

## Discovery Global Income Share Portfolio

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The strategy follows a fundamental, bottom-up approach to investing in high quality companies where there is a gap between what we believe is the intrinsic value of a company and its share price. The strategy is concentrated, highly active, has a low turnover and a long-term investment horizon. The strategy aims to generate a higher yield than its benchmark, MSCI World (Net Total Return), with lower volatility and some capital appreciation over a complete economic cycle.

Proprietary, bottom-up research is the key driver of our investment process, and we seek to generate the vast majority of our alpha from our rigorous stock selection. We believe that a focus on quality is of utmost importance while managing a strategy with a long-term investment horizon. We seek to invest in high quality companies with industry leading market shares, strong free cash flows, robust balance sheets, excellent managements, and sustainable competitive advantages. As active managers, we seek companies where there is a gap between what we believe is the intrinsic value of a company and its share price. We also look beyond the next twelve months, conduct analysis using appropriate valuation metrics for each sector and look for underappreciated assets within a company. Due to our emphasis on quality, we expect the strategy to be resilient in down markets.

The strategy is managed by Goldman Sachs Asset Management's Global Equity team, comprising eight Global Sector Leads, and led by the Head of International Developed Markets. We employ a team-based approach to investing and every stock that is selected for the portfolio is thoroughly discussed and debated among all the team members before being included. Our Global Sector Leads host regular sector calls with their Fundamental Equity counterparts based in local markets, allowing them to take a global view across their sector. We believe that this team-based structure is efficient for stock selection and ensures that the Lead Portfolio Manager, who has the final buy/sell authority, stays informed at all times.



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## Market Review

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Global equities fell during the month of May, returning -1.00% (total returns in USD). Markets remained focused on the US debt ceiling, while underlying sectors continued to see highly disproportionate returns.

Globally, still-high inflation rates dampened market sentiment, with sustained wage growth raising concerns around peak policy rates potentially being higher than expected. Expectedly, the US Fed and Bank of England issued +25 basis points hikes in their respective interest rates. In Japan, the Bank of Japan emphasized the need to keep monetary policy easy to bring inflation down to their target of 2.00%.

Earlier in the month, concerns surrounding the US debt ceiling loomed over the market. However, a deal between US Democrats and Republicans to raise the country's borrowing limit provided some relief to investors towards the end of the month. Although the global services flash PMI was well above 50 with historically low employment rates, manufacturing PMI numbers fell in May, hinting at a contraction in industrial activity. Within the Energy and Materials sectors, stocks suffered due to the weakening outlook for global demand and high borrowing costs. Contrastingly, the Information Technology sector experienced a boost on the back of growing investor interest in the future potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

With growth outperforming value during the month, uncertainty in the markets continues with renewed anticipation around near-term policy tightening.

## Performance Overview

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- On a yield basis, the portfolio's current yield (gross of tax) of 3.43% in the trailing 1-year period is higher relative to the index yield of 2.11%.
- The Goldman Sachs Asset Management's Global Equity Income Strategy returned -3.01% in May, underperforming the MSCI World Index by 201 bps (gross of fees, USD).
- At the sector level, our positioning in Information Technology was the sole contributor to absolute returns while Energy and Consumer Staples detracted the most from absolute performance.
- As of May month end, the strategy has over \$76mm in assets under management.



Periods Ending 31-May-2023	Global Equity Income Strategy (%)	MSCI World (%)	Excess Return (bps)
May 2023	-3.01	-1.00	-201
YTD 2023	5.10	8.52	-342
Trailing 1 year	2.44	2.07	<b>+36</b>
Trailing 2 years	0.40	-1.43	<b>+184</b>
Trailing 3 years	11.65	10.96	<b>+68</b>
Since Inception	10.37	11.25	-88

Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Inception Date: January 01, 2019. The returns are gross and do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees, which will reduce returns. Our investment advisory fees are described in Part 2 of our Form ADV. See additional disclosures. **Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary.** The holdings and/or allocations shown may not represent all of the portfolio's investments. Future investments may or may not be profitable.



## Performance Commentary

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Some of the top contributors and detractors for the month include:

- **Microsoft (Contributor)** – Microsoft Corporation, an American multinational technology corporation, was the greatest contributor to absolute performance during the month. During the month, Microsoft released updates to address multiple vulnerabilities within their software, boosting consumer sentiment significantly and reflecting positively in their stock price. Looking forward, we remain positive on Microsoft as we believe their focus on the digital transformation as business value realization is paramount, that their enterprise-wide platform approach will continue to win as customers look to extract value from digital investments, and that their synergies across their platform set the stage for Microsoft to be a strategic partner to many.
- **Tokyo Electron (Contributor)** – Tokyo Electron, a Japanese electronics and semiconductor company, was another key contributor to absolute performance during the month. During the month, Tokyo Electron announced their development of an innovative etch technology capable of producing memory channel holes in advanced 3D NAND devices with a stack of over 400 layers. This development boosted consumer sentiment significantly which reflected positively in their stock price. Further, the semiconductor space more broadly has seen a widening scope in demand and ongoing increases in data traffic fuelled by growing investor interest in the future potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI). As industries such as the automotive, wireless connectivity, and consumer electronic devices experience growing demand, presenting opportunities for market expansion, the semiconductor industry is increasingly poised to experience robust growth. We believe Tokyo Electron is well placed to perform in this market.
- **BP (Detractor)** – BP, a British multinational oil and gas company, was the greatest detractor from absolute performance during the month. During the month, BP announced Q1 2023 results in which they noted a sharp decline in shares fuelled by their slowing share buyback program. Despite this recent slip, BP is pivoting from an international oil company to an integrated energy company, which has been, and we believe will continue to be positive for its longer-term growth prospects. We look favourably upon BP's strengthened balance sheet, large size / scale, diversification, and proactive strategy in the energy transition theme.
- **Shell (Detractor)** – Shell, a British multinational oil and gas company, was a key detractor from absolute performance during the month. During the month, Shell reported Q1 2023 results in which they noted a decline in ad's earnings per share of -100% to 0 since Q1 2022, resulting in ad's earning per share (EPS) estimates for Q2 2023 of 1.91, a -24.51% fall from Q4 2022 estimates. Looking forward, we remain confident in Shell's robust refining margins, strong trading, and encouraging position within the renewable energy space.

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Period	Gross Return	Net Return	Differential
1 year	6.17%	5.54%	0.63%
2 years	12.72	11.38	1.34
10 years	81.94	71.39	10.55

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