



# INTERNATIONAL VALUE

First Quarter 2025

## OBJECTIVE

The GLA International Value strategy seeks to provide total return in excess of the MSCI EAFE Index over a full market cycle.

**Benchmark:** MSCI EAFE

**Inception Date:** May 31, 2020

## PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

The International Value strategy focuses on three central tenets:

### Stock Selection Comes First

- We employ a value-driven process focused on finding excellent risk/rewards from the ground up
- Each step of the process designed to avoid losses and capture upside, in that order
- Theses are long-term, with expected holding periods of 3-5 years and turnover of approximately 25% annually

### Effectively balance risk and return

- Diversify factor exposures (i.e. sector, country) that inevitably arise from high conviction stock selection
- Aim to ensure key driver of returns is stock selection, which is worth more, and harder to commoditize
- Triangulation of both risk and valuation, relatively and absolutely

### Utilize an independent and nimble approach

- Narrow and disciplined process makes a large universe manageable
- Don't have to "be everywhere", freeing up Investment Team's capacity and mindshare
- Active share expectations of >90% and tracking error expectation of approximately 400-700bps vs. benchmark

## PROCESS (continued)

**Disciplined, Repeatable, and Highly Selective Process, Centered on Four Criteria:**

- Attractive valuation and return potential (both relatively and absolutely)
- Durable, sustainable franchise that has resilient earning power
- Value-creating management with the right incentive and governance structure
- Excellent or misunderstood balance sheet

## PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES

**Holdings:** Typically 35-55 positions

**Sector Over/Underweights:** 0-3x the index sector weighting

**Position weights:** 5% maximum at purchase

**Cash position:** Typically 0% to 10%

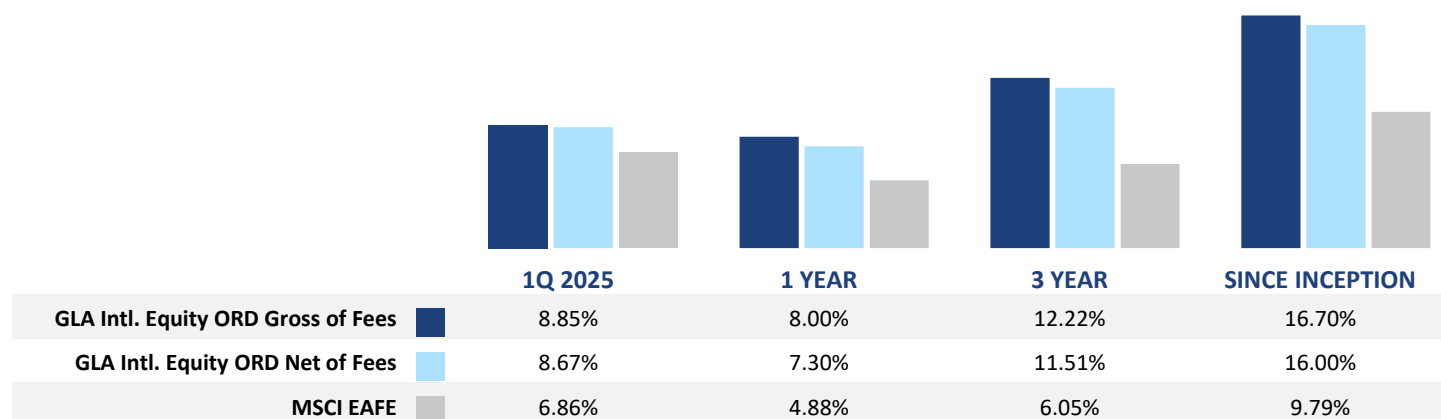
**Average Annual turnover:** Typically 20% to 50%

## STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup>

	Intl. Value	MSCI EAFE
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$46.8B	\$90.0B
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth Rate	6.2%	9.2%
Return on Equity (ROE)	11.1%	11.7%
Price/Earnings Ratio	8.8x	15.4x
P/E using FY1 Est.	10.8x	14.4x
P/E using FY2 Est.	9.6x	13.1x
Price/Book Ratio	1.0x	1.9x
Dividend Yield	4.0%	3.0%
Beta	0.90	1.00
Number of Holdings	53	696

<sup>1</sup>Source: FactSet. Characteristic data is representative and are subject to change at any time. The benchmark for comparison is iShares TR MSCI EAFE ETF.

## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>



Note: <sup>2</sup>Returns are annualized. Net performance reflects the deduction of investment management fees and bundled fees as applicable. Net returns are actual returns after the deduction of investment management fees and are based on live composite member client accounts. Additional time period composite returns are available upon request.

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Top 10 Equity Holdings <sup>3</sup>	Intl. Value
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd	4.7%
Abn Amro Bank Nv Gdr	3.6%
Sompo Holdings Inc Ord	3.2%
Hiscox Ord Gbp0.065 (Di)	3.2%
Aib Group PLC Eur0.625	3.0%
South32 Ltd Ord	3.0%
Bank Of Ireland Group Plc Ord	3.0%
Siemens Ag Ord	2.9%
Shell PLC ORD Euro.07	2.8%
Exor Nv Ord	2.7%

<sup>3</sup>Holdings are representative, are subject to change at any time, and are not recommendations to buy or sell any securities.

Sector Weightings <sup>4</sup>	Intl. Value	MSCI EAFE
Communication Services	1.9%	5.6%
Consumer Discretionary	13.1%	11.1%
Consumer Staples	12.3%	8.9%
Energy	5.2%	3.7%
Financials	35.0%	23.3%
Health Care	2.7%	12.2%
Industrials	14.8%	15.5%
Materials	9.3%	5.2%
Real Estate	4.6%	1.7%
Technology	0.0%	8.9%
Utilities	0.0%	3.3%
Cash	1.2%	0.4%

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