

# William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund

## Class J (USD)

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**Market Commentary & Outlook**

Global equities continued to march higher in the third quarter, supported by generally solid corporate fundamentals and positive growth conditions across the major economies. The ACWI IMI – MSCI’s broadest measure of global equity performance – advanced 5.32% during the quarter and 17.24% year to date through September (in USD terms). Emerging market equities continued to outpace developed markets during the quarter, supported by continued strength in technology shares and a rebound in the energy sector.

European equity outperformance was driven by the region’s ongoing economic recovery, improving corporate fundamentals and investors’ perception of a potentially stronger European Union following the French and German elections. The euro appreciated nearly 4% versus the US dollar during the quarter and 12% year to date, driven by expectations for higher inflation and gradual interest rate normalisation by the European Central Bank. Currency strength also bolstered UK returns during the quarter as the Bank of England laid the groundwork for tighter monetary policy to combat inflation.

U.S. equities achieved record highs during the quarter, overcoming mounting tensions with North Korea and weaker GDP growth expectations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Within Japan, the release of encouraging economic data in September helped to propel equities higher into quarter end. While core inflation, labour market and industrial production data for August were broadly positive, Prime Minister Abe’s decision to call a snap election raised some uncertainty on the policy outlook.

Emerging market quarterly gains were paced by Brazil, which rebounded from the latest presidential corruption scandal amid

the country’s nascent consumer-led economic recovery. Russia and China also posted double-digit gains for the quarter. More than half of MSCI China IMI’s 14.49% quarterly gain was driven by the Information Technology sector, with the balance spread among Consumer Discretionary, Financials and Real Estate (source: Factset).

From a global sector perspective based on the MSCI ACWI IMI, Energy was the leading performer for the quarter, benefiting from the bounce in crude oil prices, followed closely by the Information Technology and Materials sectors. In contrast, Consumer Staples significantly lagged for the quarter, with particular weakness in U.S. and Japanese tobacco stocks.

The performance of William Blair’s proprietary quantitative models demonstrated that momentum and earnings trend style factors outperformed during the quarter, while quality, fundamental volatility and valuation underperformed. These style trends were particularly acute within emerging markets (source: William Blair Summit).

The latest high frequency data and surveys indicate that ongoing economic expansion is gathering pace, especially in the Eurozone. At the same time, wage growth continues to be modest across most developed markets, and this is beginning to restrain consumer behaviour. In Q3 2017, retail sales volumes growth decelerated across all major developed economies. From the perspective of corporates, top line growth is currently in the range of 6-10% pa; it is not meaningfully higher across emerging markets. Beyond improving corporate performance, the outlook for the remainder of this year remains relatively benign, as major national elections, especially in Europe, produced outcomes favourable for continued growth.

From a global strategy perspective, we continue to see upside potential to nominal growth in select companies and industries, as expectations do not appear extended. We do not expect the unfolding gradual withdrawal of monetary policy stimulus to be detrimental to growth either in the US or in the Eurozone, where policy action is not expected until 2018. Corporate performance in the 2H 2017 is likely to be stronger in Europe and in Japan, as economic expansion in the US is relatively more mature. Emerging markets are well positioned to participate in the ongoing global expansion and valuations remains relatively favourable. Recent US dollar strength is unlikely to dampen the fortunes of corporates in emerging markets materially.

**Performance**

Outperformance versus the MSCI ACWI IMI was primarily driven by positive stock selection across most sectors. Information Technology was particularly beneficial, with strength in internet software and semiconductor holdings. Chinese ecommerce leader Alibaba's share price was driven by quarterly revenue and earnings growth ahead of consensus expectations. The core e-commerce business benefited from stronger advertising revenues, which offset softer commission revenue on givebacks to retailers. In addition to the core business, Alibaba reported consensus-beating revenue growth of 96% Y/Y in its cloud business. U.S.-based semiconductor company, LAM Research, also contributed positively to quarterly performance. The company reported solid demand from flash memory manufacturers where they have more exposure—with notable strength in 3D NAND where there is continued, competitive investment taking place.

Healthcare stock selection also bolstered relative performance, as pharmaceutical holdings outperformed. Denmark-based diabetes drug leader, Novo Nordisk, reported good quarterly

earnings results on cost controls and provided a sanguine outlook on drug pricing pressures in the U.S. market. Subsequent to its earnings release, Novo announced positive trial results for its key, once-weekly insulin drug, Semaglutide; demonstrating superiority in both weight and blood glucose reduction relative to a competitor drug from Eli Lilly, with no significant safety concerns.

Partially off-setting these positive effects were stock selection in the Consumer Discretionary and Industrials sectors. Within Discretionary, UK-based media company, WPP, pulled back following disappointing Q2 financial results that showed deteriorating organic growth trends amid industry contractual pressures in U.S. media, account losses and spending cuts in the Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) segment. Within Industrials, U.S.-based consumer credit information company, Equifax, was the primary laggard, hampered by its announcement that it had encountered a major data breach that exposed sensitive identification information for up to 140 million U.S. customers. Uncertainty about potential litigation and security costs related to the incident sent the share price sharply lower in the first half of September.

		QTD	YTD	2016	2015
Regions	<b>AC World (DM+EM)</b>	5.3	17.2	8.4	-2.2
	<b>Developed Markets (DM)</b>	5.0	16.1	8.2	-0.8
	Pacific ex JP	3.7	17.4	7.8	-8.5
	Japan	4.4	15.4	3.2	10.5
	Europe ex UK	7.2	26.5	-0.2	0.7
	UK	5.6	16.9	-1.6	-5.5
	Canada	7.5	11.0	25.4	-24.7
	USA	4.4	13.6	12.0	0.0
	<b>Emerging Markets (EM)</b>	7.6	27.1	9.9	-13.9
	Asia	6.7	30.4	4.8	-8.5
EMEA	5.9	11.4	20.7	-20.4	
Latin America	15.4	27.8	30.3	-31.1	
<b>Frontier Markets (FM)</b>	6.9	23.5	5.6	-13.0	
Size	<b>Large Cap</b>	5.3	17.2	8.0	-2.5
	<b>Small Cap</b>	6.2	17.2	11.6	-1.0
Sectors	<b>Discretionary</b>	3.9	16.1	2.9	3.4
	<b>Staples</b>	0.0	11.3	2.1	5.4
	<b>Energy</b>	9.3	-1.3	28.4	-23.4
	<b>Financials</b>	5.6	16.4	11.2	-5.6
	<b>Healthcare</b>	2.8	19.8	-6.7	7.0
	<b>Industrials</b>	5.9	19.7	12.6	-3.3
	<b>IT</b>	8.8	30.6	12.3	3.3
	<b>Materials</b>	8.7	19.9	24.4	-15.3
	<b>Real Estate</b>	3.2	11.9	4.1	-1.2
	<b>Telecom Services</b>	3.6	6.0	4.9	-2.1
	<b>Utilities</b>	3.7	14.9	7.4	-7.5
Style	<b>Quality</b>	-0.7	2.5	2.5	8.3
	<b>Valuation</b>	0.3	6.2	14.2	4.3
	<b>Etrend</b>	4.5	6.0	-1.1	11.0
	<b>Momentum</b>	5.5	9.5	-4.5	16.3
	<b>Growth</b>	0.8	4.3	-7.5	2.1
	<b>Composite</b>	2.2	7.7	7.2	15.5

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results** Regional performance is based on IMI region/country indexes. Sector and style values are based on the MSCI ACWI IMI Index. Size values are based on the MSCI ACWI Index. Style values reflect the Quintile 1 minus Quintile 5 spread of William Blair's proprietary quantitative models. Sectors are based on Global Industry Classification (GICS) sectors. Large Cap and Small Cap based on MSCI Global Investable Market Index Methodology. Data in blue reflects the top 20% (highest) values by region, country, sector, and style. Data in red reflects the bottom 20% (lowest) values by region, country, sector, and style. A direct investment in an unmanaged index is not possible. Please refer to the 'Important Disclosures' section at the end of this document for further information on investment risks and returns.

<i>Periods ended 30/09/2017</i>	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>	<b>Since Inception*</b>
William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund (Class J)	6.77%	21.75%	17.87%	9.16%	7.60%
MSCI ACWI IMI (net)	5.32%	17.24%	18.73%	7.72%	7.14%

\*Inception 15/01/2014

*The MSCI All Country World IMI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets*

*Periods greater than one year are annualised. All charges and fees have been included within the performance figures. For the most current month-end performance information, please visit our Web site at [sicav.williamblair.com](http://sicav.williamblair.com).*

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The table below shows the calculated sector returns and weights of the William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund portfolio vs. its benchmark.

<b>William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund vs. MSCI ACWI IMI (net)</b>				
01/07/2017 to 30/09/2017				
	<b>William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund</b>		<b>MSCI ACWI IMI (net)</b>	
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Average Weight</b>	<b>Total Return</b>	<b>Average Weight</b>	<b>Total Return</b>
Consumer Discretionary	18.5%	1.7%	12.3%	3.9%
Consumer Staples	3.2%	6.5%	8.6%	0.0%
Energy	5.3%	10.7%	5.8%	9.3%
Financials	20.4%	7.2%	17.9%	5.6%
Health Care	9.9%	8.4%	11.0%	2.8%
Industrials	15.8%	2.8%	11.7%	5.9%
Information Technology	22.4%	13.3%	16.9%	8.8%
Materials	1.9%	21.5%	5.7%	8.7%
Real Estate	0.9%	8.7%	4.2%	3.2%
Telecommunication Svcs	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	3.6%
Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%	3.7%

Source: Opturo

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<b>William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund vs. MSCI ACWI IMI (net)</b>				
01/07/2017 to 30/09/2017				
	<b>William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund</b>		<b>MSCI ACWI IMI (net)</b>	
<b>Region</b>	<b>Average Weight</b>	<b>Total Return</b>	<b>Average Weight</b>	<b>Total Return</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Pacific Ex Japan	5.8%	4.3%	4.0%	3.7%
Japan	4.4%	8.6%	8.1%	4.4%
Europe+ME Ex U.K.	16.2%	11.1%	16.4%	7.1%
U.K.	5.7%	3.4%	5.9%	5.1%
W Hemisphere	3.2%	15.6%	3.4%	7.0%
United States	54.1%	5.1%	50.6%	4.4%
EM Asia	9.0%	13.3%	8.5%	6.7%
EMEA	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	5.8%
Latin America	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	15.2%

Source: Opturo

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The securities listed below are the top contributors to performance for the quarter ended 30/09/2017.

Alibaba Group Holding is the leading e-commerce company in China. It provides online and mobile marketplaces in retail and wholesale trade, as well as cloud computing and other services. Alibaba continued to deliver better than expected results with FQ1 revenue up 56% YoY, earnings up 41% YoY and significant margin expansion. Strong results were primarily driven by robust trends in core commerce amid strong mobile user growth (MAU reaching 529 million), improved engagement, as well as higher click-through rates as a result of recent algorithm improvements. Cloud computing was also contributed to Alibaba's strong operating performance, with revenue increasing 96% YoY on the back of higher paying users (exceeding one million) and ARPU.

Tencent Holdings, the Chinese internet company, is the largest online network provider of free instant messaging, online gaming and social network sites in China. The strong share price performance was underpinned by continued robust fundamental trends. Tencent's 2Q17 revenue grew 59% YoY, topping consensus estimates, on the back of accelerating gaming (on higher ARPU) and strong advertising revenue growth despite the company's conservative approach to social network ads. In addition, payments and cloud continued to post triple-digit growth amid Tencent's growing market share.

Based in Germany, Infineon is a global market leader in power semiconductors (with a competitive advantage in the production of semis on thin wafers), chip card and security. The company restructured its product portfolio reducing its dependency on the most cyclical semiconductors, such as PCs, and refocused on most competitive and profitable segments and now has a #2 position in automotive. Infineon is well positioned to benefit from secular tailwinds related to increased semiconductors content in the automotive market (safety, regulatory, and hybrid/electric vehicles) and a general focus on improved energy efficiency across industrial markets including industrial automation, data center consolidation, and renewable energy. Third quarter results were ahead of consensus, and the stock continued to climb higher.

Keyence, based in Japan, develops various types of sensors measuring equipment and electronic devices for factory automation. It maintains a large product portfolio and is a leading innovator in the sensor (optical/laser/temperature) niche of the factory automation market which itself is underpinned by long term secular growth drivers. Its asset light, consultancy-driven sales model has enabled the company to provide customized automation solutions to clients faster than competitors. Strong quarterly results drove the stock price higher.

Lam Research is a global supplier of advanced wafer fabrication equipment and services to the semiconductor industry. The company designs, manufactures, sells, and services semiconductor processing systems that are used in the fabrication of integrated circuits. Lam reported very strong fiscal Q4 results and guided ahead of consensus, driven by strong 3D NAND equipment sales and foundry shipments.

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The securities listed below are the largest detractors to performance for the quarter ended 30/09/2017.

Equifax (EFX) is a leading global information solutions company and one of three U.S. credit bureaus. It provides a broad range of unique and valuable data and analytics to corporate, government, and consumer clients. It operates in a highly concentrated market (oligopoly) with high barriers to entry and scalable businesses that generate durable and defensive growth, high returns, and strong cash flow. Second quarter results were in-line with expectations and the stock price was stable during the quarter.

Apogee dominates an attractive niche within the building products subsector, with exposure to robust commercial construction trends. The company has transformed over the last 65 years into a niche leader in architectural glass. Apogee has 70-80% share in architectural glass for tall buildings (>10 stories). The company's products are differentiated by their high quality and performance, with Apogee applying coating technology to achieve desired aesthetic and energy-efficient attributes. Apogee's track record of large projects (e.g. Chicago's Trump Tower) strengthens the company's relationships with architects and contractors. The company announced weaker than expected guidance due to the integration of a recent acquisition and growing competitive pressures in mid-sized projects, and the stock declined as a result.

Based in the U.K., WPP is the world's largest advertising and marketing services company. With leading exposure to emerging markets compared to its peers, we feel it provides an attractive long-term growth opportunity. The stock sold off after announcing lower than expected sales and guidance. The position was sold during the quarter due to concerns around lasting competitive pressures in the industry.

Brunswick is a global designer and manufacturer of recreational products in three business segments: Marine Engine, Boat, and Fitness. The company has been benefiting from an accelerated pace of new product launches in both boats and engines, which is far outpacing competitors. The stock price declined in the quarter as operational performance weakened.

Nike, the largest global branded sporting goods company, designs and markets high-quality footwear, apparel, and equipment under several brands including Nike, Jordan, Converse, Nike Golf, Hurley, and others. The stock price declined in the third quarter due to concerns around an increasingly competitive environment and slowing growth in the US sportswear market.

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The table below shows the William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund portfolio's largest holdings as of 30/09/2017 by market cap. The stocks are listed by country and by the economic sector that defines each one's role in the portfolio.

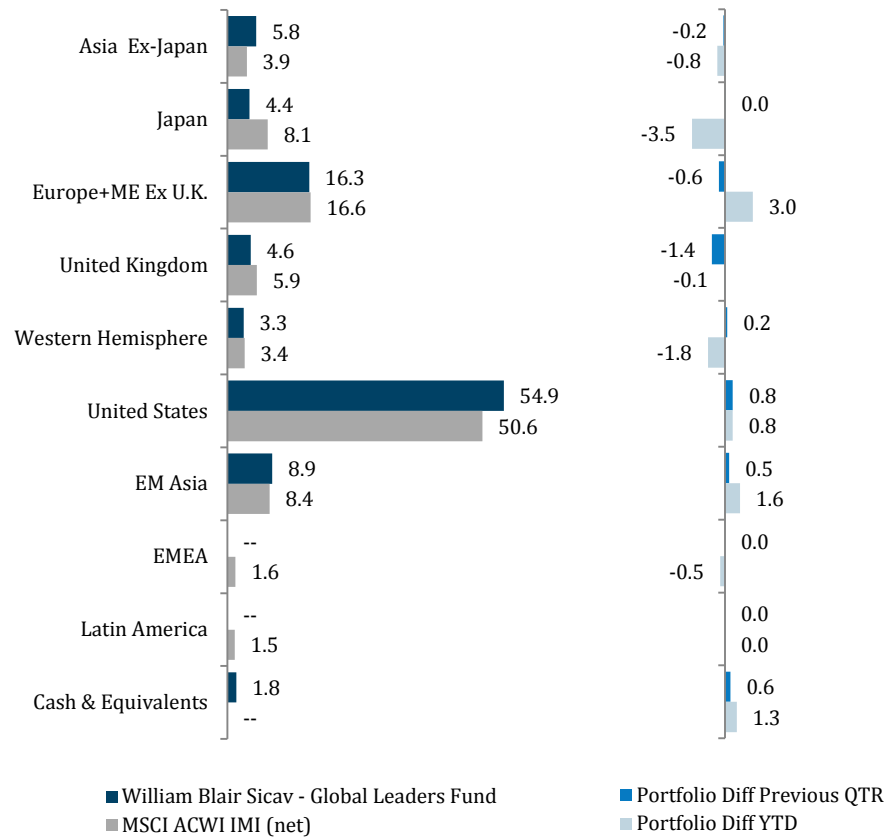
	Country	Economic Sector	% of Total Net Assets
<b>Large Cap</b>			
Alphabet Inc-Cl A	United States	Information Technology	2.6%
Amazon.Com Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary	2.3%
Blackrock Inc	United States	Financials	2.3%
Valeo Sa	France	Consumer Discretionary	2.2%
Jpmorgan Chase & Co	United States	Financials	2.2%
<b>Mid Cap</b>			
Vantiv Inc - Cl A	United States	Information Technology	1.6%
Vail Resorts Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary	1.5%
Partners Group Holding Ag	Switzerland	Financials	1.4%
Affiliated Managers Group	United States	Financials	1.4%
Sands China Ltd	Hong Kong	Consumer Discretionary	1.3%
<b>Small Cap</b>			
Trisura Group Ltd	Canada	Financials	0.0%

**Total: 18.9%**

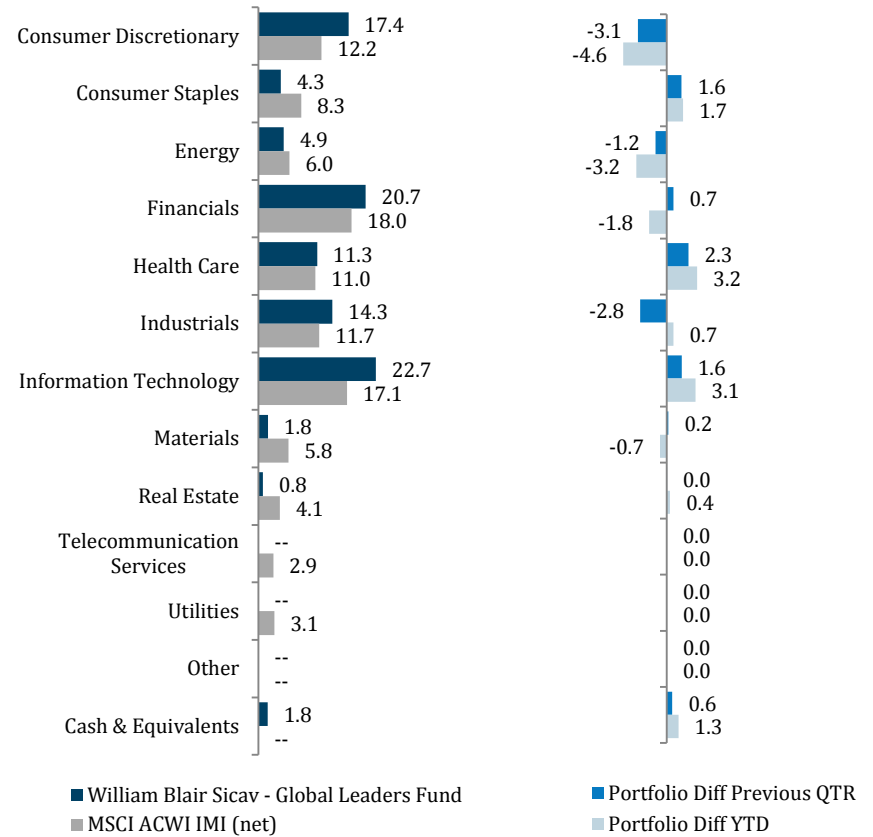
Source: Eagle

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**Regional Exposure**



**Sectoral Exposure**



Source: William Blair.

As of Date: 30/09/2017:

Cash & Equivalents includes: cash and dividend accruals. Please refer to the 'Important Disclosures' section at the end of this document for further information on investment risks and returns.

Characteristics of market capitalization, growth, profitability and valuation are shown below in the table.

	William Blair SICAV - Global Leaders Fund	MSCI ACWI IMI (net)
<b>Market Capitalization</b>		
Large [>\$15b]	85.9%	65.1%
Medium [\$4-15b]	12.3%	20.6%
Small [<\$4b]	0.0%	14.3%
<b>Fundamental Characteristics</b>		
<b>Growth</b>		
EPS, 3 year historic	17.6%	11.8%
DPS, 3 year historic	20.3%	12.4%
Reinvestment rate	15.5%	11.4%
<b>Profitability</b>		
ROE	17.6%	14.8%
Operating Margin	22.7%	19.4%
<b>Valuation</b>		
PE [Estimated EPS]	20.8 X	16.4 X
Price-to-Book Value	3.9 X	2.8 X
EV/EBITDA	14.1 X	11.2 X

Sources: Factset, Eagle.

As of Date: 30/09/2017

Market cap calculations are based on the free float adjusted market cap. Growth and profitability characteristics shown are weighted averages, and valuation characteristics shown are weighted harmonic averages.

	Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight		Portfolio Weight
<b>Pacific Ex Japan</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>UK (continued)</b>		<b>United States (continued)</b>	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>United Kingdom (continued)</b>		<b>United States (continued)</b>	
Csl Ltd	1.36	Compass Group PLC	1.48	Affiliated Managers Group	1.38
Macquarie Group Ltd	1.35	Bhp Billiton PLC	1.37	Eog Resources Inc	1.29
<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>3.06</b>	<b>W Hemisphere - Ex US</b>	<b>3.27</b>	Estee Lauder Companies-Cl A	1.29
Aia Group Ltd	1.78	<b>Canada</b>	<b>3.27</b>	Carnival Corp	1.26
Sands China Ltd	1.28	Suncor Energy Inc	1.55	Costco Wholesale Corp	1.21
<b>Japan</b>	<b>4.42</b>	Brookfield Asset Manage-Cl A	1.27	Watsco Inc	1.21
<b>Japan</b>	<b>4.42</b>	First Quantum Minerals Ltd	0.45	Nike Inc -Cl B	1.14
Keyence Corp	1.66	<b>United States</b>	<b>54.90</b>	Lam Research Corp	1.12
Daikin Industries Ltd	1.57	<b>United States</b>	<b>54.90</b>	Netflix Inc	1.09
Fanuc Corp	1.20	Alphabet Inc-Cl A	2.61	Zoetis Inc	0.99
<b>Europe+ME Ex UK</b>	<b>16.27</b>	Amazon.Com Inc	2.34	Align Technology Inc	0.99
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>1.67</b>	Blackrock Inc	2.32	Salesforce.Com Inc	0.97
Novo Nordisk A/S-B	1.67	Jpmorgan Chase & Co	2.18	Prologis Inc	0.85
<b>France</b>	<b>5.85</b>	Home Depot Inc	2.13	Costar Group Inc	0.60
Valeo SA	2.22	Raytheon Company	1.79	Equifax Inc	0.55
Bnp Paribas	1.98	Unitedhealth Group Inc	1.78	Southwest Airlines Co	0.51
Lvmh Moet Hennessy Louis Vui	1.65	Mastercard Inc - A	1.75	Pioneer Natural Resources Co	0.51
<b>Germany</b>	<b>3.25</b>	Honeywell International Inc	1.75	<b>EM Asia</b>	<b>8.94</b>
Infineon Technologies AG	1.82	Adobe Systems Inc	1.73	<b>China</b>	<b>5.23</b>
Siemens Ag-Reg	1.43	Boeing Co/The	1.72	Tencent Holdings Ltd	2.05
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>3.13</b>	Facebook Inc-A	1.71	Alibaba Group Holding-Sp Adr	1.92
Koninklijke Philips NV	1.61	Fifth Third Bancorp	1.64	Yum China Holdings Inc	1.26
Royal Dutch Shell Plc-A Shs	1.52	Union Pacific Corp	1.62	<b>India</b>	<b>2.17</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>0.95</b>	Intercontinental Exchange In	1.62	Hdfc Bank Ltd-Adr	2.17
Assa Abloy Ab-B	0.95	Vantiv Inc - Cl A	1.62	<b>Taiwan</b>	<b>1.54</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>1.43</b>	Goldman Sachs Group Inc	1.58	Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	1.54
Partners Group Holding AG	1.43	Broadcom Ltd	1.58	<b>Cash</b>	<b>1.79</b>
<b>UK</b>	<b>4.64</b>	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	1.54	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>4.64</b>	Vail Resorts Inc	1.53		
Unilever Nv-Cva	1.80	Boston Scientific Corp	1.41		

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	Country	Portfolio Weight		Country	Portfolio Weight		Country	Portfolio Weight
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>		<b>17.39</b>	<b>HEALTH CARE</b>		<b>11.33</b>	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (continued)</b>		
Amazon.Com Inc	United States	2.34	Unitedhealth Group Inc	United States	1.78	Salesforce.Com Inc	United States	0.97
Valeo SA	France	2.22	Novo Nordisk A/S-B	Denmark	1.67	Costar Group Inc	United States	0.60
Home Depot Inc	United States	2.13	Koninklijke Philips NV	Netherlands	1.61	<b>MATERIALS</b>		<b>1.82</b>
Lvmh Moet Hennessy Louis Vui	France	1.65	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	United States	1.54	Bhp Billiton PLC	United Kingdom	1.37
Vail Resorts Inc	United States	1.53	Boston Scientific Corp	United States	1.41	First Quantum Minerals Ltd	Canada	0.45
Compass Group PLC	United Kingdom	1.48	Csl Ltd	Australia	1.36	<b>REAL ESTATE</b>		<b>0.85</b>
Sands China Ltd	Hong Kong	1.28	Zoetis Inc	United States	0.99	Prologis Inc	United States	0.85
Carnival Corp	United States	1.26	Align Technology Inc	United States	0.99	<b>Cash</b>		<b>1.79</b>
Yum China Holdings Inc	China	1.26	<b>INDUSTRIALS</b>		<b>14.28</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>100.00</b>
Nike Inc -Cl B	United States	1.14	Raytheon Company	United States	1.79			
Netflix Inc	United States	1.09	Honeywell International Inc	United States	1.75			
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES</b>		<b>4.29</b>	Boeing Co/The	United States	1.72			
Unilever Nv-Cva	United Kingdom	1.80	Union Pacific Corp	United States	1.62			
Estee Lauder Companies-Cl A	United States	1.29	Daikin Industries Ltd	Japan	1.57			
Costco Wholesale Corp	United States	1.21	Siemens Ag-Reg	Germany	1.43			
<b>ENERGY</b>		<b>4.87</b>	Watsco Inc	United States	1.21			
Suncor Energy Inc	Canada	1.55	Fanuc Corp	Japan	1.20			
Royal Dutch Shell Plc-A Shs	Netherlands	1.52	Assa Abloy Ab-B	Sweden	0.95			
Eog Resources Inc	United States	1.29	Equifax Inc	United States	0.55			
Pioneer Natural Resources Co	United States	0.51	Southwest Airlines Co	United States	0.51			
<b>FINANCIALS</b>		<b>20.69</b>	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>		<b>22.69</b>			
Blackrock Inc	United States	2.32	Alphabet Inc-Cl A	United States	2.61			
Jpmorgan Chase & Co	United States	2.18	Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	2.05			
Hdfc Bank Ltd-Adr	India	2.17	Alibaba Group Holding-Sp Adr	China	1.92			
Bnp Paribas	France	1.98	Infineon Technologies AG	Germany	1.82			
Aia Group Ltd	Hong Kong	1.78	Mastercard Inc - A	United States	1.75			
Fifth Third Bancorp	United States	1.64	Adobe Systems Inc	United States	1.73			
Intercontinental Exchange In	United States	1.62	Facebook Inc-A	United States	1.71			
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	United States	1.58	Keyence Corp	Japan	1.66			
Partners Group Holding AG	Switzerland	1.43	Vantiv Inc - Cl A	United States	1.62			
Affiliated Managers Group	United States	1.38	Broadcom Ltd	United States	1.58			
Macquarie Group Ltd	Australia	1.35	Taiwan Semiconductor-Sp Adr	Taiwan	1.54			
Brookfield Asset Manage-Cl A	Canada	1.27	Lam Research Corp	United States	1.12			

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