

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 also ensures that the Lead Portfolio Manager, who has the final buy/sell authority, stays informed at all times.



Market Review

Global Equities recovered sharply with MSCI World delivering 5.66% (total returns, USD) after a muted 3Q 2021 bringing year-to-date returns to 19.44%. The third quarter earnings season and the easing of fears around Chinese equities partly owing to the real estate sector propelled the equity market rally in October. Despite an overall positive earnings season, supply chain disruptions, input cost pressures, and tight labor markets were highlighted in many companies' earnings report. The US Treasury yield curve flattened during the month with the rising inflationary pressures. Chatters and negotiations around fiscal stimulus continued, but it was not until the end of the month that the White House announced a \$1.75 trillion social spending framework, a much lower figure than the initial proposal. On the economic front, the US GDP growth for 3Q was not encouraging indicating a slowdown in activity. While the September core consumer price index increased to as high as 0.4% month-over-month compared to 0.3% in August, the core producer price index was cooler in comparison, potentially pointing to easing of pricing pressures ahead. Job market data was mixed with September's nonfarm payroll growth significantly lower than August, but initial jobless claims continued to fall. European equities also participated in the rally owing to strong earnings results and commencement of the distribution of the recovery fund. On the macro side, however, economic growth continued to be challenged partly due to inflation as well as weakness in the automotive sector in Germany driven by semiconductor shortages. Japan equities underperformed global indices due to inflation and supply chain issues; same narrative that affected their global counterparts.

Given the strong momentum in global equities, all 11 sectors finished higher in October led by Consumer Discretionary and Energy both of which returned over 8%.

Performance Overview

- On a yield basis, the portfolio's current yield (gross of tax) of 2.8% in the trailing 1-year period is higher relative to the index yield of 1.7%. The Goldman Sachs Asset Management's Global Equity Income Strategy returned 4.36% in October, underperforming the MSCI World Index by 131 bps (gross of fees, USD).
- At the sector level, our positioning within the Information Technology and Financials sectors contributed the most to total returns during the month, while our positions in the Information Materials and Healthcare detracted from absolute returns.
- As of the most recent quarter end, the strategy has over \$26mm in assets under management.

Periods Ending 31-October-2021	Global Equity Income Strategy (%)	MSCI World (%)	Excess Return (bps)
October 2021	4.36	5.66	-131
YTD 2021	15.54	19.44	-390
Trailing 1 year	35.89	40.42	-454
Trailing 2 years	12.69	21.03	-834

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**



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Performance Commentary

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

- Microsoft Corporation (Contributor) Microsoft was the top contributor to returns for the strategy in October driven by the release of a very strong earnings report. Continued success in their cloud business (Azure) growing ahead of expectations and the Office 365 franchise continues to show very strong growth driven by both new users and competitive pricing.
- Accenture Plc (Contributor) ACN released that their cloud revenue doubled to \$18Bn in last three years (and up 50% last year), largely driven by app growth and migration. They have seen an increase in both the # of cloud related projects and the relative size of each engagement, especially after the announcement of their cloud first strategy back in Sep 2020.
- Rio Tinto (Detractor) The company continues to be impacted by iron ore prices coming under pressure as China industrial activity and financing continues to soften
- Takeda Pharmaceutical (Detractor) Takeda Pharmaceutical detracted the most due to the company's decision to prematurely stop trials on their narcolepsy drug due to safety concerns. The drug had been named a breakthrough by the FDA in July, and stopping trial negatively affected the stock price.

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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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