

# **Strategy Description**

The **EAFE Equity Strategy** ('the Strategy') is managed by Setanta Asset Management Limited ("Setanta"). The Strategy is available to US Investors on a separate account basis.

The Strategy is an actively managed equity portfolio, with a long-term investment horizon. Our aim is to invest in EAFE (Europe, Asia and Far East) companies that are trading below their intrinsic value. Our investment process seeks to invest in companies that exhibit a combination of low financial risk, low operational risk and low valuation risk.

We believe that if we can invest in companies that possess these characteristics then we can reduce the risk of a permanent loss of capital and enhance our chances of outperforming our benchmark over the long term. The investment objective of the Strategy is to outperform the MSCI EAFE index over the long term.

# Our Investment **Principles**

We do not believe markets are efficient

We invest below our estimate of intrinsic value

We invest in businesses rather than buying stocks

Preservation of our clients' capital is key

Investing is a marathon, not a sprint

We are not afraid to swim against the tide

We consider scenarios rather than making forecasts

Businesses we own must have strong balance sheets

We make mistakes and always endeavour to learn from them

We will act with integrity in everything we do

# **Portfolio Managers**

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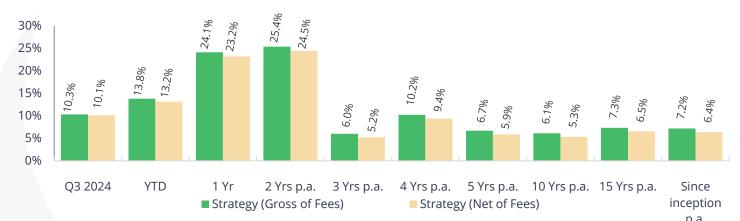






# Performance and Strategy data as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024





## **Yearly Performance (USD)**

|                          | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Strategy (Gross of Fees) | 19.1% | -0.2% | 12.5% | -16.0% | 18.3% |
| Strategy (Net of Fees)   | 18.2% | -0.9% | 11.6% | -16.6% | 17.5% |

## **Portfolio Valuation Statistics**

| PRICE/BOOK                  | 1.9  |
|-----------------------------|------|
| PRICE/EARNINGS RATIO (FY 1) | 14.7 |
| DIVIDEND YIELD %            | 2.9  |
| AVERAGE MARKET CAP \$BN     | 74.3 |
| NO. OF HOLDINGS             | 38   |
| DEBT/EQUITY %               | 55.6 |
| ACTIVE SHARE %              | 93.4 |
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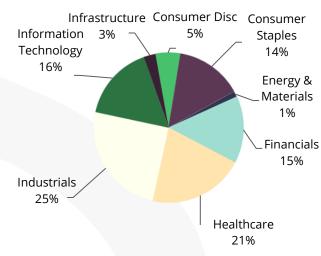
**Top 10 Holdings** 

| COMPANY            | SECTOR                 | WEIGHT |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------|
| SAMSUNG ELECTRONIC | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 4.6%   |
| DCC                | INDUSTRIALS            | 4.5%   |
| ALCON              | HEALTH CARE            | 4.4%   |
| CRH                | INDUSTRIALS            | 4.3%   |
| THAI BEVERAGE      | CONSUMER STAPLES       | 4.1%   |
| TENCENT            | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 4.1%   |
| DEUTSCHE BOERSE    | FINANCIALS             | 3.9%   |
| SANOFI             | HEALTH CARE            | 3.9%   |
| TAIWAN SEMICON     | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 3.8%   |
| ESSILORLUXOTTICA   | CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY | 3.8%   |

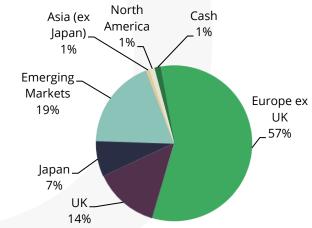
**Holdings Source:** Setanta. Sector allocations based on invested portfolio only (excludes cash), of the lead CAD account of the EAFE Equity Strategy. **Portfolio Valuation Statistics Source:** Bloomberg, based on the lead CAD account of the EAFE Equity Strategy, shown in USD.

Performance Source: Setanta Asset Management Limited. The returns stated are based on the movements in the unit prices of the lead CAD portfolio of the EAFE Equity Strategy which was CLA CA Managed EAFE Portfolio SF035 [IEC11007] till 09.06.22 and LL EAFE Equity Strategy 6.84 [IEC15004] thereafter, which has been converted to USD at FX rate CAD 0.7402 to 1 USD as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The gross performance will be reduced by the impact of management fees paid, the amount of which varies. Net of Fees performance is calculated based on an AMC of 0.75%, which is based on a minimum portfolio size of USD25m. Inception date: January 2004.

#### **Sector Distribution**



## **Geographic Distribution**









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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

\*Source: Stock price and index returns are from Bloomberg.

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