

# **Boston Partners Global Long/Short**



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## **INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Long-term growth of capital with reduced exposure to general equity market risk.

## **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Bottom-up security selection that establishes an all-cap diversified long portfolio primarily targeting developed-market company stocks possessing attractive valuations, strong fundamentals, and positive business momentum, as well as a diversified short portfolio of companies that do not possess these characteristics.

#### **KEY STATS**

Investment style	Long/Short
Benchmark	MSCI World Index
Total strategy assets	\$186 M
Long holdings	74
Short holdings	124
Inception	7/1/2013

# RISK MEASURES

Beta	0.21
Alpha	7.65
Std. Deviation	8.06
Sharpe	0.61
Upside capture	32.85%
Downside capture	11.81%

CHARACTERISTICS	Long	Short
Wtd. avg. market cap	\$79.4B	\$31.8 B
Forward P/E	10.7x	16.0x
OROA (5 YR)	24.8%	27.0%
Free cash flow yield	6.0%	3.2%

Data shown is for the representative account. Risk statistics are calculated using composite data and reflect the most recent three-year period.

SECTOR WEIGHTINGS (%)	◆ SHORT	LONG >	NET	BENCHMARK
Energy	-1.4	12.8	11.3	4.1
Industrials	-6.3	14.8	8.5	11.3
Materials	-2.4	10.6	8.2	3.2
Health Care	-2.9	8.8	5.9	11.1
Consumer Staples	-3.2	8.8	5.6	6.5
Communication Services	-3.3	8.4	5.1	7.9
Information Technology	-3.5	7.8	4.4	23.5
Financials	-9.4	13.1	3.6	17.3
Consumer Discretionary	-7.3	8.1	0.7	10.1
Utilities	-1.2	0.5	-0.7	2.7
Real Estate	-1.0	0.1	-1.0	2.2
Total	-42.0	93.6	51.6	-

Cash and net other investments are excluded. Allocations will vary over time. Due to rounding, percentages may not equal 100%. GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sector classification is used. All product characteristics and sector weighting are calculated using a representative account.

## **LARGEST HOLDINGS SHORT (%)**

Zurich Insurance Group Ltd.	1.2
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.2
EQTAB	1.0
Dentsu Group Inc.	1.0
Bank of Hawaii Corporation	0.9

## LARGEST HOLDINGS LONG (%)

Hiscox Ltd.	3.7
The Weir Group plc	3.0
Astrazeneca plc ADR	2.9
Nomad Foods Ltd.	2.6
Heineken N.V.	2.6

Holdings represent 20.1% of the portfolio and will vary over time.

# A time-tested approach to investing

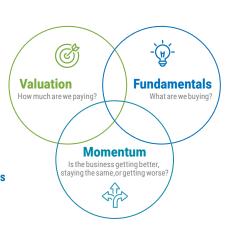
# We buy stocks that exhibit:

- Attractive value characteristics
- Strong business fundamentals
- Positive business momentum

# We sell stocks based on:

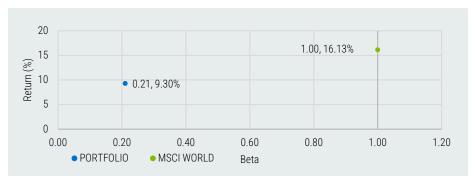
- Valuation: appreciation to price target
- Weakening business fundamentals
- Reversal of momentum

In our experience, portfolios with all three characteristics tend to outperform over time.

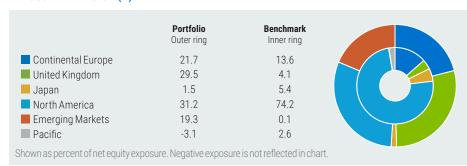


## **RETURN VERSUS MARKET EXPOSURE**

Three-year annualized return versus beta



## **EXPOSURE BY REGION (%)**



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

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	Q1	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	inception
Global Long/Short Gross of Fees	8.74	8.74	6.20	11.49	16.74	8.12	8.17
Global Long/Short Net of Fees	8.21	8.21	4.12	9.30	14.45	5.99	6.08
MSCI World - Net	-1.79	-1.79	7.04	7.58	16.13	9.50	10.13
MSCI World Value - Net	4.81	4.81	8.69	7.02	14.98	7.14	7.72

Performance for periods less than one year is cumulative. Composite returns are asset weighted. Past performance does not quarantee future results.

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE AND DISPERSION

	Total returns (%)			3 YR standard dev. (%)		Composite			
	Composite gross of fees	Composite net of fees	Benchmark	Composite	Benchmark	# of accounts	Dispersion (%)	Total assets (\$M)	Firm assets (\$M)
2024	4.16	2.11	18.67	8.32	16.65	1	n/a	119	104,655
2023	10.39	8.22	23.79	9.20	16.75	1	n/a	162	94,056
2022	18.28	15.96	-18.14	13.15	20.43	1	n/a	164	88,117
2021	20.58	18.22	21.82	12.10	17.06	1	n/a	106	96,320
2020	1.75	-0.25	15.90	10.97	18.27	1	n/a	121	77,120
2019	6.29	4.19	27.67	5.24	11.14	1	n/a	558	89,368
2018	-7.68	-9.53	-8.71	5.09	10.38	1	n/a	861	81,550
2017	9.60	7.44	22.40	4.92	10.23	1	n/a	1,046	99,241
2016	4.34	2.28	7.51	5.33	10.94	1	n/a	868	87,222
2015	8.73	6.59	-0.87	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	629	78,363

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Performance is calculated in USD. The measurement of composite dispersion is calculated by the weighted average standard deviation of the annual gross-of-fee returns within the composite. Dispersion in composites with less than five accounts included for the entire year is not considered meaningful and is denoted with "n/a."

Account composition is subject to change and information contained in this publication may not be representative of the current account

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The composite includes designated retail separately managed, fully discretionary, fee-paying accounts under management with a similar investment mandate. Monthly composite returns are calculated using weights equal to beginning values adjusted for time-weighted cash flows. Quarterly and yearly returns are derived from linking monthly returns. Additional information is available upon request.

Performance shown reflects the repricing of certain derivative positions known as contracts for difference, portions of which were inadvertently misclassified between April 2022 and February 2024.

Composite account returns will be reduced by any fees and expenses incurred in the management of the account. Gross composite returns are calculated by deducting commissions and transaction costs charged to accounts in a composite. Net composite returns also reflect the deduction of management fees, which may include performance-based fees, and are calculated by deducting actual fees charged to the accounts in a composite. Fees are applied to gross returns at month end. Actual fees may vary depending on the applicable fee schedule and account size. Additional information regarding policies for valuing accounts, calculating performance, and preparing compliant reports is available upon request. Investment advisory fees are listed herein and are fully described in Boston Partners' Form ADV, Part 2.

## Annual fee schedule

Investment advisory fees, which are more fully described in Boston Partners' Form ADV, Part 2, are: 200 basis points on total assets under management.

The strategy's benchmark is the MSCI World Index - Net tracks the performance of large- and mid-cap equities traded in developed markets. The MSCI World Value Index - Net tracks the performance of large- and mid-cap equities, with a focus on value-style characteristics traded in developed markets. Net return denotes the reinvestment of dividends after taxes. The benchmark is provided to show how the composite's returns compare to a broad-based index of securities; index performance does not reflect costs, fees, or other expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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#### **Definitions**

**Alpha** measures the excess risk-adjusted return of a portfolio relative to a benchmark index. **Beta** is a measure of a portfolio's market risk relative to its benchmark. In general, a beta higher than 1.00 indicates a more volatile portfolio and beta lower than 1.00 indicates a less volatile portfolio in relation to its benchmark. **Downside** capture measures a portfolio's performance in down markets relative to the index. A value below 100 indicates that a fund has outperformed in down markets. Free cash flow (FCF) yield is calculated by dividing a company's free cash flow by its market capitalization. In general, higher FCF yields indicate greater financial health. FCF Yield is reported as median excluding financials of the underlying securities. OROA (operating return on operating assets) measures how much operating income a company generates per dollar invested in assets that are used specifically to facilitate its day-to-day operations. The figures shown are for the trailing five years. Price/ earnings (P/E) ratio measures a company's current share price compared to its pershare earnings. Forward P/E uses a company's forecasted earnings for the next year. **Sharpe ratio** measures a portfolio's total return per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the better the portfolio's historical risk-adjusted performance. **Standard deviation** is commonly used to gauge a portfolio's level of risk, and measures the average amount by which a set of data varies from its mean value. **Upside capture** measure a portfolio's performance in up markets relative to an index. A value over 100 indicates that a fund has outperformed the benchmark during periods of positive returns for the benchmark.

