

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Strong security selection in financials, IT and materials boosted the return.
- We made tactical adjustments to cyclical names and initiated and exited selected positions.
- We are focused on high-quality companies and macro themes, such as AI, geopolitics and interest rates.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER



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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Rotating to cyclical sectors

Our quarterly return was boosted by strong security selection in financials, information technology and materials, with Apollo and CRH as key contributors.

Our selection in information technology through Broadcom, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company and Alphabet contributed significantly to the return.

TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS (% QTD)

Issuer	Return	Weight	Contribution
Apollo Global Management	40.46	3.08	1.01
Broadcom	42.69	2.77	0.88
Amazon	24.71	3.73	0.85
Visa	22.34	3.86	0.80
Alphabet	20.91	3.37	0.66

TOP 5 DETRACTORS (% QTD)

Issuer	Return	Weight	Contribution
Elevance Health	-24.00	2.69	-0.84
Ashtead Group	-15.55	2.99	-0.51
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	-8.73	2.41	-0.27
Thermo Fisher Scientific	-10.89	2.32	-0.25
Danaher Corp	-12.20	1.75	-0.24

PERCENTILE RANKING (GROSS RETURNS)

Period	Percentile ranking	Nb of funds in category
1 year	10	42
3 years	N/A	N/A
5 years	N/A	N/A

Source: Morningstar ratings, Global Dividend & Income Equity

1-YEAR RISK-RETURN ANALYSIS

Indicator	Fund	Index*
Beta	0.73	1.00
Volatility	6.07	7.70
Information ratio	-0.58	-
Upside capture	89.68	-
Downside capture	55.28	-

FUND CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Fund	Index*
Number of holdings	38	1395
Dividend yield	1.63	1.96
Top 10 holdings weight	38%	-
1-year trailing turnover	78%	-

* Index: MSCI WORLD (\$ CA)

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Tactically adjusted cyclical names and idiosyncratic additions

We initiated positions in Waste Connections and General Electric. We took a substantial position in General Electric, an aircraft engine supplier, owing to its strong cash flow and business model. We also expect significant buybacks, given strong liquidity with ample room for M&A without any debt issuance.

We sold our positions in British American Tobacco, Ares Capital, BNP and Rentokil. British American Tobacco faces global volume issues as well as a soft U.S. cigarette market. BNP's weak performance in several segments raised a questions. Rentokil faces margin pressure, given inflation and a lack of pricing power.

PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

Strategically focusing on high risk-reward opportunities

We have positioned our fund to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in top-tier businesses that drive innovation in expanding industries. At the same time, we acknowledge the current economic uncertainty. Therefore, our holdings are evaluated not only for their long-term return potential but also for their resilience in the face of an economic downturn.

Amid these short-term uncertainties, we have identified quality defensive stocks as having the most favourable risk-reward profiles. The current macroeconomic trends help mitigate the impact of economic downturns while offering substantial returns.

MARKET OUTLOOK

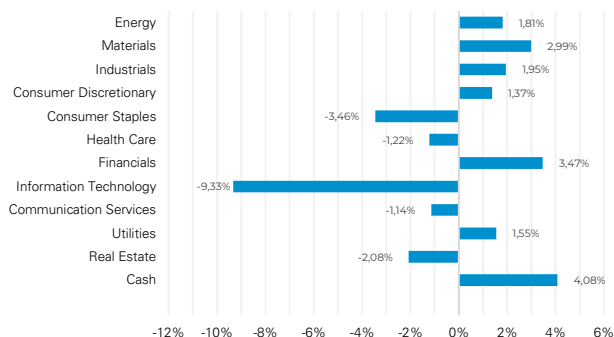
Macro themes: Geopolitics, AI and interest rates

The U.S. markets closed 2024 with their best two-year stretch in 26 years. Looking ahead in early 2025, we see a few key themes: (1) lofty valuations, given the high S&P 500 forward P/E ratio; (2) the AI trade and the need to distinguish real value from hype; and (3) Trump's arrival in late January. Trump is yet to take office, but his impact on the markets is undeniable: the greenback has strengthened and the U.S. equity markets have rallied. AI remains a key focus and one of the major drivers of growth in the global landscape. Companies have put significant capital into this endeavour, but it remains to be seen whether their investments will pay off in the short-to-medium term. As valuations have risen, stock selection has become crucial in the technology sector. According to FactSet consensus estimates, the S&P 500 is trading with a 12-month forward P/E of 23.7x, which is about two standard deviations higher than the five-year average. This can be explained by the rate-cutting cycle, themes in AI, nuclear and more. We remain highly selective and are focused on high-quality companies that could benefit from the AI theme.

SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS (Q4 2024)

Positions initiated	Sector
Waste Connections	Industrials
General Electric	Industrials
Positions exited	Sector
British American Tobacco	Consumer Staples
Ares Capital Corp	Financials
BNP Paribas	Financials
Rentokil Initial	Industrials

SECTOR DEVIATIONS VS. INDEX



TOP 5 HOLDINGS

Holding	Sector	Weight (%)
Microsoft	Information Technology	5.32
Amazon	Consumer Discretionary	4.08
Visa	Financial Services	4.05
CMS Energy	Energy	4.03
Alphabet	Communication Services	3.71

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