

# Mondrian Global ESG Equity

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- Detailed, long-term fundamental company analysis; systematic and explicit integration of ESG risks and opportunities into company valuations

## Our Organization

- Founded in 1990, with over 30 years of stable, consistent leadership
- Firm wide assets over USD 55 billion
- Mondrian is employee owned; approximately half of employees are partners today
- Consistent, income-oriented value discipline has been applied to all products since the firm's inception
- Highly experienced team of 60 investment professionals

## Performance Summary (US dollars)

Global Equity ESG Strategy	Composite Gross (%)	Composite Net (%)	MSCI World (%)	MSCI World Value (%)
Q122	-3.69	-3.85	-5.15	-0.65
1 Year	5.30	4.62	10.12	10.57
<b>SI Jan. 1, 2019</b>	<b>14.07</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>17.95</b>	<b>12.30</b>

## Philosophy

We invest in stocks where rigorous dividend discount analysis isolates value in terms of the long-term flow of dividends. Dividend yield and future real growth play a central role in our decision making process and over time the dividend component is expected to be a meaningful portion of expected total return.

## Benefits of Our Approach

Mondrian's approach focuses on providing a rate of return meaningfully greater than the client's domestic rate of inflation. Our portfolios seek to preserve capital during protracted global market declines. Additionally, our portfolio performance has historically been less volatile than the global benchmarks and performance of most other global managers.

## Investment Process

A value-oriented dividend discount analysis that isolates value at the individual security, sector and market levels.

- Assessment of relative global equity valuations is enhanced by in-house purchasing power parity analysis.
- Consistent use of a disciplined valuation process, with emphasis on fundamental stock research and company visits.
- Informed by Mondrian's proprietary ESG Summary Report, the Global Equity ESG product includes principles-based capital allocation.

## Principles-Based Capital Allocation

- Holdings should normally meet or exceed a minimum threshold as assessed using Mondrian's proprietary ESG Summary Reports.
- Exposure to business involvements deemed unacceptable for the ESG mandate—presently fossil fuel extraction, weapons and tobacco—should be minimized.
- Positive consideration would typically be given to stocks with more favorable ESG characteristics where two or more companies exhibit comparable valuations.

Global Equity Strategy	Composite Gross (%)	Composite Net (%)	MSCI World (%)	MSCI World Value (%)
Q122	-2.36	-2.52	-5.15	-0.65
1 Year	5.55	4.87	10.12	10.57
3 Years	9.50	8.80	14.98	9.78
5 Years	9.44	8.73	12.42	7.88
<b>SI Apr. 1, 1991</b>	<b>9.05</b>	<b>8.35</b>	<b>7.86</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## Quarterly Update

Global markets got off to a turbulent start to the year with many investors selling shares of technology companies as the prospect of rising interest rates made these long duration stocks less attractive. In February, global markets fell and volatility spiked as Russian armed forces invaded Ukraine. Brent crude oil surged above \$100 for the first time since 2014 and remained elevated through the quarter as the market worried the conflict in Ukraine would lead to disruptions to supply. The international community was quick to condemn Russia's actions and to impose economic sanctions. Global markets rebounded in March as the Federal Reserve approved the first interest rate hike in more than three years. The increase in rates had been largely anticipated by the market but policymaker's hawkish tone, which was underpinned by their confidence in the strength of the US economy, was a surprise to the market.

## Performance Highlights and Key Attributes

	Relative Effects	Negative Contributors	Positive Contributors
Country Allocation	Positive	No exposure to Canada No exposure to Australia Overweight Sweden	Overweight UK Overweight Japan No exposure to Netherlands
Stock Selection	Positive	UK Consumer staples Germany	United States Health care IT
Significant Stock Contributors		Continental Essity Associated British Foods	AbbVie Ubisoft Dollar Tree
Currency Allocation	Negative	Overweight Japanese yen Overweight British pound	Overweight euro

### Country allocation boosted performance in the first quarter

The portfolio's overweight exposure to the UK and Japan was positive for performance in the first quarter as both markets rebounded, having been weak towards the end of last year. These positive effects were partly offset by having no exposure to the Canadian and Australian markets, which both did well given their high exposure to commodity prices.

### Stock selection was the main driver of outperformance

The portfolio benefited from strong stock selection in the US and France. In the US, AbbVie continued to outperform on the back of solid results that showed continued strong momentum within its aesthetics portfolio. Dollar Tree continued to do well as the company announced good progress on its new strategy to sell goods at \$1.25 and that it had found a resolution with Mantle Ridge, an activist investor pushing for reforms.

These positive effects were partly reduced by weaker selections in Europe. Continental, the auto parts and tire company, underperformed through the period as component shortages continue to hold back auto sales and higher energy prices in Europe look set to pressure margins. These short-term issues should abate in time and we believe a lot of the market's concerns are more than discounted in the current share price. Associated British Foods underperformed in the period as concerns about new low-cost competition in apparel retailing grew and the market priced in greater inflationary pressures. However, we believe the company is well positioned to compete with new players given its industry leading cost structure and that it should benefit from a trade down effect, as it did through the last recession, when consumer incomes were squeezed.

### Sector allocation was a headwind to performance

Underweight exposure to the IT and communication services sectors, and overweight exposure to the consumer staples sector, was positive for returns. However, the portfolio's underweight exposure to the energy and materials sectors, which surged with commodity prices on the back of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, held back returns in the period. As discussed above, Brent crude hit \$100 in the period as concerns around supply disruptions which benefited energy names.

### Currency allocation was a significant headwind to performance

The portfolio's overweight exposure to the Japanese yen was the main driver of the currency headwind in the first quarter but overweight exposure to the British pound and underweight exposure to the US dollar also detracted from returns. The Japanese yen came under pressure in the period as the current account slipped into a small deficit, in large part because Japan is an oil importer, and the Bank of Japan showed strong resolve to maintain its policy of yield-curve control despite rising global interest rates

## New Stock Overviews

### New Stock Overview – Walmart



Walmart is a US-based multinational retailer with operations in the US, Canada, Mexico, China, and India. The business reports in three segments; US Operations, Sam's Club, and International, with the vast majority of profits coming from the US business. The company has been investing heavily for a number of years as it has built out its logistics capabilities and it is now the second largest eCommerce retailer in the US. Walmart is the cost leader in US retail and, with a strong reputation for providing everyday low prices, it typically gains share when consumers are under financial pressure. Sam's Club is a chain of membership-only retail warehouse clubs that operates in the US and around the world. The club concept has grown in popularity throughout the pandemic as consumers have looked to consolidate their shopping trips and Sam's Club is currently experiencing record membership numbers. In recent years, Walmart has shifted its focus internationally by selling struggling businesses and favoring regions where they believe there is the potential for strong growth in revenues and profits. The stock underperformed in 2021 despite a number of new and potentially highly profitable initiatives beginning to gain traction. We believe the potential of Walmart's advertising and third-party eCommerce businesses is not captured in today's price and that, even without assuming success for these new ventures, the core business is attractively valued.

ESG considerations: Walmart is targeting zero emissions by 2040, without the use of carbon offsets, and has a track record of successfully reducing its scope 1 & 2 emissions in recent years.

### New Stock Overview – Associated British Foods



Associated British Foods is a UK food processing and retailing company. Primark, the discount clothing retailer, accounts for half of the business, primarily operating in Western Europe. Primark has a strong position in all of its markets as the lowest cost provider of clothing, unrivalled by any other major retailer, due to a highly cost effective supply chain that relies on economies of scale from high sales volumes. The Grocery division has an array of high quality brands, particularly Twinings Ovaltine, which is highly profitable and has delivered strong growth through its premium tea offering and investment in new products such as fruit and herbal infusions. The group has strong cash generation and a robust net cash balance sheet, and is focused on maximizing return on capital employed.

ESG considerations: The company has a sustainability plan in place that looks to halve carbon emissions across the value chain by 2030 and eliminate single-use plastic and all non-clothing waste by 2027.

### New Stock Overview – Fujitsu



Fujitsu is Japan's largest IT service provider (#5 worldwide) and domestic IT services currently generate almost all of group profit. Other businesses include system platforms (IT servers and telco infrastructure) and overseas IT services; remaining non-core electronic hardware (PCs) and components are slated for disposal. Fujitsu was originally spun out of Fuji Electric in 1935 as a manufacturer of communications equipment, and Fanuc was itself spun out of Fujitsu in 1972. The company has gone through a number of years of restructuring and now intends to divest its remaining non-core hardware businesses in order to focus on growing its IT services business. Fujitsu generates good free cash flow and has a strong balance sheet which should support materially increasing shareholder returns that we do not believe are priced in the stock today.

ESG considerations: Fujitsu has improved corporate governance materially in recent years and now has a majority outsider board which is still unusual in Japan.

### New Stock Overview – Electronic Arts



Electronic Arts is a leading video-game company, headquartered in the United States. They mainly focus on developing and marketing big-budget games for western PC and console markets. This part of the video-game industry has high barriers to entry, reflecting the technical expertise and scale required to develop new games, and solid growth prospects. As PCs and consoles have become connected to the internet, the industry has moved to sell games digitally, update existing games frequently, and monetize those games through in-game transactions. The result is a more stable and higher margin business. The company owns some of the most high profile and lucrative gaming franchises in the industry, including FIFA and Madden NFL. Significant additional upside to earnings may be possible if cloud gaming is adopted at scale. Overall, we see the skew of outcomes as particularly favorably at the current share price.

ESG considerations: The company has strong governance practices and leads the industry in human capital development.

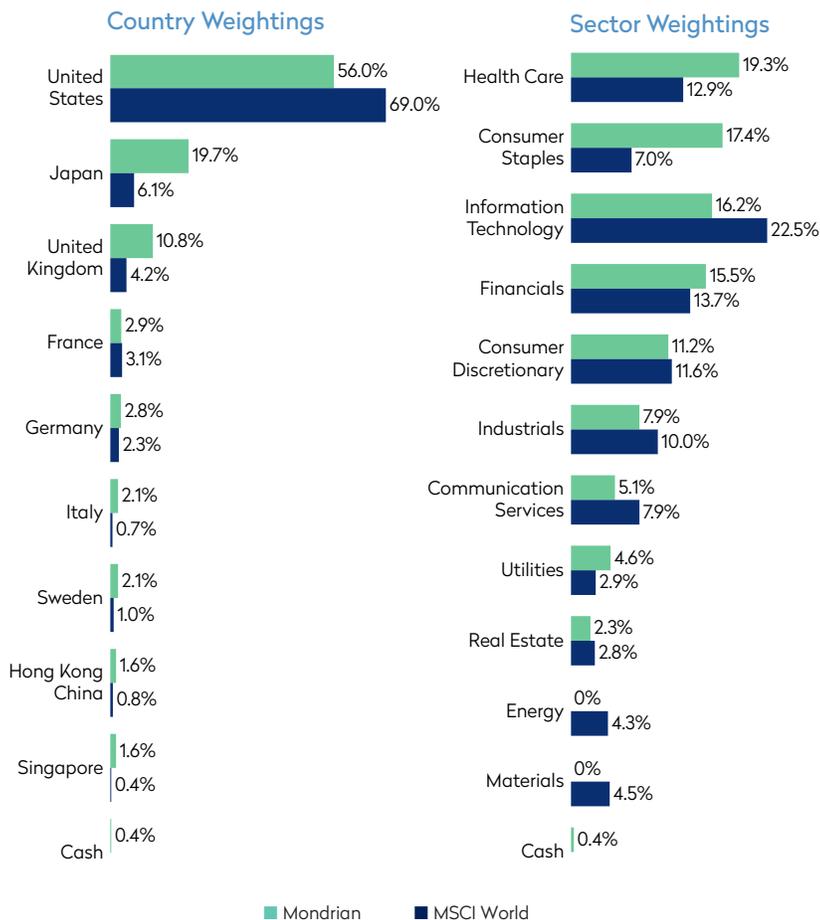
## Investment Strategy

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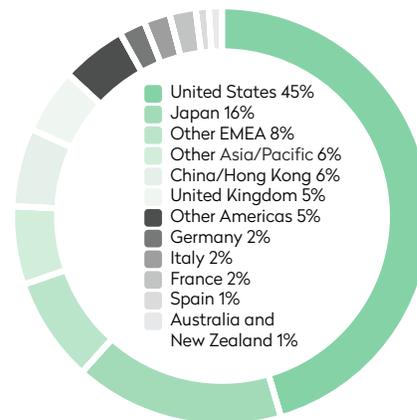
Mondrian's bottom-up fundamental research process utilizes a long-term dividend discount model to isolate value at the individual security level, in an approach that makes valuations comparable across differing markets and sectors. The following positioning is a consequence of this investment philosophy:

	Overweight Positions	Underweight Positions
Country Positioning	United Kingdom Japan	United States
Sector Positioning	Health care Consumer staples	Information technology Materials

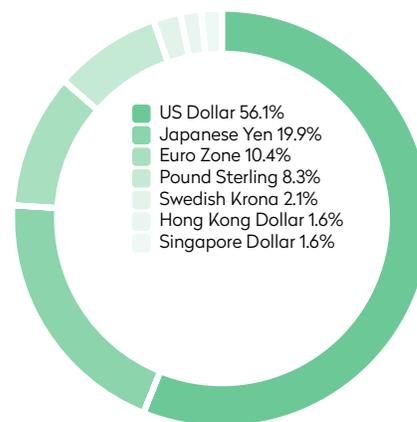
## Portfolio Composition



## Portfolio Revenue by Geographical Exposure



## Currency Exposure



## Characteristics

	Mondrian	MSCI World
Weighted Average P/E (trailing 12 months)	17.4x	20.1x
Weighted Average P/B	2.5x	3.2x
Weighted Average Dividend Yield	2.0%	1.8%
Number of Holdings	41	1,540
Weighted Average Market Cap	USD 220.7 billion	USD 419.8 billion
Median Market Cap	USD 49.2 billion	USD 18.2 billion

MSCI World – The MSCI World net Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of global developed markets.

Index returns are shown with net dividends reinvested.

Weighted Average Market Cap – The portfolio-weighted average market capitalizations of all equity securities.

Portfolio Turnover – A measure of how frequently assets within a fund are bought and sold by the managers.

Price-to-Earnings – The Price to Earnings Ratio is a stock's current price divided by the company's trailing 12-month earnings per share from continuous operations.

Price-to-Book – The Price to Book Ratio links the stock/share price of a company with the book or accounting value of shareholders' equity per share.

Dividend Yield – The Dividend Yield is the portfolio-weighted average of the annualized gross dividend per share figure of all portfolio holdings.

## Portfolio Managers

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Mondrian utilizes a team approach to making investment decisions at the strategy level, with input from across the Global Equity team.

## Important Notes and Disclosures

1. Mondrian claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). Mondrian is a value-oriented defensive manager seeking to achieve high real returns for its clients. All products utilize an income-oriented value discipline. Mondrian's methodology is applied consistently to markets and individual securities, both bonds and equities.

The Global Equity ESG Global Equity Composite includes US dollar based discretionary fee paying portfolios, measured against the Morgan Stanley Capital International World or equivalent Index. The benchmark index for 1994 and 1995 is a customised index consisting of the monthly USD return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Index (60% weighting) and the Morgan Stanley Capital International EAFE Index (40% weighting). The weightings were changed in January 1996 to 67% and 33% respectively. From January 1997 the benchmark returned to the Morgan Stanley Capital International World Index. All indices are net of US withholding taxes. The portfolios are invested in global equities allowing for country weighting restrictions with restricted allowance for investment in bonds.

During the period April 1991 to September 2004 the Global Equity Composite performance was achieved with US stock selection input from Mondrian's former affiliate, Delaware Investment Advisers ("DIA"). Mondrian had overall responsibility for the asset allocation decisions between the US and non-US portions of this composite. Shortly after the MBO of Mondrian in September 2004, the services of DIA were no longer utilized in the constituent portfolio of this composite and the entire responsibility for US stock selection for this composite has resided with Mondrian. Any new global equity mandate will utilize Mondrian's in-house US stock selection capabilities. From September 2004 to May 2007, the Mondrian Global Equity Composite has consisted only of a Mondrian sponsored limited partnership with no external investors.

To receive a complete list and description of composites and/or a presentation that adheres to the GIPS standards, contact Mondrian Investment Partners (U.S.), Inc at 215-825-4500.

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