# Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio

Winter Update 2025

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## **Portfolio Commentary**

### **Key Takeaways**

- The world's major regions continue to show significant differences at the macro level, with the U.S. still expanding, although at a slower rate than before, Europe comparatively more sluggish, and Asia-Pacific closely watching China's efforts to revive its economy.
- The risk profiles of European and Asian companies can be quite different from their U.S. counterparts, but these businesses are generally trading at much lower multiples than large U.S. firms, creating real opportunity in those markets.
- Davis Global ADR SMA portfolio performed strongly in 2024, driven by an array of individually selected businesses across multiple geographies. It supports our view that attractive opportunities can today be found across regions with vastly different dynamics and economic conditions.

# Market Perspectives: Beyond Indexing

The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) returned 17.49% in 2024, again reflecting primarily strong returns in U.S. stocks followed by attractive (although lower) performance in Europe and the emerging markets.

The U.S. economy continues to expand, albeit at a slower rate. In the most recent reading gross domestic product (GDP) is growing at 3.1% on an annualized basis. The rate of inflation has moderated dramatically from its 2021 peak to 2.9% today. While inflation is not quite at the Federal Reserve's target level of 2%,

the Fed has nonetheless seen reason to adopt a slightly more accommodative posture than was the case during the COVID and post-COVID periods. The employment situation is still relatively healthy, with an unemployment rate of just over 4%. Consumer spending remains resilient. Over the last several years certain strategists have repeatedly said that the current bull market in stocks and the U.S. economic expansion were due for imminent reversal. Those predictions have not materialized, and both the markets and the economy appear sound relative to history.

That stated, major U.S. large cap stock indices are trading at relatively high multiples with a degree of concentration in top holdings that should prompt investors to look beyond indexing for portfolio solutions. We believe that thoughtfully constructed, actively managed portfolios are a more sensible means of achieving U.S. equities exposure in today's environment than indexing.

In Europe, conditions have been more sluggish by and large, prompting the European Central Bank to take a more aggressive stance in favor of lowering interest rates. The unemployment rate for Eurozone is approximately 6% and the annualized GDP growth rate is just under 1%. Inflation has fallen from its recent peaks but remains above the target rate at about 2.4% on the latest reading. We have been advising clients that selectivity and company-by-company research is key in Europe today.

Across the broad spectrum of the emerging markets, our interest has historically been mainly in Asia-Pacific. This super region has become the economic and population center of gravity for the world. It has faster economic growth (in China, India and Singapore,

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most notably), expanding consumer wealth and better demographics than Europe in particular. We believe the economic recovery of China, although slow in coming, remains in its early days and we expect an eventual resurgence of the country. This is likely to have knock-on effects on growth in the greater region.

In Asia-Pacific, select businesses that are engaged in food delivery, e-commerce, multi-line insurance and cross-border banking look particularly attractive to us at this time.

# **Portfolio Review:**Multi-Regional Opportunities

Davis Global ADR SMA portfolio represents our highest-conviction investment ideas from around the world. What makes it distinct is the selectivity we apply in our process, the low valuations currently represented in the portfolio, and the earnings growth potential of the businesses we own.

As an illustration, below we present the comparative number of holdings, price-to-earnings ratios, and fiveyear earnings per share growth rates for the portfolio versus its benchmark, MSCI ACWI:

### Selective, Attractive Growth, Undervalued<sup>1</sup>

	Portfolio	Index
Holdings	35	2,647
EPS Growth (5 Year)	22.4%	16.6%
P/E (Forward)	9.4x	20.4x

Davis Global ADR SMA strategy outperformed its benchmark by a wide margin in 2024. Our performance was driven by a broad array of individually selected businesses across multiple geographies, including the U.S., Europe and Asia. This illustrates our belief that attractive opportunities can be found across regions with vastly different economic dynamics and conditions today.

Last year's results also speak to the merits of investing on the basis of company-by-company analysis rather than investing solely through broad stock indices. Given our flexibility to choose where and how we believe we can add value at the individual company level, we have constructed a rather unique portfolio which includes: very large U.S. financial and technology-related companies; app-based food delivery businesses in Asia-Pacific and in continental Europe; fast-growing e-commerce companies in South Korea, Singapore and China; very well-capitalized banks that are dominant in their home countries such as Denmark, Switzerland and Singapore; and tech-forward European and South African holding companies with interests in fintech, app-based food delivery, classified advertising on the Internet, and video gaming, respectively.

To give an idea of the quality of companies we own, representative holdings in the portfolio include Amazon.com (e-commerce and cloud computing), internet holding companies Prosus of the Netherlands and Naspers of South Africa, and wealth manager Noah Holdings in China, among others.

Regarding recent transactions, we sold our position in Darling Ingredients to fund a purchase of CVS in the portfolio during fourth quarter 2024. ■

<sup>1.</sup> Five-year EPS Growth Rate (5-year EPS) is the average annualized earnings per share growth for a company over the past 5 years. The values shown are the weighted average of the 5-year EPS of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. Approximately 14.50% of the assets of the Portfolio are not accounted for in the calculation of 5-year EPS as relevant information on certain companies is not available to the Advisors' data provider. Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E) Ratio is a stock's price at the date indicated divided by the company's forecasted earnings for the following 12 months based on estimates provided by the Fund's data provider. These values for both the Fund and the Index are the weighted average of the stocks in the portfolio or Index.

### **Outlook:**

### **Appropriate Balance**

The global stock market is really an immense market of individual stocks. Selectivity has always been a key characteristic of our portfolio and our strategy but its importance has risen given the broad regional uncertainties of today.

Overall, we are very comfortable with the businesses we own in Davis Global ADR SMA portfolio, and believe that the portfolio overall represents an appropriate balance between low valuations and relatively attractive potential earnings growth looking ahead.

For more than 50 years we have navigated a constantly changing investment landscape guided by one North Star: to grow the value of the funds entrusted to us. We are pleased to have achieved strong results thus far and look forward to the decades ahead. With more than \$2 billion of our own money invested in our portfolios, we stand shoulder to shoulder with our clients on this long journey.<sup>2</sup> We are grateful for your trust and are well-positioned for the future.

<sup>2.</sup> As of 12/31/24, Davis Advisors, the Davis family and Foundation, and our employees have more than \$2 billion invested alongside clients in similarly managed accounts and strategies.



## **Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio**

Selective. Attractive Growth. Undervalued.



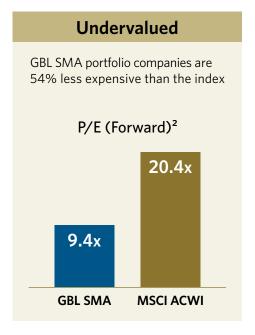
"What gives us confidence that Davis Global ADR SMA (GBL SMA) may build wealth for our shareholders in the years and decades to come? The compelling attributes of our businesses.

By being highly selective and rejecting the vast majority of companies in the index, the companies of Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio have grown more than the index, yet are 54% less expensive. In fact, this gap between price and value is among the widest we have ever seen. We believe this sets the stage for attractive returns in the years ahead."

Danton Goei, Portfolio Manager

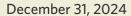






As of 12/31/24. The Attractive Growth and Undervalued reference in this piece relates to underlying characteristics of the portfolio holdings. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio's performance will be positive as equity markets are volatile and an investor may lose money. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.** Performance may vary. **1.** Five-year EPS Growth Rate (5-year EPS) is the average annualized earnings per share growth for a company over the past 5 years. The values shown are the weighted average of the 5-year EPS of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. The 5-year EPS of the MSCI ACWI is 16.6%. Approximately 14.50% of the assets of the Portfolio are not accounted for in the calculation of 5-year EPS as relevant information on certain companies is not available to the Portfolio's data provider. **2.** Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E) Ratio is a stock's price at the date indicated divided by the company's forecasted earnings for the following 12 months based on estimates provided by the Advisor's data provider. These values for both the Portfolio and the Index are the weighted average of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. The Forward P/E of the MSCI ACWI is 20.4x.

## **Davis Global ADR SMA Holdings**





### High Conviction. Different from the Index.

Holdings	Portfolio (%)	MSCI ACWI (%)
Naspers	6.6	0.1
Meta Platforms	6.3	1.7
Ping An Insurance Group	6.1	0.1
Meituan	5.9	0.1
Capital One Financial	5.8	0.1
Prosus	5.1	0.1
Julius Baer Group	4.3	< 0.1
Trip.com Group	4.2	0.1
MGM Resorts	4.1	< 0.1
Markel Group	3.7	< 0.1
Danske Bank	3.7	< 0.1
Viatris	3.7	< 0.1
Amazon.com	2.8	2.7
Solventum	2.8	< 0.1
Berkshire Hathaway	2.7	0.8
Humana	2.7	< 0.1
Alphabet	2.6	2.7
CVS Health	2.6	0.1
Teck Resources	2.1	< 0.1
Delivery Hero	1.9	< 0.1
Entain	1.8	< 0.1
AIA Group	1.6	0.1
Full Truck Alliance	1.6	_
NetEase	1.6	< 0.1
Sea	1.6	0.1
KE Holdings	1.4	< 0.1
Quest Diagnostics	1.3	< 0.1
Cigna Group	1.3	0.1
Applied Materials	1.2	0.2
Coupang	1.1	_
Tyson Foods	1.0	< 0.1
AGCO	0.9	_
IAC	0.8	_
Clear Secure	0.4	_
Noah Holdings	0.2	_
Cash	2.5	_
Total	100%	

The listed securities are representative of a model Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio as of the indicated date. Portfolio holdings may change over time. Individual accounts may contain different securities. There is no assurance that any securities listed herein will remain in an individual account at the time you receive this report. The securities listed for the MSCI ACWI are not representative of the entire portfolio, which consists of 2,647 securities. The information provided should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any particular security. There can be no assurance that an investor will earn a profit and not lose money.

### **Davis Global ADR SMA**

December 31, 2024



Davis Global ADR SMA is a portfolio of attractive businesses from around the world selected using the timetested Davis Investment Discipline. As one of the largest investors in the strategy, we have a unique commitment to client stewardship.\*

# Unique Attributes of Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio

#### Equity-Focused Research Firm:

Established in 1969, Davis is a leading specialist in equity investing. Our primary focus on research and unique investment discipline has built wealth for our clients over the long term.

#### Portfolio of Best of Breed Businesses:

Utilizing rigorous independent research, we invest in durable, well-managed businesses with sustainable competitive advantages and attractive long-term growth prospects selling at a discount to their true value.

### Flexible, Opportunistic Approach:

The portfolio invests in both developed and developing markets. We believe in a bottomup stock selection process and in not mirroring the benchmark index. Active Share = 92%.

#### We Are One of the Largest Investors:

We have a unique commitment to stewardship, generating attractive long-term results and managing risks.

Attractive Growth, Undervalued, Selective <sup>†</sup>		Portfolio	Index
Attractive Growth	EPS Growth (5 Year)	22.4%	16.6%
Undervalued	P/E (Forward)	9.4x	20.4x
Selective	Holdings	35	2,647
	Total Countries	12	47

#### **Experienced Management**

Danton G. Goei, 26 yrs with Davis Advisors

#### Our Investment Alongside Our Clients

We have more than \$2 billion invested in Davis Strategies and Funds.\*

### Geographically Diverse Portfolio

	Portfolio (%)
United States	47.9
Asia	26.0
Europe	17.2
Africa	6.8
North & Central America Ex US	2.2
Australia/Oceania	0.0
South America	0.0

Sectors**	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
Consumer Discretionary	34.4	11.3
Financials	28.8	16.8
Health Care	14.8	9.7
Communication Services	13.2	8.2
Industrials	2.6	10.2
Materials	2.2	3.5
Information Technology	1.6	25.9
Real Estate	1.4	2.0
Consumer Staples	1.0	5.9
Energy	_	3.8
Utilities	_	2.5

Top 10 Holdings‡	Portfolio (%)	Index (%)
Naspers	6.6	0.1
Meta Platforms	6.3	1.7
Ping An Insurance Group	6.1	0.1
Meituan	5.9	0.1
Capital One Financial	5.8	0.1
Prosus	5.1	0.1
Julius Baer Group	4.3	< 0.1
Trip.com Group	4.2	0.1
MGM Resorts	4.1	< 0.1
Markel Group	3.7	< 0.1

Top 10 Countries	
1. United States	6. Denmark
2. China	7. Canada
3. South Africa	8. Germany
4. Netherlands	9. United Kingdom
5. Switzerland	10. Singapore

Performance (%)	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10/1/14
Global ADR SMA Composite (gross)	26.60	8.85	8.78	8.96
Global ADR SMA Composite (net 3%)	22.92	5.65	5.58	5.75
MSCI ACWI	17.49	5.43	10.05	9.03

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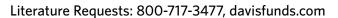
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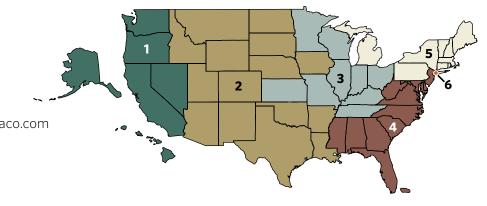
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