

## Fiera Atlas Global Companies Fund – Class H

### OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks to deliver a compound rate of return greater than 10% p.a., after fees and costs, with a lower risk of capital loss than broader equity markets, over the long term (typically 5 to 7 years).

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 25 – 35 holdings
- High quality growth at a reasonable price
- Low turnover
- Fundamental bottom-up process

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<b>BENCHMARK</b>	Unaware	<b>CLASS SIZE</b>	\$1.2m
<b>INCEPTION DATE</b>	15 November 2018	<b>EXIT PRICE</b>	\$1.6062

### Net performance (%)

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	7 years p.a.	10 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
<b>Fund</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>7.23</b>	<b>11.05</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>14.64</b>
MSCI ACWI NR <sup>1</sup>	2.73	10.94	29.48	11.23	12.89	n/a	n/a	14.20
<i>Active</i>	-1.70	-3.71	-18.43	-8.86	-0.89	n/a	n/a	0.44
<b>Fiera Atlas Composite<sup>2</sup></b>	--	--	--	--	--	<b>14.81</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>16.49</b>
Composite Benchmark	--	--	--	--	--	12.91	n/a	13.39
<i>Active</i>	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	n/a	3.10

### Top 5 holdings

Stocks	Sector	Country
Tradeweb Markets – Class A	Financials	United States
Visa – Class A	Financials	United States
Gartner	Information Technology	United States
Fortinet	Information Technology	United States
Synopsys	Information Technology	United States

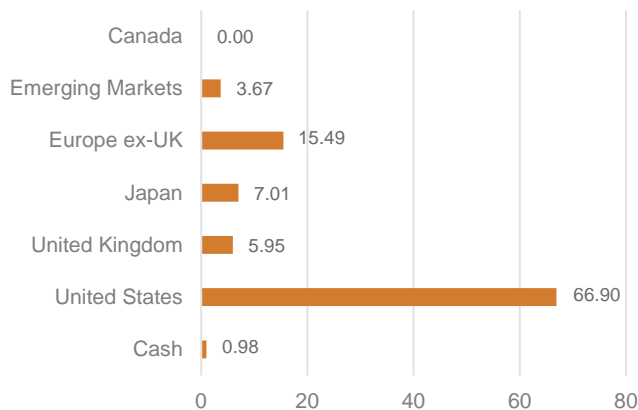
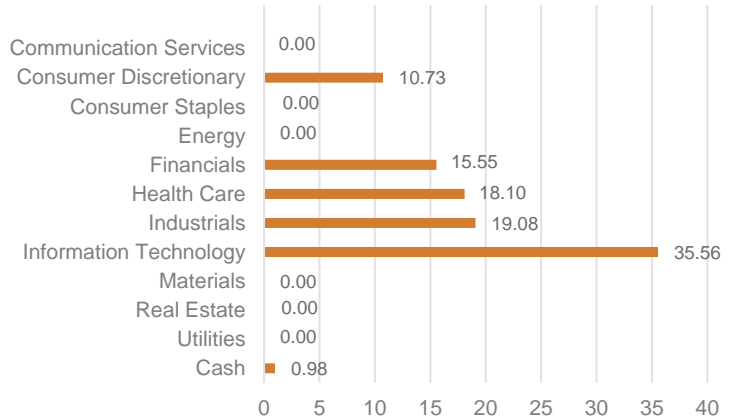
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<sup>1</sup>The MSCI ACWI NR Index is referenced for comparison purposes only.

<sup>2</sup>To provide a longer-term view of the Fund's strategy, performance periods from 1 April 2017 to 30 November 2018 for the Fiera Atlas Composite represent the returns of the strategy's longest running share class, net of fees applicable to Class H. The inception date of the Fiera Atlas Composite is 30 March 2017. Performance from 1 December 2018 to month-to-date represents the actual net returns of the Fiera Atlas Global Companies Fund – Class H.

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**Regional asset allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>**

**Sector asset allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>**


<sup>1</sup>Totals may not equal due to rounding.

**Top 5 quarterly contributors and detractors**

Contributing Stock	Sector	Detracting stocks	Sector
Fortinet	Information Technology	Zoetis	Health Care
Visa	Financials	OBIC	Information Technology
Tradeweb Markets – Class A	Financials	IDEXX Laboratories	Health Care
ANSYS	Information Technology	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Health Care
West Pharmaceutical Services	Health Care	Kweichow Moutai	Consumer Staples

All currency references in the commentary below are in US dollar terms unless stated otherwise.

**Portfolio transactions**

This quarter, the investment manager made strategic additions and sales to optimise the portfolio. Notably, the investment manager added TSMC, recognizing its competitive advantages and diverse demand drivers. TSMC commands over 85% market share in advanced semiconductor node production and benefits from stable customer relationships and applications in high-performance computing, AI, industrial uses, and consumer electronics. This investment complements the Fund's existing position in Synopsys, a leader in design software for the semiconductor industry.

Sales included Moutai, the Chinese premium Baiju producer, following a rally driven by China's stimulus plan. The tougher consumer backdrop led the investment manager to reallocate capital. Similarly, Aspen Technology was sold to fund TSMC, as Aspen's valuation now reflects Emerson's takeover terms.

**Performance review**

The Fiera Atlas Global Companies Fund – Class A (the 'Fund') returned 7.22% (net) for the quarter in Australian dollar terms.

The Fund's performance improved in the second half of 2024 as broader market conditions became more favourable. While the Magnificent 7 remained a headwind, its impact was less pronounced, reducing the drag on performance to 2.00% in H2 from 7.00% for the full year. Strong earnings from Tradeweb, Aspen, Veeva, Fortinet, and Gartner offset underperformance from Edwards Lifesciences (sold) and challenges in Luxury (LVMH), Life Sciences (Sartorius) and Pet Care (Zoetis and Ilexx) due to inventory adjustments and slower demand normalization.

In 2024, market returns were driven more by valuation than earnings, with the Magnificent 7 skewing headline figures. Stripping out these names, S&P 500 earnings growth was just 3.7% compared to a headline of 10.4%. The portfolio's relative derating, coupled with its superior growth and quality characteristics, leaves it well-positioned for future rewards.

## Market outlook

Despite challenging performance over the past 12 months, the investment manager remains confident in their philosophy of owning high-quality businesses with structural growth drivers. While share prices disappointed last year, the financial strength of the Fund's diverse growth opportunities positions the Fund well to navigate tougher market conditions. The investment manager expects a shift back to fundamental earnings progression as the primary driver of long-term alpha, with portfolio companies projected to deliver 15% earnings growth plus dividends over the next five years. This growth path, coupled with relatively inexpensive valuations, gives the investment manager confidence in the strategy's outlook.

Looking ahead, the investment manager sees opportunities to capitalise on valuation anomalies created by the market's short-term focus. The portfolio is built to deliver long-term value, identifying, and investing in the winners of the future. Now is an exciting time to be a stock picker.

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