Global Leaders Quarterly strategy update

Third Quarter 2017

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)

	COMPOSITE GROSS OF FEES	COMPOSITE NET OF FEES	RUSSELL® GLOBAL LARGE-CAP NET INDEX
3 Mos.	5.7	5.5	5.2
YTD	25.3	24.5	17.2
1YR	21.2	20.2	18.7
ITD (1 May 2015)	10.1	9.2	7.0

Provided as supplemental information. The composite performance shown above reflects the Brown Advisory Global Leaders Composite, managed by Brown Advisory Institutional. Brown Advisory Institutional is a division of Brown Advisory LC, and Brown Advisory Institutional is a GIPS compliant firm. Please see the end of this for a GIPS compliant presentation.

REP. ACCOUNT CHARACTERISTICS

	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCT.	RUSSELL GLOBAL LARGE-CAP NET INDEX
P/E (NTM) Wtd Average	21.9x	23.9x
ROIC (LFY) Median (%)*	20.5	8.8
Hist 3Yr Sales Growth (Wtd Average) (%)	9.7	5.4
FCF (LFY ex. financials) Wtd Average (%)	4.8	4.3
NTM EV/EBIT (Wtd Average)	16.3x	21.5x

*Excludes Financials

REP. ACCOUNT TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

SECURITY	% PORTFOLI
Alphabet Inc. Class C	4.8
Microsoft Corporation	4.7
Visa Inc. Class A	4.2
Atlas Copco AB Class B	4.2
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4.2
Estee Lauder Companies Inc. Class A	3.8
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	3.7
Safran S.A.	3.7
Unilever PLC	3.6
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.5
TOTAL	40.4







Review & Outlook

The Global Leaders strategy outperformed its benchmark, the Russell Global Large-Cap Index, in the third quarter of 2017.

The advent of the quieter summer months in the northern hemisphere and heightening geopolitical tensions did little to quell investors' appetite for equities with global indices reaching new highs in the third quarter. The Global Leaders Strategy is focused on delivering long-term performance by buying a concentrated portfolio of outstanding companies that uniquely satisfy their customers and generate outstanding economics for shareholders. Although we are attuned to the ebbs and flows of the prevailing macroeconomic environment, we are primarily bottom-up stock-pickers looking for these special franchises trading at discounts to intrinsic value. Accordingly, we were encouraged by the operational performances of a number of our companies that reported their second quarter results in the period and in many cases we were rewarded with strong share price performances.

Our core payments holdings Visa and MasterCard were very much in this vein with robust second quarter updates resulting in positive contributions to performance. MasterCard shares were further buoyed after management upgraded their full-year outlook at the company's investor day late in the period.

Estee Lauder and Atlas Copco's fortunes in the period were emblematic of the importance of maintaining a long-term vision in the face of the market's schizophrenic disposition and associated short-term share price volatility. Estee Lauder shares were propelled after it released strong results underpinned by healthy sales growth and profitability improvements. The luxury cosmetics specialist had a torrid time in 2016 as myopic investors fixated on the seemingly endless malaise of bricks and mortar retail and overlooked the company's brand power and opportunities for self-help. Atlas Copco's shares were weak earlier in the quarter despite the company releasing encouraging results. In this instance overly optimistic market expectations were the main driver of this negative price action. Occasionally the market serves up opportunities for the long-sighted investor. We recognized that the weakness in Atlas Copco shares was driven by short-term investor perceptions rather than long-term fundamentals and we added to our position. We were rewarded with a sharp rebound after management meetings repositioned investor perspectives and Atlas Copco was a meaningful contributor to performance during the period.

On the negative front, Edwards Lifesciences detracted from performance after its shares drifted against the backdrop of a rising equity market. The heart valve specialist released what we saw as solid second quarter results and we continue to monitor our position. Elsewhere, Starbucks shares were weak on the back of investor speculation that the coffee maker's management team is intending to downgrade long-term earnings guidance in their upcoming results.

Finally, Ecolab and Priceline were marginal detractors from performance during the period as investors had mixed reactions to their results.

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We eliminated both Nike and Verisk due to the existence of more attractive risk-reward opportunities elsewhere. Both of these franchises have attractive attributes, but we struggled to find meaningful upside and crucially adequate margin of safety relative to other opportunities in the strategy.

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Sector Diversification

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- At the same time the strategy is keen to have differentiated exposures but it will not compromise philosophically and is happy to have no exposure in areas such as energy, telecoms, real estate or utilities, that don't satisfy its investment criteria.
- The strategy's largest overweight position in information technology is a function of a number of attractive high-quality franchises such as MasterCard, Microsoft and Facebook being located in that sector.

SECTOR	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT (%)	RUSSELL GLOBAL LARGE-CAP NET INDEX (%)	DIFFERENCE (%)	GLOBAL I REP. ACCO	
	Q3 '17	Q3 '17	Q3 '17	Q2 '17	Q3 '16
Consumer Discretionary	10.36	13.39	-3.03	10.65	12.66
Consumer Staples	12.56	8.58	3.99	13.28	14.46
Energy		6.18	-6.18		
Financials	19.41	18.69	0.71	19.23	15.07
Health Care	6.07	10.95	-4.88	6.20	12.38
Industrials	13.70	10.22	3.48	14.54	9.47
Information Technology	32.21	16.79	15.42	29.95	29.95
Materials	5.69	5.58	0.11	6.14	6.01
Real Estate		3.60	-3.60		
Telecommunication Services		2.94	-2.94		
Utilities		3.08	-3.08		

Sector diversification excludes cash and cash equivalents.

Quarterly Attribution Detail by Sector

- Encouraging second quarter results from MasterCard, Visa, PayPal, Facebook and Microsoft contributed to information technology being the biggest single sector contributor to performance during the period.
- Elsewhere, strong results from Estee Lauder contributed to a positive performance from consumer staples.
- On the negative front, materials was the main sector, on a return basis, that detracted from performance after Ecolab shares weakened following results. In addition, metals and mining company shares—where we have no exposure—rallied on the back of rising minerals prices.

SECTOR	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT		RUSSELL GLOBAL LARGE-CAP INDEX		ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS		
	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	ALLOCATION EFFECT (%)	SELECTION AND INTERACTION EFFECT (%)	TOTAL EFFECT (%)
Consumer Discretionary	9.70	-2.74	13.47	4.17	0.04	-0.69	-0.65
Consumer Staples	12.88	7.80	8.88	0.01	-0.22	0.99	0.77
Energy			5.93	9.39	-0.24		-0.24
Financials	19.43	4.63	18.64	5.68	0.00	-0.20	-0.20
Health Care	6.17	2.02	11.00	2.44	0.14	-0.03	0.11
Industrials	14.47	7.55	10.13	5.05	0.00	0.35	0.35
Information Technology	31.51	10.46	16.64	8.62	0.49	0.55	1.03
Materials	5.85	0.01	5.54	8.75	0.02	-0.53	-0.51
Real Estate			3.66	2.97	0.08		0.08
Telecommunication Services			2.97	4.32	0.03		0.03
Utilities			3.14	3.75	0.04		0.04
Total	100.00	6.01	100.00	5.19	0.37	0.45	0.82

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Quarterly Contribution to Return

- As mentioned **MasterCard**, **Visa** and **Estee Lauder** all outperformed following strong results releases.
- Atlas Copco shares rallied after investors reacted negatively to second quarter results. We viewed the price action as unwarranted and added to our position which resulted in the Swedish industrial contributing positively to performance as the company's shares rebounded.
- Microsoft also provided an encouraging update underpinned by strong demand for its cloud products.
- Edwards Lifesciences's shares drifted against a rising equity market despite the valve maker reporting what we saw as decent second quarter results. We continue to monitor our position.
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	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS							
	TICKER	NAME	AVG. WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)				
	MA	Mastercard Incorporated Class A	3.66	16.47	0.58			
	BXC8BW	Atlas Copco AB Class B	3.47	12.10	0.54			
	V	Visa Inc. Class A	4.25	12.40	0.51			
	EL	Estee Lauder Companies Inc. Class A	3.96	12.72	0.47			
	MSFT	Microsoft Corporation	4.87	8.64	0.42			
	EW	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	2.96	-7.55	-0.23			
	SBUX	Starbucks Corporation	1.60	-7.47	-0.13			
	NKE	NIKE, Inc. Class B	0.92	-6.86	-0.12			
	ECL	Ecolab Inc.	2.74	-2.84	-0.08			
	VRSK	Verisk Analytics Inc.	0.81	-4.41	-0.07			

Portfolio Activity

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 GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

 ADDITIONS
 SECTOR

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 CTS Eventim AG & Co. KGaA
 Consumer Discretionary

 DELETIONS
 SECTOR

 NKE
 NIKE, Inc. Class B
 Consumer Discretionary

 VRSK
 Verisk Analytics Inc.
 Industrials

Brown Advisory Global Leaders Composite

Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)		Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)		Portfolios in Composite at End of Year		Composite Assets (\$USD Millions)	GIPS Firm Assets (\$USD Millions
2016	-0.6	-1.4	8.1	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	38	30,417
2015*	1.2	0.7	-7.1	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	24	43,746

*Return is for period May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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- 3. This composite was created in 2015.
- 4. The benchmark is the Russell Global Large-Cap Net Index. This index offers investors access to the large-cap segment of the entire global equity universe. The index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap segment and is completely reconstituted annually to accurately reflect the changes in the market over time. Russell® is a trademark/service mark of the London Stock Exchange Group companies. One cannot invest directly in an index. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of the independent verifiers.
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