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International Small Cap Portfolio

Fourth Quarter 2024

Market Review

The MSCI All Country World ex. U.S. Small Cap Index declined 7.66% in the fourth quarter of 2024. While the benchmark return was slightly negative in local currencies, the vast majority of the decline was due to a significant increase in the U.S. dollar leading up to and subsequent to the U.S. presidential election. For the year, the benchmark returned 3.36%, which again was impacted by headwinds from U.S. dollar appreciation. In local currencies, the benchmark appreciated 11.00%.

From a geographic perspective, Africa and the Middle East posted positive returns during the quarter while Japan also outperformed other regions. Latin America performed poorly in the quarter led by Brazilian equities that were down sharply. Small caps in Europe and the U.K. also underperformed. In terms of sectors, rising interest rates benefited the financial services sector while real estate was the worst performing sector.

Portfolio Review

The International Small Cap portfolio underperformed the benchmark in the fourth quarter. The portfolio's geographic allocation was a headwind to performance. Stock selection and an underweight in Japan and stock selection and an overweight in the United Kingdom detracted from performance. Stock selection in Europe ex. U.K. and Canada contributed positively to performance during the quarter.

The top contributors to performance in the fourth quarter were CAE and SHIFT.

- CAE is the largest simulation equipment and training services company for the global aviation industry. CAE reported a strong half-year result during the period, featuring significant margin expansion in the struggling defense business, and resilient results in civil during what was expected to be a difficult period for pilot training.
- SHIFT provides software testing and development services to Japanese enterprises.
 Sentiment rebounded on quarterly results, which showed improved margins and encouraging guidance for the next fiscal year.
- Other top contributors during the quarter included freee, Bouvet, and Qualitas Contoladora.

The bottom contributors to performance in the fourth quarter were MarkLines and Alten.

- MarkLines operates an information portal for the auto industry. That core business has
 continued to grow, but its adjacent divisions like consulting and recruiting have hit a cyclical
 soft patch. This led to slower-than-expected growth in the quarter.
- Alten is a leading outsourced research and development engineering firm headquartered in France. Demand for outsourced engineering has been cyclically weak, resulting in slower organic growth and depressed margins. We believe Alten remains a key partner to its clients and is well-positioned for a recovery in demand.
- Other detractors from performance during the quarter included Sarana Menara Nusantara, Allegro.eu, and Mercari.

Purchases and Sales

New Purchases	Complete Sales	
Kainos Group	BTS Group	
Qualitas Controlodora	Mercari	
	Nordnet	

Portfolio Highlights

Style: Small Cap Index: MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S. Small Cap Index Portfolio Inception: 2012 Portfolio Assets: \$331.4 M* Portfolio Turnover: 25%-35% Number of Holdings: 40-60

Investment Philosophy

We believe that purchasing high-quality businesses with competitive protections at attractive valuations will achieve excess returns over a complete market cycle.

Investment Objectives

- To achieve a return meaningfully above that of the MSCI[®] ACWI ex. U.S. Small Cap Index
- To achieve this return objective with a portfolio that exhibits lower overall risk characteristics

Investment Management Team

Name	Research Start Date
Hyung Kim Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2009
Craig Thrasher, CFA Portfolio Manager + Senior Research Analyst	2003
David Forward Research Analyst	2015
Luke Longinotti, CFA ESG Research Analyst	2020
Sean Pompa, CFA Research Analyst	2016
Mitch Vogt, CFA Research Analyst	2017
Clarissa Ali Associate Research Analyst	2023

Top 10 Holdings

As of December 31, 2024

Company	Country	Percent of equity (%)
Baltic Classifieds	Lithuania	7.0
Rightmove	United Kingdom	4.7
Haw Par	Singapore	4.6
AJ Bell	United Kingdom	4.0
FinecoBank	Italy	4.0
IntegraFin Holdings	United Kingdom	3.6
Caixa Seguridade Participacoes	Brazil	3.4
Moltiply Group	Italy	3.4
Grupa Pracuj	Poland	3.4
Sopra Steria Group	France	3.3
Total		41.4

^{*}Figures in USD

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Investment Process: Discovering Quality



Development of KAR High-Quality Universe

Quantitative Screens

- High return on capital over a full economic cycle
- Long and resilient earnings history
- High return on net operating assets
- Minimal debt

Other Resources

- Research on existing portfolio holdings
- Meetings with companies
- Industry reviews
- Investment conferences
- Third-party research



Proprietary Fundamental Research

Qualitative Analysis

 Evaluate sustainability of business model and assess management's ability to direct capital where it can create further control of its market

Financial Analysis

 Evaluate basis for profitability, long-term growth potential, and ability to allocate capital appropriately

Valuation Analysis

 Determine the current and potential value of the business



Portfolio Construction

Position Weights

 Maximum initial position size is 5% (at cost)
 Maximum position size is 10% (at market)

Sector and Geographic Tolerances

Seek broad diversification, but no sector constraints

Holding Period

- Typically 3-to-5 years
- Portfolio turnover is typically 25% to 35%

Cash Levels

 Typically will not exceed 10% once a portfolio is fully invested; review by CIO triggered if over 10%



Sell Discipline

Extended Valuation

Portfolio Upgrade

Acquisition Activity

Negative Company or Industry Changes

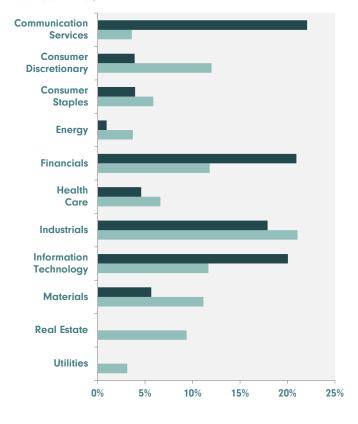
Seeking Higher Quality

Seeking Stronger, More Consistent Growth

Seeking Better Value

Sector Diversification

As of December 31, 2024



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KAR International Small Cap

MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S. Small Cap Index

Portfolio Characteristics

As of December 31, 2024

	KAR International Small Cap	MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S. Small Cap Index	
Quality			
Return on Equity—Past 5 Years	23.4%	10.7%	
Debt/EBITDA*	0.7 x	2.1 x	
Interest Expense Coverage	8.3 x	1.9 x	
Growth			
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	9.2%	12.0%	
Earnings Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	13.1%	7.5%	
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 5 Years	13.9%	10.8%	
Dividend Per Share Growth—Past 10 Years	10.2%	7.5%	
Value			
P/E Ratio—Trailing 12 Months	18.9 x	19.3 x	
Dividend Yield [†]	3.0%	2.8%	
Market Characteristics			
\$ Weighted Average Market Cap	\$3.0 B	\$2.7 B	
Largest Market Cap	\$11.4 B	\$10.7 B [‡]	

*KAR utilizes the interquartile method when calculating Debt/EBITDA. The interquartile method excludes outliers from an aggregate statistic such as weighted average. The interquartile method does not assume that data from the top or bottom of the distribution are outliers—only the extreme ends are excluded—and that it can be applied consistently as a quantitative method for most fundamental characteristics. Debt/EBITDA utilizes net debt for the calculation.

*Dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much companies have paid out in dividends in the most recent year relative to their stock price at the end of such year. Dividend yield is being shown here as a characteristic of the stocks held in the portfolio and not to infer how the stocks have or will perform, as dividends are not the only component of the portfolio's performance. Dividends are subject to change from year-to-year, and the portfolio's dividend yield could be lower or higher in future years.

*Number is from MSCI factsheet as of December 31, 2024.

Data is obtained from FactSet Research Systems and BNY Mellon and is assumed to be reliable. Other principal consultant firms may use different algorithms to calculate selected statistics. Estimates are based on certain assumptions and historical information.

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International Small Cap Portfolio

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Developed vs. Emerging Markets

As of December 31, 2024

	Percent of equity (%)
Developed Markets	65.6
Emerging Markets	34.4
Total	100.0

Geographical Exposure

As of December 31, 2024

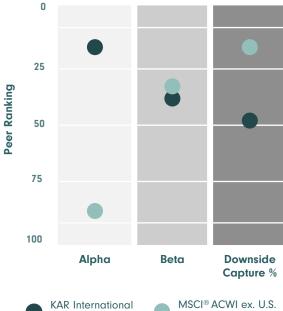


Historical Returns

	KAR International Small Cap	KAR International Small Cap	MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S. Small Cap
	(gross)	(net) [‡]	Index
Annualized Returns (%)†			
As of December 31, 2024			
4 th Quarter	(8.92)	(9.13)	(7.66)
One Year	0.81	(0.09)	3.36
Three Years	(5.16)	(6.02)	(1.47)
Five Years	3.31	2.39	4.30
Seven Years	5.37	4.43	3.07
Ten Years	8.69	7.73	5.66
Inception*	10.66	9.68	6.84
Annual Returns (%)			
2024	0.81	(0.09)	3.36
2023	21.61	20.54	15.66
2022	(30.43)	(31.08)	(19.97)
2021	9.58	8.61	12.92
2020	25.92	24.81	14.24
2019	29.47	28.34	22.42
2018	(5.33)	(6.18)	(18.20)
2017	30.29	29.15	31.65
2016	22.81	21.73	3.91
2015	(0.28)	(1.18)	2.60
2014	(1.92)	(2.80)	(4.03)
2013	32.42	31.26	19.73
2012	24.87	23.77	18.52

Peer Comparison Chart

Inception* to December 31, 2024





The eVestment Non-U.S. Diversified Small Cap Equity Universe includes 61 managers categorized in the non-U.S. diversified small cap equity asset class by eVestment. KAR does not pay any fees to be included in the eVestment Non-U.S. Diversified Small Cap Equity Universe or for the ranking itself. KAR does pay fees for the use of certain products and services provided by eVestment. eVestment rankings are based on gross of fee returns. Gross of fee returns will be reduced by investment management fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Management fees are described in KAR's Form ADV Part 2A, which is available upon request and can also be found at https://kayne.com/wp-content/uploads/ADV-Part-2A.pdf. Returns could be reduced or losses incurred due to currency fluctuations. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Performance Statistics

Inception* to December 31, 2024

	KAR International Small Cap (gross)	KAR International Small Cap (net)	MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S. Small Cap Index
Alpha	3.80	2.88	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.56	0.50	0.35
Information Ratio	0.64	0.48	N/A
Beta	0.99	0.99	1.00
Downside Capture	94.29	96.51	100.00
Tracking Error	5.95	5.95	N/A

^{*}January 1, 2012

[†]All periods less than one year are total returns and are not annualized. Returns are final.

^{*}Net of all fees and expenses. Assumes a 0.90% annual fee. Fees presented on the Disclosure page could vary from the assumed fee in the net-of-fee calculation, as actual fees paid by a particular client account differ depending on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, business unit and size of mandate. The fee used on the Disclosure page utilizes an assumed maximum fee across the firm's business units, which is further detailed on that page.

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International Small Cap Composite

Fourth Quarter 2024

Disclosure

Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S.A. Small Cap Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev (%)	Number of Accounts	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (\$ Millions)	Firm Assets (\$ Millions)
2014	(1.92)	(2.80)	(4.03)	11.99	13.33	< 5	N/A	42	7,989
2015	(0.28)	(1.18)	2.60	12.02	11.49	< 5	N/A	46	8,095
2016	22.81	21.73	3.91	13.26	12.31	< 5	N/A	55	9,989
2017	30.29	29.15	31.65	13.01	11.69	< 5	N/A	324	14,609
2018	(5.33)	(6.18)	(18.20)	12.39	12.52	< 5	N/A	905	17,840
2019	29.47	28.34	22.42	10.78	11.77	< 5	N/A	2,112	25,685
2020	25.92	24.81	14.24	20.34	21.28	5	N/A	2,788	39,582
2021	9.58	8.61	12.92	19.92	20.14	7	1.60	598	47,269
2022	(30.43)	(31.08)	(19.97)	24.86	23.05	7	0.70	368	33,531
2023	21.61	20.54	15.66	21.02	17.22	7	1.09	479	41,186

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The International Small Cap Composite has had a performance examination for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2023. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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The composite includes all fully discretionary institutional and pooled International Small Cap Portfolios. International Small Cap Portfolios are invested in equity securities with market capitalizations in line with the MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S.A. Small Cap Index, that have market control, rising free cash flow, shareholder-oriented management, strong consistent profit growth and low-debt balance sheets. For comparison purposes, the composite is measured against the MSCI® ACWI ex U.S.A. Small Cap Index (net). The MSCI® ACWI ex. U.S.A. Small Cap Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of smallcapitalization stocks of the MSCI® Global Investable Market Indices Universe, excluding U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total-return basis with dividends reinvested, net of withholding taxes. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. The inception date of the composite is January 2012. The composite was created in January 2012. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The firm's list of composite descriptions, list of broad distribution pooled fund and the list of limited distribution pooled funds descriptions are available upon request.

The model management fee used for the net returns in this table is 0.90% for all periods

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Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns for accounts in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than five accounts were included for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite (using gross returns) and the benchmark for the 36-month period.

GLOSSARY

Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Upside Capture Ratio: A statistical measure of an investment manager's overall performance in upmarkets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has risen. Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. Information Ratio: The information ratio (IR) is a measurement of portfolio returns beyond the returns of a benchmark, usually an index, compared to the volatility of those returns. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. Downside Capture Ratio: A statistical measure of an investment manager's

overall performance in down-markets. It is used to evaluate how well an investment manager performed relative to an index during periods when that index has dropped.

INDEX DEFINITION

The MSCI® ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures small cap equity performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.