

International Opportunities ADR

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Strategy description

International Opportunities ADR invests in companies outside the U.S. that are in the early stages of structural growth driven by differentiated products or services and are supported by trends that are independent from broader macroeconomic factors. Timing is critical, and through early identification the team is able to construct a differentiated portfolio of lesser-known securities that are poised to benefit from long term structural changes in their particular market.

At-a-glance

Benchmark	MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index
Number of positions	Typically 50 - 70
Maximum position size	Typically 5% at cost
Minimum market cap	\$1 billion
Turnover range	20 - 30%
Industry weights	+/- 15%
Sector weights	+/- 15%
Country weights	+/- 15%
Emerging markets exposure	< 30%

Investment process

Bottom-up, fundamental research seeks to identify growth securities that are early cycle market disruptors. Positive structural change, sustainability of change, and attention to timing are key elements driving security selection. Shifts in market share or new addressable structural growth markets offer an added layer of downside protection from macroeconomic factors that can disproportionately impact certain sectors or regions.

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Gross	01 Oct 07	0.45	23.02	23.02	14.98	3.69	8.25	6.41
Net	01 Oct 07	-0.30	19.44	19.44	11.62	0.62	5.06	3.28
Benchmark		2.56	25.65	25.65	14.61	4.01	7.92	4.06

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the composite. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Individual returns may vary based on factors such as the account type, market value, cash flows and fees. Current performance is preliminary and may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Final numbers are available upon request. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative.

Portfolio management

Effective 11 Feb 2025, Gregory Mancini and John Tribble were added as portfolio managers of the strategy and Jason Campbell and Dan Roberts were removed as portfolio managers of the strategy. This change is not expected to impact the overall investment strategy.

Gregory Mancini | 30 years industry experience

John Tribble | 28 years industry experience

Portfolio statistics

	Portfolio
Number of positions	70
Median market cap (\$B)	\$58.9
Weighted average market cap (\$B)	\$222.7
Return on equity (%)	19.6
Historical 5 year EPS growth (%)	11.0
Estimated 3-5 year EPS growth (%)	9.2
P/E ratio (trailing 1 year)	25.9
P/E ratio (forward 1 year)	21.9
Price/book ratio	3.8
Price/cash flow	12.7

Negative P/Es are excluded in the calculation of the P/E ratio.

Top five countries (%)

	Portfolio
Japan	13.4
France	11.5
Switzerland	8.9
United Kingdom	6.4
Brazil	6.1

Top ten positions (%)

	Portfolio	Country
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	6.1	Taiwan
Sponsored ADR		
Alibaba Group Holding Limited Sponsored ADR	3.7	China
Fujitsu Limited Unsponsored ADR	3.0	Japan
ASML Holding NV Sponsored ADR	2.9	Netherlands
Shopify, Inc. Class A	2.8	Canada
Sony Group Corporation Sponsored ADR	2.7	Japan
Embraer S.A. Sponsored ADR	2.5	Brazil
HDLC Bank Limited Sponsored ADR	2.4	India
Roche Holding Ltd Sponsored ADR	2.4	Switzerland
SAP SE Sponsored ADR	2.4	Germany

Sector allocation (%)

	Portfolio
Industrials	20.2
Information Technology	19.1
Consumer Discretionary	18.0
Financials	12.1
Health Care	10.5
Consumer Staples	8.4
Materials	5.7
Communication Services	1.6
Energy	1.2
Utilities	0.7

Data source: FactSet. All characteristics are based on a model portfolio deemed appropriate. Specific securities described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended over the past year and you should not assume that securities identified were or will be profitable.

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Year	Calendar year		Primary benchmark return (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Primary benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)	Number of accounts	Composite internal dispersion (%)	% Non fee paying portfolios	% Bundled fee accounts	Composite assets at period end (\$ millions)	Firm assets at period end (\$ billions)
	Calendar year total return (net of fees) (%)	("pure" gross of fees) (%)*)									
2024	0.61	3.67	5.07	18.68	16.02	</= 5	N/A	100	0	2.5	257.7
2023	15.71	19.19	14.03	18.79	16.07	</= 5	N/A	100	0	2.4	237.6
2022	-27.58	-25.31	-23.05	20.00	19.25	</= 5	N/A	100	0	2.0	247.0
2021	2.44	5.55	5.09	16.50	16.79	</= 5	N/A	100	0	2.7	296.1
2020	16.40	19.90	22.2	18.73	17.93	</= 5	N/A	100	0	2.5	239.7
2019	26.85	30.64	27.34	14.84	11.34	</= 5	N/A	100	0	2.1	209.1
2018	-19.27	-16.77	-14.43	13.59	11.38	</= 5	N/A	100	0	1.6	176.2
2017	35.39	39.40	32.01	11.81	11.87	</= 5	N/A	100	0	1.9	174.0
2016	-1.61	1.39	0.12	12.29	12.51	</= 5	N/A	100	0	1.4	155.4
2015	1.04	4.12	-1.25	13.02	12.13	</= 5	N/A	100	0	1.4	140.7

Current benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index

* "Pure" gross-of-fees returns are supplemental to net returns.

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- 4 Effective as of December 31, 2021, the investment teams and strategies of NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC (NWQ) and Santa Barbara Asset Management, LLC are now part of affiliate, NAM, pursuant to an internal reorganization.
- 5 To receive a list of composite descriptions, pooled fund descriptions for limited distribution pooled funds, and broad distribution pooled funds, please contact the GIPS Compliance Team at DL_PerfTeam@tiaa.org.
- 6 Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.
- 7 For direct-advisory institutional accounts, returns on a gross-of-fees basis include the deduction of trading commissions and other transaction costs but not investment management fees; returns on a net-of-fees basis do include the deduction of investment management fees. For direct-advisory fee-in-lieu accounts and advisor-sponsored accounts, returns on a "pure" gross-of-fees basis do not include the deduction of trading commissions, other transaction costs or fees; returns on a net-of-fees basis do include the deduction of fees and certain other expenses in the form of a bundled fee.
- 8 All returns represent the reinvestment of income.
- 9 The composite internal dispersion is the asset-weighted standard deviation of pure gross annual returns for portfolios in the composite the entire year. The number of accounts represents the number in the composite at year end. Composite dispersion is reported as N/A when information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.
- 10 The composite consists of fully discretionary, fee-paying and non-fee-paying accounts managed in the International Opportunities ADR Advisor Sponsored style. Effective 23 Dec 2022, the composite name changed from International Growth ADR Advisor Sponsored to International Opportunities ADR Advisor Sponsored.
- 11 The composite inception date is 01 Oct 2007; the composite creation date is April 2013.
- 12 Prior to 01 Mar 2013, the International Opportunities ADR Advisor Sponsored composite performance was achieved at Santa Barbara Asset Management. Historical performance is linked due to the consistency of portfolio management personnel and the investment process, as well as the transfer of substantially all the composite assets.
- 13 The benchmark for this composite is the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index, which captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across 22 Developed Markets (DM) countries and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries*. The growth investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using five variables: long-term forward EPS growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate and long-term historical EPS growth trend and long-term historical sales per share growth trend. Effective August 4, 2025, the primary benchmark was changed from the MSCI ACWI ex USA to the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index back to inception.
- 14 The composite net of fees returns are calculated by deducting 1/12th of a model fee of 3.00%, which NAM reasonably believes is the maximum applicable fee, from the monthly "pure" gross of fee returns.
- 15 Results are calculated in U.S. dollars.
- 16 The composite performance is presented net of foreign taxes withheld on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. The indices include net dividends, which approximates the minimum possible dividend reinvestment. The dividend is reinvested after deduction of withholding tax, applying the rate to non-resident individuals who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. MSCI Barra uses withholding tax rates applicable to Luxembourg holding companies, as Luxembourg applies the highest rates.
- 17 The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark over the preceding 36-month period and is calculated using gross returns.
- 18 The composite and benchmark use WM Reuters as the foreign exchange rate source. The composite uses 4 p.m. EST close and the benchmark uses 4 p.m. GMT close, which may result in differing exchange rates. Investment in non-U.S. stocks presents risks such as political risk, exchange rate risk, lack of liquidity and inflationary risk, and economic change. These additional risks may be heightened for securities of issuers in emerging market countries.
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