

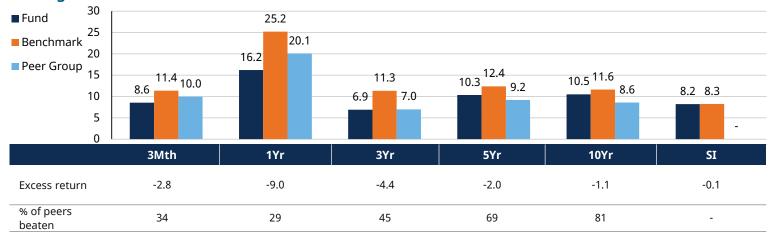
# **Mackenzie Bluewater Global Growth Fund**

nception date	05/14/2004
UM (millions in CAD)	1023.7
lanagement Fee	0.8%
1ER	1.07%
enchmark	MSCI World
FSC Category	Global Equity
ead portfolio manager	Dina DeGeer, David Arpin
vestment exp. since	1985, 1995
rget # of holdings	40 - 45

### **Strategy Overview**

- The Fund seeks capital growth over the longer term by investing primarily in a broad range of global equity securities.
- The investment approach follows a company-focused investment style, seeking companies with strong management, good growth prospects and a solid financial position.
- Emphasis is placed on paying reasonable prices for the free cashflow growth that companies in the portfolio are expected to achieve.

### **Trailing returns %**



### **Calendar returns %**

% of peers

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### **Portfolio characteristics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
# of holdings	44	1,465
% top 10 holdings	36.8	21.5
Weighted average market cap	555,596	768,959
EPS growth (FY E)	11.4	43.3
Dividend yield	0.9	1.8
FCF margin	20.2	17.9
P/E Trailing 12M	36.6	22.0
P/E (forecast)	29.6	19.4
Net debt/EBITDA	0.9	1.1
ROE (latest FY)	21.9	18.7

### **Sector allocation**

Sector	Weight	Relative weight
Communication Services	3.4	-4.1
Consumer Discretionary	9.9	-0.8
Consumer Staples	5.7	-0.8
Energy	0.0	-4.5
Financials	12.5	-2.9
Health Care	11.2	-0.8
Industrials	18.3	7.1
Information Technology	30.3	6.6
Materials	6.0	2.1
Real Estate	0.0	-2.3
Utilities	0.0	-2.4

## Performance metrics (3 year trailing)

Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Dev.	16.7	12.9
Sharpe Ratio	0.3	0.7
Tracking Error	6.4	-
Information Ratio	-0.7	-
Alpha	-6.3	-
Beta	1.2	-
Upside Capture (%)	105.3	-
Downside Capture (%)	137.1	-

## **Country allocation**

Country	Weight	Relative weight
United States	71.3	0.8
France	10.9	7.7
Netherlands	4.7	3.4
Switzerland	3.9	1.5
Sweden	3.3	2.5
Italy	2.2	1.4
Other	20.6	82.7

### Regional breakdown

Region	Weight	Relative weight
United States	71.7	0.8
International	25.9	-0.1
Canada	-	-3.1

### **Currency exposure**

Region	Gross	Benchmark
CAD	24.6	3.1
USD	57.2	71.1
Other	18.2	25.8



## **Top 10 holdings**

Security name	Country	Sector	Weight
Microsoft Corporation	United States	Information Technology	4.6
Aon Plc Class A	United States	Financials	4.4
Roper Technologies, Inc.	United States	Information Technology	4.0
Linde plc	United States	Materials	4.0
Schneider Electric SE	France	Industrials	4.0
Accenture Plc Class A	United States	Information Technology	3.5
Trane Technologies plc	United States	Industrials	3.5
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	United States	Health Care	3.1
Alcon AG	Switzerland	Health Care	2.9
Progressive Corporation	United States	Financials	2.9

## **Security level contributors and detractors**

	Security	Average Relative weight (%)	Allocation Effect (%)	% contribution to return
	Trane Technologies plc	3.1	0.4	0.8
Contributors	Progressive Corporation	2.4	0.4	0.8
	ASML Holding NV ADR	2.6	0.4	0.7
	NIKE, Inc. Class B	1.1	-0.3	-0.2
Detractors	ON Semiconductor Corporation	0.4	-0.2	-0.2
	Apple Inc.	-1.7	0.4	-0.3

### Sector attribution relative to the benchmark

	Sector	Average Relative Al weight (%)	location Effec (%)	t Selection Effect (%)	Total Effect (%)
	Industrials	6.2	0.0	0.4	0.5
Contributors  Utilities  Real Estate	Utilities	-2.5	0.2	0.0	0.2
	Real Estate	-2.3	0.2	0.0	0.2
Detractors	Information Technology	7.1	0.2	-2.5	-2.2



### **Commentary**

### **QFR Highlights**

The U.S. Stock market had a great start to 2024 as optimism over the economy and interest rate cuts along with exuberance about business prospects in Artificial intelligence favoured positive momentum. The big economic backdrop question facing markets at this point is whether we are at the dawn of a new economic cycle, with a multi-year period of strong, synchronized global GDP growth ahead of us. We continue to believe that this favourable set-up is highly unlikely, as most major economies have yet to reset from the prior cycle.

#### **Fund Performance**

The fund returned 8.9% over the quarter compared its benchmark which returned 11.4%. Stock selection in Industrials and Materials contributed to returns whereas stock selection in Information technology and Consumer discretionary with no allocation to NVIDIA detracted from performance. From a geographic standpoint, security selection in Italy contributed to performance while security selection in the U.S. detracted from relative performance.

### **Security contributors**

There were a few holdings in the Financial and Industrial sector that added meaningful returns to the fund.

Aon is a global professional service firm in the area of insurance and risk mitigation. It provides advice and solutions to clients focused on risk, retirement and healthcare. The company is a low risk capital compounder, grows top line at 5%-6% with margin expansion.

Trane technologies offers a wide range of HVAC offerings. Its strong performance is attributed to robust organic bookings signalling growth across all segments.

Progressive Corporation is one of the largest motor insurance carrier in the U.S. The company insures passenger vehicles, motorcycles, RVs, trailers, boats, PWC, and commercial vehicles. The company has delivered double digit revenue and strong Free cash flow growth.

#### **Security detractors**

Although the overall market rose, a few holdings declined. Apple, Nike and ON Semi Conductor detracted from performance.

### **Portfolio activities**

We exited our position in Synopsys and ON Semi Conductor Corp and added new positions in Communication Services and Information technology

#### Market overview

Markets started 2024 strongly as the rally that began in the fourth quarter of 2023 continued into the new year. Equity markets have been buoyed by optimism that the Central Bank tightening cycle is behind us, and monetary policy easing is beginning. At this point, the degree of monetary easing continues to be highly uncertain. From a global GDP standpoint, economic growth continues to be uneven, with the United States stronger, while Canada, Europe, and Asia are generally softer. The economic strength seen in the United States also suggests that monetary easing will be slower than markets expect, as the Federal Reserve, in particular, sees no pressing need to cut rates to stimulate growth.



### **Commentary**

### **Outlook, Positioning**

During the quarter the fund has held positions in companies that have demonstrated resilience to economic slowdown and have underlying growth drivers. Our largest sector underweight was Energy (-4.5%) and our largest overweight positions were in Industrials (7.1%) during the period. We added a position in Information technology and Communication services during the quarter.

Investment-wise, while AI offers promising prospects, in many cases the businesses attached to it carry inherent risks within rapidly evolving landscapes. The team's investment approach hinges on identifying key change enablers, businesses that are software and services focussed with a level of recurring revenue that avoids the cyclicality typically associated with hardware type businesses.

#### **Stock Stories**

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**Accenture** represents one of the best ways to invest in the roll out of AI and digital transformation, as it is virtually impossible to implement any of these strategies without the assistance of sophisticated technology consultants and implementation teams. With decades of accumulated intellectual property and significant investments in AI --Accenture has widened its moat over consulting peers and is set to benefit as businesses digitize in almost all respects in the coming decade.

**Trane technologies** offers a wide range of HVAC offerings. It provides building technology and energy solutions for commercial and industrial applications. Its strong performance is attributed to robust organic bookings signalling growth across all segments. The company has been allocating significantly to research and development initiatives, continuing its commitment to innovation.



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