

# **INTERNATIONAL EQUITY ESG STRATEGY**



### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Strategy employs a rigorous bottom-up research process to identify promising stocks of non-U.S. companies trading below their intrinsic value. Actively integrating ESG criteria into the fundamental approach allows the Strategy to reflect ESG values through the portfolio's investments without sacrificing the potential for attractive long-term risk-adjusted performance. The portfolio is high conviction but also well diversified by sector, country and market capitalization. Our three-basket portfolio construction process aids in balancing risk across the portfolio and constructing a portfolio which has the potential to participate throughout the market cycle.

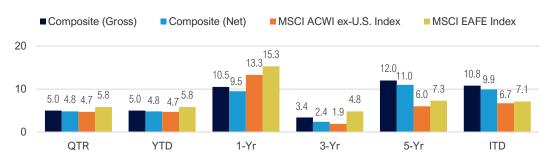
## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Lei Wang, CFA Began with firm in 2004. Industry experience since 1996.

Supported by the entire Thornburg investment team.

## **INVESTMENT RESULTS**

### **ANNUALIZED RETURNS (%)**



CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Composite (Gross)	8.71	23.89	-12.64	25.96	28.11	22.22	-17.22	13.70
Composite (Net)	7.67	23.46	-13.21	24.79	26.90	21.05	-17.98	12.62
MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index	4.50	27.19	-14.20	21.51	10.65	7.82	-15.99	15.62
MSCI EAFE Index	1.00	25.03	-13.79	22.01	7.82	11.26	-14.45	18.24
Excess Return (Gross) vs. MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index	4.21	-3.30	1.56	4.45	17.46	14.40	-1.23	-1.92
Excess Return (Gross) vs. MSCI EAFE Index	7.71	-1.14	1.15	3.95	20.29	10.96	-2.77	-4.54

ITD is Inceptions to Date. In US\$ terms. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Periods less than one year are not annualized.

Performance data for the International Equity ESG Strategy is from the International Equity ESG Composite, inception date of 1 October 2015. The International Equity ESG Composite includes discretionary accounts invested in the International Equity ESG Strategy. Returns are calculated using a time-weighted and asset-weighted calculation including reinvestment of dividends and income. Periods less than one year are not annualized. Individual account performance will vary. The performance data quoted represents past performance; it does not guarantee future results. Gross of fee returns are net of transaction costs. Net of fee returns are net of transaction costs and investment advisory fees. Thornburg Investment Management Inc.'s fee schedule is detailed in Part 2A of its ADV brochure. Performance results of the firm's clients will be reduced by the firm's management fees. For example, an account with a compounded annual total return of 10% would have increased by 159% over ten years. Assuming an annual management fee of 0.75%, this increase would be 142%.

## STRATEGY PROFILE

#### BENCHMARK

MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index MSCI EAFE Index

#### eVESTMENT UNIVERSE ACWI ex-U.S. All Cap Core Equity

HOLDINGS INFORMATION Typically 50–70 holdings

Weight at purchase less than 5%, typically 1% to 3%

### TARGET TURNOVER RANGE

No explicit target, typically 40-80% depending on market environment and opportunity set

#### MARKET CAPITALIZATION

Large Cap, average daily trading volume of \$10M or more

#### CASH EXPOSURE <10% under normal conditions

INDUSTRY EXPOSURE Maximum of 25%

COUNTRY EXPOSURE Maximum of 25%

EMERGING MARKETS EXPOSURE Maximum of 35%

### AVAILABLE VEHICLES

Separate Account

U.S. Mutual Fund

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS	REP. ACCT.	MSCI ACWI EX- U.S. INDEX
Active Share	86.5%	
Weighted Average Market Cap.	\$114.9B	\$104.5B
Median Market Cap	\$61.9B	\$9.3B
Price to Earnings (Forecast 1-Fiscal Year)	19.3x	14.1x
Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth	14.9%	13.4%
Price-to-Book	2.8x	1.9x
Price-to-Cash Flow	12.0x	8.7x
Return on Assets	7.7%	6.6%

## **TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS (%)**

(AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 24)	REP. ACCT.		
Hitachi Ltd.	3.2		
SAP SE	3.1		
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	3.0		
Constellation Software, Inc./Canada	3.0		
L'Oreal S.A.	2.9		
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	2.7		
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd.	2.7		
Schneider Electric SE	2.5		
Seven & i Holdings Co. Ltd.	2.5		
Roche Holding AG	2.5		

TOP REGIONS <sup>†</sup> (%)	REP. ACCT.	<b>RELATIVE WEIGHT</b>			
Eurozone	21.0	-0.9			
Developed North America	19.7	-	11.8		
Japan	17.1		1.9		
Emerging Asia	14.8 -	-7.0			
Other Developed Europe & MidEast	11.3	_	0.0		
Pacific ex-Japan	5.4	-1.4			

### FIVE LARGEST COUNTRIES<sup>†</sup> (%)

Japan	17.1	1.9
France	14.0	6.2
China	11.8	4.9
United States	11.6	11.4
Switzerland	8.4	2.4

<sup>†</sup> Holdings are classified by country of risk as determined by MSCI and Bloomberg.

SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)	REP. ACCT.	<b>RELATIVE WEIGH</b>		
Industrials	19.7		5.9	
Consumer Staples	14.7		7.2	
Financials	13.7	-7.7		
Health Care	12.1		2.9	
Information Technology	9.3	-4.1		
Consumer Discretionary	9.2	-2.6		
Communication Services	8.6		3.5	
Utilities	3.3		0.3	
Materials	1.6	-5.9		
Cash	7.9		7.9	

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### Source: FactSet, and Thornburg.

Unless otherwise noted, all data is as of 31 March 2024.

Investments in the Strategy carry risks, including possible loss of principal. Carefully consider the Strategy's investment objectives, risks, and expenses before investing. There is no guarantee that the portfolio will meet its investment objectives.

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Active Share – A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index.

P/E – Price/Earnings ratio (P/E ratio) is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings. P/E equals a company's market value per share divided by earnings per share. Forecasted P/E is not intended to be a forecast of the fund's future performance.

Return on Assets (ROA) – An indicator of how profitable a company is relative to its total assets. ROA gives an idea as to how efficient management is at using its assets to generate earnings. Price/Book ratio (P/B ratio) – A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share.

Price/Cash Flow - The measure of the market's expectations regarding a firm's future financial health. It is calculated by dividing price per share by cash flow per share.

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