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# Vontobel International Equity Strategy 4Q 2024 Factsheet

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experienced global investment firm
- Founded in 1984
- SEC-registered investment adviser
- AUM: \$23.9 bn as of December 31, 2024\*

#### **KEY PRINCIPLES**

- Concentrate on business analysis (bottom-up approach)
- Seek high quality growth at sensible prices
- High conviction portfolio
- Benchmark unconstrained
- Long-term focus

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We believe long-term, stable and superior earnings growth drives long-term investment returns. We pursue this by seeking sensibly priced high-quality companies that can grow earnings faster than the market on a sustainable basis.

\*AUM represents discretionary and non-discretionary assets managed and are further described in form ADV Part 2A.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

- To outperform the benchmark index over a full market cycle with lower-than-market volatility
- To generate investment results as consistent and predictable as the earnings of the underlying companies

#### COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

### Organizational Experience and Stability

- 25 investment professionals averaging 22 years of industry experience
- Long-term talent retention

#### Disciplined

- Consistent implementation of investment philosophy of seeking high quality growth at sensible prices

### **Focused**

- Long-only global equity investing
- Bottom-up, fundamental approach
- Seeks competitive returns at reasonable risk levels

SECTOR ALLOCATION<sup>1</sup>

■27.8% Information Technology

■23.7% Industrials

■20.5% Financials

9.9% Consumer Discretionary

8.5% Health Care

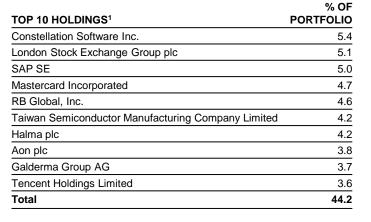
3.6% Communication Services

1.9% Consumer Staples

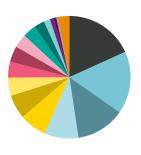
0.5% Energy

0.5% Materials

3.0% Cash & Cash Equivalents



#### COUNTRY ALLOCATION<sup>1</sup>



■18.2% United Kingdom 16.5% Canada ■12.9% United States

9.0% Japan

7.2% Germany

6.3% France

4.8% Netherlands

4.2% Taiwan

4.2% Switzerland

3.6% China

3.6% Sweden

2.7% India

1.7% Italy

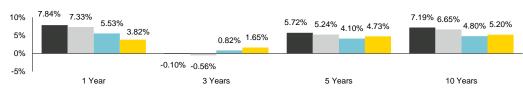
1.0% Spain

0.7% Hong Kong

0.4% Denmark

3.0% Cash & Cash Equivalents

### ANNUALIZED RETURNS: INTERNATIONAL EQUITY COMPOSITE<sup>†</sup> AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024



- Vontobel International Equity (Gross)
- Vontobel International Equity (Net)
- MSCI ACWI ex U.S. (Total Return Net Dividends)
- MSCI EAFE (Total Return Net Dividends)

Source: Vontobel; Expressed in U.S. dollar

†The composite's gross rates of return are presented before the deduction of investment management fees, other investment-related fees, and after the deduction of foreign withholding taxes, brokerage commissions and transaction costs. An investor's actual return will be reduced by investment advisory fees. The composite's net rates of return are presented after the deduction of investment management fees, brokerage commissions, transaction costs, other investment-related fees and foreign withholding taxes. Results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. For additional information, please refer to the Composite Disclaimer and Important Information section of this communication.



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### STOCK SELECTION & PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- We begin by creating an initial investment universe.
- The second step of our process reduces this universe to a sub-set of companies that exhibit profitability and reasonable earnings predictability.
- The third step of our process is to reduce the list further to companies whose earnings evidence sustainability.
- To be admitted to our portfolio, a company must pass our fourth step of the process which is price that should be below our estimate of its fundamental intrinsic value.
- The final step of our process is careful portfolio construction.
  We believe that investment risk is in the underlying business and, therefore, we limit portfolios to a concentrated list of companies that we have conducted in-depth research on.

CHARACTERISTICS	VONTOBEL INT'L1
Capitalization (US\$ bn), weighted avg	152.0
P/E - Forecast 12-month, weighted harmonic avg	26.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.0
5 Yr Historical EPS Growth (%)	13.3
Return on Equity, weighted avg (%)	18.2

RISK STATISTICS (5 YEAR)	VONTOBEL INT'L <sup>2</sup>
Annualized Alpha	2.2
Beta	0.9
Sharpe Ratio	0.2
Annualized Standard Deviation	17.5

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW<sup>3</sup>**

Screen & Idea Generation Analyze Past Results

Analyze Future Opportunities

Determine a Sensible Price

Build Portfolio & Manage Risk

~22,000 stocks

~300 stocks (investment universe)

~30-60 positions

Passing high hurdle rates

Understanding the business and quality of earnings

Replicate and exceed past success

**Sensible Price** 

Benchmark unconstrained

Profitable & stable

Predictable, sustainable growth at a sensible price

**High conviction** 

#### INTERNATIONAL EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



Matthew Benkendorf CIO Quality Growth Portfolio Manager 27 years in industry 25 years with Vontobel



Donny Kranson, CFA Executive Director Portfolio Manager 25 years in industry 17 years with Vontobel



David Souccar Executive Director Portfolio Manager 28 years in industry 17 years with Vontobel

- <sup>1</sup> Based on a representative portfolio. The basis upon which the representative portfolio was selected is this is the account we believe most closely reflects current portfolio management style for the strategy. Portfolio holdings and characteristics subject to change and may differ from those associated with your account.
- <sup>2</sup> Based on gross performance of the International Equity Composite. The composite's gross rates of return are presented before the deduction of investment management fees, other investment-related fees, and after the deduction of foreign withholding taxes, brokerage commissions and transaction costs. An investor's actual return will be reduced by investment advisory fees.
- <sup>3</sup> The approximate number of companies is provided as of the date of this presentation and is not necessarily indicative of the approximate number of companies on any other date.

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## **Vontobel International Equity Strategy Composite Disclaimer**

# Composite description

The International Equity Composite includes all discretionary accounts that invest at least 80% of their assets in equity securities of issuers located outside of the United States, or which derive a significant portion of their business or profits outside of the United States in three or more foreign countries. Such accounts hold equity or equity-linked securities of issuers listed on a foreign securities exchange or that are quoted on an established foreign over-the-counter market or that have issued American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"). The minimum account size for this composite is \$1 million. The composite was created on January 1, 1994 and incepted on August 1, 1990.

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Results of the composite are shown compared to the MSCI Europe, Australasian and the Far East Net Total Return Index (MSCI EAFE ND) and the MSCI All Country World ex-USA Net Total Return Index (MSCI ACWI ex-USA ND). The benchmarks are used for comparative purposes only and generally reflect the risk or investment style of the investments in the composite.

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