

# Discovery Global Millennial Share Portfolio

August 2021

As millennials have entered their prime earning / spending years, they have become the world's most important consumer force reshaping spending patterns across global industries. This disruption is creating powerful, long-term, secular growth opportunities for investors which we call the 'Millennial Effect'. The strategy offers a thoughtful way of gaining exposure to the 'Millennial Effect' through an actively managed portfolio investing across all regions, sectors and market caps in order to effectively capture the widespread impact of this generation. The strategy invests in fundamentally solid companies that are aligning business models to service the tech-enabled consumption habits of the millennial generation. By carefully evaluating the quality of each business and investing at a reasonable valuation, we believe we can give our clients thoughtful exposure to the 'Millennial Effect', creating a well-diversified portfolio capable of generating wealth over the long-term.

The strategy is managed by 3 Co-Portfolio Managers, aided by 80+ research analysts working in 6 locations across the world. We think our local insights and global connectivity enables us to identify less researched companies that can benefit from the impact of the millennial generation. The Co-PMs work with the local analysts to identify what we believe are the best opportunities for this differentiated portfolio. Our team of 80+ investment professionals based across 6 locations globally has identified a proprietary universe of 400+ securities where the revenues are aligned to the millennial thematic. We look at companies that offer products as well as services that are catering to the spending patterns of the millennial generation and aim to keep a balanced portfolio. While the entire team vigorously debates investment ideas and overall portfolio structure, all final buy/sell decisions for the portfolio are a product of the collective decision of the Co-Portfolio Managers.



### Market Review

Global equities gained in August supported by a strong 2Q earnings season and a speech by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell which allayed investor concern over the outcome of the annual Jackson Hole symposium while COVID-19 delta variant concerns also loomed. The MSCI All Country World Index returned 2.50% during the month. Discussions also centered around the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant though there were signs near the end of the month that the trend could be peaking. Focus remained on the Federal Reserve tapering its \$120 billion per month asset-purchase plan. Payroll growth remains a key input in the tapering discussion, with attention being drawn forward to the August nonfarm payrolls report. The bullish narrative surrounding central bank liquidity tailwind, excess savings from fiscal stimulus, reopening momentum, vaccine efficacy, upside earnings surprises, elevated operating leverage, corporate buyback boom and retail impulse has prevailed in August. The Senate passed the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill (which incorporates ~\$550 billion of new spending) in August. However, the path to additional fiscal stimulus remains complicated. July unemployment rate came in at 5.4%, below consensus expectations for 5.7%. In terms of prices, June headline Consumer Price Index reading came in at 0.5%, matching consensus expectations, and July core Consumer Price Index reading was below consensus expectations. European equities also performed strongly on the back of strong earnings and were resilient to the Delta variant spread as majority of the population is vaccinated. Japan was also a party to the outperforming global indices with TOPIX up by 3.17% in August. Markets rose in the initial half of the month on the back of resumption of economic activities and increase in factory activity. However, growth in manufacturing slowed due to increasing concerns over resurgence of COVID-19 which led to supply chain disruptions and increase in raw material costs. increased Chinese regulations related to Gaming and Technology sectors also contributed to mid-month pessimism. Major events throughout the month included the Olympic and Paralympic games along with the release of 2Q FY2021 GDP data which showed an economic growth of 0.3% as compared to previous quarter, beating expectations of a 0.17% quarterly increase. The best performing sectors were Financials and Communication Services while Energy was the only sector ending in red with negative returns.

## Performance Overview

- The GSAM Global Millennials Equity Strategy returned 3.1% for the month of July, trailing the MSCI ACWI Growth Index by -9bps and outperforming the MSCI World Index by 63bps.
- Our positions in Information Technology and Health Care sectors detracted from portfolio returns while our holdings in Consumer Discretionary and Materials sectors supported the portfolio during the month.
- The strategy has seen inflows of over \$1Bn for the year so far and now has over \$2.9Bn in assets under management.

Source: GSAM, as of August 2021. Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary.



Periods Ending 31-August-2021	GSAM Global Millennials Equity Strategy (%)	MSCI ACWI Growth (%)	Excess Return (bps)	MSCI World (%)	Excess Return (bps)
August 2021	3.12	3.21	-9	2.49	+63
YTD 2021	14.69	15.46	-77	17.94	-325
Trailing 1 year	35.42	26.22	+920	29.76	+565
Trailing 3 years	27.83	20.38	+745	14.95	+1,288
Trailing 5 years	24.47	19.22	+526	14.82	+965
Since Inception	24.43	19.54	+489	15.44	+899

Source: GSAM. Inception Date: February 01, 2016. MSCI ACWI Growth is the official benchmark for the portfolio, and MSCI World returns have been presented only for comparison purposes. 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

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

### **Sea** (Contributor) – Integrated Internet Company

The stock was a key contributor on the back of solid 2Q 2021 results with the revenue from gaming, ecommerce and fintech above consensus. Management shared that ecommerce business of the company, Shopee, has gained good momentum in Brazil with the platform ranked the #1 app on both downloads and total time spent in-app. Sea has the highest market share in South-East Asia and we see solid growth potential in the company with the ramping-up of e-commerce revenues. Sea's subsidiary, Shopee is one of the leading ecommerce platforms in Asia, offers services in 6 major counties and demonstrates outstanding service to merchants and users. We like the company given its industry leading market share, diversified business model and increasing global footprint.

- MercadoLibre (Contributor) Argentine e-commerce and fintech platform
  - The company reported very strong set of 2Q 2021 results with revenue and margins well above consensus expectations. Since 2020, MELI has benefited from the accelerated "digitization" of both retail and payments services due to COVID-19. Consumers have moved a large part of their daily lives into the digital world, benefitting online shopping businesses due to closures of physical stores and social distancing guidelines. As the leading marketplace in Latin America, MercadoLibre has been able to grow its user base and sales volumes not only due to lockdowns but also because it has invested heavily in its logistics capabilities. On the Fintech side, the company benefits from the trend towards e-commerce and digital payments as it offers a platform with services for both physical and digital transactions (mPOS for physical retailers, digital wallets, QR codes, etc.). The shift to e-commerce has accelerated due to COVID-19 induced lockdowns, and we expect penetration rates across LatAm to structurally increase as a result, further supporting the long-term investment case for MercadoLibre.



- Farfetch (Detractor) British-Portuguese online luxury fashion retail platform
  - The stock detracted from performance over the month of August as the company's 2Q 2021 results slightly missed consensus expectations. The company reported a negative EBITDA as it has been spending heavily on expansion. We like Farfetch as it is at the forefront of the luxury fashion digitization trend. Farfetch recently announced a big partnership with Chinese e-commerce juggernaut Alibaba, that will launch Farfetch luxury shopping channels on T-mall Luxury Pavilion and Luxury Soho. This is likely to be a good opportunity for Farfetch to gain traction with Chinese consumers that account for more than 40% of global luxury spend. In a social-media-dominated world, millennials and particularly Gen Z are looking to boost image through luxury items and will account for more than 50% of luxury spend by 2025. This favourable demographic change is a tailwind for the entire luxury market and the impact will be especially large for the e-retail vertical, because these young consumers also like to shop online.
- Match Group (Contributor) US based pioneer in online dating market
  - The share price slipped after the company announced its 2Q results despite reporting strong revenue and increase in the number of users of the app. There was investor concern that the dating apps business would be affected by the spread of COVID-19 delta variant especially as key markets including India, South Korea, Brazil and Japan are still behind in recovering from the pandemic. We continue to like the name as Match Group has a large addressable market globally, of which two-thirds have not tried online dating products. The company is well positioned to benefit from growth in the online dating market as the stigma of online dating declines, particularly in the emerging markets. A significant runway exists in Japan where Match has top online dating products (i.e., Pairs, Tinder) in combination with low levels of marriage and birth rates in the region.

#### DISCLAIMER:

The Discovery Share Portfolios are managed and provided to you by Discovery Life Limited and utilize share allocations provided by Goldman Sachs Asset Management. The commentary provided above is based on the underlying Goldman Sachs Portfolio strategy. Actual holdings, as implemented by Discovery Life Limited, may differ. Goldman Sachs Asset Management does not provide any service or product to you, and has not considered the suitability of its asset allocations against individual needs, objectives and risk tolerances for investors. As such, Goldman Sachs Asset Management's asset allocations do not constitute investment advice or an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM) are registered trademarks of Goldman Sachs International and its affiliates ('Goldman Sachs') and are used under license. GSAM has licensed certain trademarks and trade names of GSAM to Discovery Life Limited. The Licensee Product/Service is not sponsored, endorsed, sold, or promoted by GSAM. GSAM makes no representations or warranties to the owners of the Licensee Product/Service or any member of the public regarding the Licensee Product/Service. GSAM has no obligation or liability in connection with the operation, marketing, trading or sale of any product or service offered by Discovery Life Limited.

Discovery Life Investment Services Pty (Ltd): Registration number 2007/005969/07, branded as Discovery Invest, is an authorised financial services provider. Product rules and terms and conditions apply.

The views and opinions expressed in this article are for information purposes only and should not be seen as advice as defined in the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act. Discovery shall not be liable for any actions taken by any person based on the correctness of this information. For full details on the products, benefits and any conditions, please refer to the relevant fact file. For tailored financial advice, please contact your financial adviser.

For the full CIS disclosure and risk statement, go to:

CIS disclosure:

#### http://www.discovery.co.za/assets/discoverycoza/corporate/cis-disclosure.pdf Risk disclosure:

#### http://www.discovery.co.za/assets/discoverycoza/corporate/risk-disclosure.pdf

Emerging markets securities may be less liquid and more volatile and are subject to a number of additional risks, including but not limited to currency fluctuations and political instability. Diversification does not protect an investor from market risk and does not ensure a profit.

# Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary. The value of investments and the income derived from investments will fluctuate and can go down as well as up. A loss of principal may occur.

#### **Index Benchmarks**

Indices are unmanaged. The figures for the index reflect the reinvestment of all income or dividends, as applicable, but do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses which would reduce returns. Investors cannot invest directly in indices.

The indices referenced herein have been selected because they are well known, easily recognized by investors, and reflect those indices that the Investment Manager believes, in part based on industry practice, provide a suitable benchmark against which to evaluate the investment or broader market described herein. The exclusion of "failed" or closed hedge funds may mean that each index overstates the performance of hedge funds generally.

References to indices, benchmarks or other measures of relative market performance over a specified period of time are provided for your information only and do not imply that the portfolio will achieve similar results. The index composition may not reflect the manner in which a portfolio is constructed. While an adviser seeks to design a portfolio which reflects appropriate risk and return features, portfolio characteristics may deviate from those of the benchmark.

An investor should only invest if he/she has the necessary financial resources to bear a complete loss of this investment.

Capital is at risk.

#### DISCLOSURES:

This material is provided at your request solely for your use.

THIS MATERIAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER OR SOLICITATION IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE OR TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT WOULD BE UNAUTHORIZED OR UNLAWFUL TO DO SO.

Prospective investors should inform themselves as to any applicable legal requirements and taxation and exchange control regulations in the countries of their citizenship, residence or domicile which might be relevant.

This material is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice or an offer or solicitation to buy or sell securities. This material is not intended to be used as a general guide to investing, or as a source of any specific investment recommendations, and makes no implied or express recommendations concerning the manner in which any client's account should or would be handled, as appropriate investment strategies depend upon the client's investment objectives.

Although certain information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, we do not guarantee its accuracy, completeness or fairness. We have relied upon and assumed without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of all information available from public sources.

Views and opinions expressed are for informational purposes only and do not constitute a recommendation by GSAM to buy, sell, or hold any security. Views and opinions are current as of the date of this presentation and may be subject to change, they should not be construed as investment advice.

This document has been issued by Goldman Sachs International, authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

#### **Offering Documents**

This material is provided at your request for informational purposes only and does not constitute a solicitation in any jurisdiction in which such a solicitation is unlawful or to any person to whom it is unlawful. It only contains selected information with regards to the fund and does not constitute an offer to buy shares in the fund. Prior to an investment, prospective investors should carefully read the latest Key Investor Information Document (KIID) as well as the offering documentation, including but not limited to the fund's prospectus which contains inter alia a comprehensive disclosure of applicable risks. The relevant articles of association, prospectus, supplement, KIID and latest annual/semi-annual report are available free of charge from the fund's paying and information agent and/or from your financial adviser.

#### **Distribution of Shares**

Shares of the fund may not be registered for public distribution in a number of jurisdictions (including but not limited to any Latin American, African or Asian countries). Therefore, the shares of the fund must not be marketed or offered in or to residents of any such jurisdictions unless such marketing or offering is made in compliance with applicable exemptions for the private placement of collective investment schemes and other applicable jurisdictional rules and regulations.

#### **Investment Advice and Potential Loss**

Financial advisers generally suggest a diversified portfolio of investments. The fund described herein does not represent a diversified investment by itself. This material must not be construed as investment or tax advice. Prospective investors should consult their financial and tax adviser before investing in order to determine whether an investment would be suitable for them.

#### **Swing Pricing**

Please note that the fund operates a swing pricing policy. Investors should be aware that from time to time this may result in the fund performing differently compared to the reference benchmark based solely on the effect of swing pricing rather than price developments of underlying instruments.

The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by and is the exclusive property and a service mark of Morgan Stanley Capital International Inc. (MSCI) and Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (S&P) and is licensed for use by Goldman Sachs. Neither MSCI, S&P nor any other party involved in making or compiling the GICS or any GICS classifications makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such standard or classification (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and all such parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any of such standard or classification. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall MSCI, S&P, any of their affiliates or any third party involved in making or compiling the GICS or any GICS classifications have

This material contains information that discusses general market activity, industry or sector trends, or other broad-based economic, market or political conditions. It also pertains to past performance or is the basis for previously-made discretionary investment decisions.

This information should not be construed as a current recommendation, research or investment advice. It should not be assumed that any investment decisions shown will prove to be profitable, or that any investment decisions made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of investments discussed herein. Any mention of an investment decision is intended only to illustrate our investment approach and/or strategy, and is not indicative of the performance of other investment decisions.

This material has been prepared by GSAM and is not financial research nor a product of Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research. It was not prepared in compliance with applicable provisions of law designed to promote the independence of financial analysis and is not subject to a prohibition on trading following the distribution of financial research. The views and opinions expressed may differ from the views and opinions expressed by Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research or other departments or divisions of Goldman Sachs and its affiliates. Investors are urged to consult with their financial advisors before buying or selling any securities. This information should not be relied upon in making an investment decision.

any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

Portfolio Holdings may not be representative of current or future investments. The securities discussed may not represent all of the portfolio's holdings and may represent only a small percentage of the strategy's portfolio holdings. Future portfolio holdings may not be profitable.

Economic and market forecasts presented herein reflect a series of assumptions and judgments as of the date of this presentation and are subject to change without notice. These forecasts do not take into account the specific investment objectives, restrictions, tax and financial situation or other needs of any specific client. Actual data will vary and may not be reflected here. These forecasts are subject to high levels of uncertainty that may affect actual performance.

Accordingly, these forecasts should be viewed as merely representative of a broad range of possible outcomes. These forecasts are estimated, based on assumptions, and are subject to significant revision and may change materially as economic and market conditions change. Goldman Sachs has no obligation to provide updates or changes to these forecasts. Case studies and examples are for illustrative purposes only.

This material is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice or an offer or solicitation to buy or sell securities. This material is not intended to be used as a general guide to investing, or as a source of any specific investment recommendations, and makes no implied or express recommendations concerning the manner in which any client's account should or would be handled, as appropriate investment strategies depend upon the client's investment objectives.

Any reference to a specific company or security does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell, hold or directly invest in the company or its securities. It should not be assumed that investment decisions made in the future will be profitable or will equal the performance of the securities discussed in this document.

#### Effect of Fees:

The following table provides a simplified example of the effect of management fees on portfolio returns. Assume a portfolio has a steady investment return, gross of fees, of 0.5% per month and total management fees of 0.05% per month of the market value of the portfolio on the last day of the month. Management fees are deducted from the market value of the portfolio on that day. There are no cash flows during the period. The table shows that, assuming all other factors remain constant, the difference increases due to the compounding effect over time. Of course, the magnitude of the difference between gross-of-fee and net-of-fee returns will depend on a variety of factors, and this example is purposely simplified.

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	

#### Confidentiality

No part of this material may, without GSAM's prior written consent, be (i) copied, photocopied or duplicated in any form, by any means, or (ii) distributed to any person that is not an employee, officer, director, or authorized agent of the recipient.

In the United Kingdom, this material is a financial promotion and has been approved by Goldman Sachs Asset Management International, which is authorized and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority.

© 2021 Goldman Sachs. All rights reserved. Compliance Code: 233916-TMPL-03/2021-1372483.