beta and reduce some of the cyclicality of the portfolio. We have added a number of companies that we view as less economically sensitive, including select names in consumer staples and health care where we believe we will get paid for expected earnings growth. While we view some areas of the market, such as financials and energy, as having greater exposure to economic risk, we have gained strategic exposure to these areas in ways that we view as more balanced. For instance, in financials, we are avoiding traditional banks but have increased our exposure to insurance companies, which stand to benefit from higher interest rates. While we have no direct exposure to the energy sector, we hold select names in materials that are highly correlated to energy but that, in our view, hold less risk and more value than owning energy directly.

In terms of how the portfolio looks across our three style buckets, we are overweight durable growers and have dialed down some of the cyclical elements of the portfolio, though we continue to maintain exposure to cyclicals/turnarounds and disruptors. As always, our goal remains to have a style-balanced portfolio that emphasizes idiosyncratic opportunities while seeking to avoid portfolio-defining macro or factor positions. We have conviction that our investment framework can work no matter the market environment and continue to believe our robust research platform, worldwide fundamentally driven investment process, and multidimensional view on risk management is well suited for the current environment.

GIPS® COMPOSITE REPORT**Concentrated Global Equity SMA Composite**

Period Ended December 31, 2022

Figures Shown in Australian dollar

	<u>2021²</u>	<u>2022</u>
Gross Annual Returns (%) ¹	26.03	-12.63
MSCI World ex Australia Index Net (%)	21.86	-12.52
Composite 3-Yr St. Dev.	N/A	N/A
MSCI World ex Australia Index Net 3-Yr St. Dev.	N/A	N/A
Composite Dispersion	N/A	N/A
Comp. AUM (Millions)	8.2	7.2
# of Accts. in Comp.	1	1
Total Firm AUM (Billions)	2,274.4	1,824.6 ³
SMA Portfolio (%)	0%	0%

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²March 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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