## TD Epoch Non-U.S. Quality Capital Reinvestment Strategy As of March 31, 2023

## **Strategy Key Features**

- Portfolio holdings generate strong free cash flow and use their cash to reinvest in their business through internal projects and acquisitions
- Invests in companies with a persistently high spread between ROIC and weighted average cost of capital (WACC)
- Access to a portfolio of high-quality non-U.S. companies with attractive capital appreciation potential

#### **Investment Performance (%)**



#### **5 Largest Holdings**

	Rep. Acct. Weight%
Hermes International SCA	2.0
Industria de Diseno Textil, S.	1.9
Aristocrat Leisure Limited	1.9
BE Semiconductor Industries N.	1.9
L'Oreal S.A.	1.9
Total	9.6

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#### **Portfolio Managers**

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Supported by a team of analysts with an average of 20 years experience (denotes years of experience)

#### **Investment Overview**

**Strategy AUM** US \$778.4 million

Inception Date December 31, 2019

Management style Fundamental Free Cash Flow Driven Equities

Benchmark MSCI ACWI ex-USA (Net)

Currency USD

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# Strategy Snapshot

March 31, 2023

## **Characteristics**

	Rep. Acct.	MSCI ACWI ex- USA (Net)
ROIC – WACC (%)	14.5	0.4
FCF Yield (ex-financials) (%)	4.51	6.40
Standard Deviation (3yr) (%)	18.8	17.1
Sharpe Ratio (3yr)	0.76	0.63
Weighted Avg Mkt Cap (\$M)	53,773	88,404
Weighted Med Mkt Cap (\$M)	19,079	42,977
Number of Equity Positions	78	2,262
12 Month Turnover (%)	31.9	

#### **Three Year Risk Metrics**

	Rep. Acct. vs. MSCI ACWI ex-USA (Net)
Info Ratio	0.47
Alpha	3.23
Beta	1.02
R <sup>2</sup>	0.85
Upside Capture	114.4
Downside Capture	100.9

#### Sector Weights

	Rep. Acct. %	MSCI ACWI ex- USA (Net) %
Consumer Discretionary	19.9	11.9
Information Technology	17.7	11.8
Industrials	16.5	12.7
Consumer Staples	15.6	8.9
Health Care	14.8	9.6
Financials	10.9	19.9
<b>Communication Services</b>	2.3	6.1
Materials	0.9	8.3
Real Estate	0.0	2.1
Utilities	0.0	3.2
Energy	0.0	5.5

## **Top 5 Country Weights**

	Rep. Acct. %	MSCI ACWI ex- USA (Net)%
United Kingdom	12.7	9.6
Japan	11.4	13.9
France	8.1	8.1
China	6.8	9.1
Switzerland	6.7	6.5
Total	45.7	47.1

## Investment Philosophy and Approach

TD Epoch's investment philosophy is centered on the belief that the generation and allocation of free cash flow represents the best predictor of shareholder return. The Non-U.S. Quality Capital Reinvestment strategy seeks to invest in companies that earn a superior ROIC relative to their weighted average cost of capital (WACC), are expected to be able to maintain that return premium, and have the opportunity to grow their business. The portfolio generally holds 75–100 stocks from equity markets outside the U.S. and employs risk controls to diversify the sources of growth and reduce volatility.

The investment process starts by screening the investable universe to identify companies that have the ROIC, growth, and profit margin characteristics we seek. The screen reduces the universe from roughly 7,000 stocks to 350–450. We then use our Epoch Core Model (ECM) to rank each name that passes the screen against its global peers on 22 different factors, many of which are based on Epoch's free-cash-flow investment philosophy. For a stock to be included in our portfolio, it must pass the Capital Reinvestment screen and it must rank in the top two quintiles of the ECM. From there, we run a portfolio optimization on the stocks that have passed the screen, which results in a suggested portfolio that typically includes 10–12 buy and sell suggestions relative to the existing portfolio. We then perform rigorous fundamental research on each of the suggested names to determine whether the characteristics that allowed a company to pass the screen are likely to be maintained. Once we understand the source of a company's high ROIC, judge it to be sustainable, are comfortable with the risks to that high ROIC, and think that management's incentives are reasonably aligned with the interests of the shareholders, we may approve the stock for inclusion in the portfolio. Most of the strategy's trading takes place during the quarterly optimization process, but some trading does occur throughout the quarter in response to ongoing news.

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