

# Concentrated Global Growth Equity Strategy

September 30, 2024

## **Objective**

The Concentrated Global Growth Equity Strategy seeks long term compounding by focusing its investments into a concentrated portfolio of the most dynamic global growth opportunities.

## Why Invest?

- Clearly defined, transparent, and consistent process
- Driven by fundamentals, supported by evidence

**Annualized Returns (%)** 

- Active risk management with disciplined portfolio construction
- · Advancing positive change through active engagement

#### As of 9/30/24 48.87 47.67 50 45 40 35 3176 27.91 27.13 30 25 18 66 20 17.31 16.34 13.40 12.59 15 9.30 6.96 6.07 10 6.61 -0.67 -0.88 OTD YTD 3 Year Inception **Axiom Concentrated Global Growth Strategy - Gross**

Axiom Concentrated Global Growth Strategy - NetMSCI All Country World

### **Cumulative Returns (%)**



## **Strategy Facts**

#### Inception

December 3, 2014

#### **Firm Assets**

\$23.3 B\*

#### **Strategy Assets**

\$5.1 B

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI All Country World

#### **Vehicles**

Separate account Commingled fund CIT\*\* UCITS

## **Portfolio Managers**

## Andrew Jacobson, CFA

Portfolio Manager, Chief Investment Officer

## **Bradley Amoils**

Portfolio Manager

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Portfolio Manager, Director of Research

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Portfolio Manager

<sup>\*</sup>Past performance is not indicative of future results, and the principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that you may have a gain or loss when you sell your units

<sup>\*</sup>Assets include Assets Under Management (\$22.8B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.5B).

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## **Top 10 Holdings**

As of 9/30/24

Security	Country	Sector	% of Portfolio	% of Index
NVIDIA	US	Information Technology	10.5	3.8
Microsoft	US	Information Technology	9.4	3.9
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	US	Communication Services	8.5	1.6
Amazon.com	US	Consumer Discretionary	8.1	2.2
Tradeweb Markets, Inc. Class A	US	Financials	5.0	0.0
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Information Technology	5.0	1.0
Netflix	US	Communication Services	4.9	0.4
Booz Allen Hamilton	US	Industrials	4.8	0.0
Hitachi,Ltd.	Japan	Industrials	4.6	0.2
Costco Wholesale Corporation	US	Consumer Staples	4.4	0.5

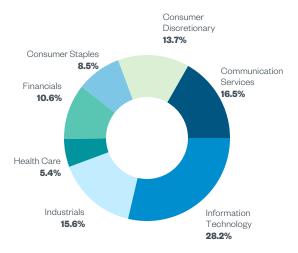
## Risk/Return Analysis & Portfolio Characteristics (%)

As of 9/30/24

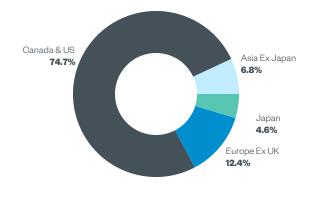
	Axiom (Gross)	Axiom (Net)	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	244.4	220.9	139.5
Annualized Return (%)	13.4	12.6	9.3
Annualized Excess Return (%)	4.1	3.3	
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	64.1	61.5	
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	17.3	17.3	14.8
Tracking Error (%)	8.7	8.7	
Information Ratio	0.5	0.4	
Annualized Sortino Ratio	1.1	1.0	0.8
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	157.3	148.6	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	102.3	103.8	-

	Axiom	Index
Holdings	25	2687
% in Axiom Top 10 Holdings	65.4%	13.6%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$1110.9	\$648.7
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$187.4	\$14.2
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$6,723	\$3,472
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	39.3	56.3
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	27.5	17.9
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	23.7	17.0
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	1.2	1.1
Wgt. Avg. Carbon Intensity	22.5	125.5

## Sector Exposure (%)



## Regional Exposure (%)



Index: MSCI All Country World

Currency: USD

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Source: Factset and Axiom.

There can be no assurance that the Strategy will continue to hold these positions or that weightings do not change after the as of date stated.



### Commentary

During the third quarter 2024, the Axiom Concentrated Global Growth Equity Strategy ("Strategy") underperformed the MSCI ACWI Index ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy has outperformed the Index on a net of fees basis over the year-to-date, 1-year, 5-year, and since inception periods.

Several sharp global equity market rotations impacted Axiom's portfolio this quarter. Semiconductor related stocks, which led markets through the first half of the year, corrected during the quarter primarily due to uncertainty regarding the timing of the release of Nvidia's next generation chips, further deterioration in the outlook for Chinese demand even as China ramps up production of low-end semiconductors, and ongoing concerns about the sustainability of elevated Al-related demand. Nvidia and its supply chain partners have recently confirmed near-term commercial shipments of the next generation chips as well as that Al related demand continues to exceed supply. However, offsetting these positives, the China-related supply and demand outlook has deteriorated sharply. As a result, Axiom has reduced semiconductor exposure focusing on holdings competing at the highest technological specifications. Ironically, ex-semiconductors, China exposed stocks rallied very sharply this quarter from depressed levels as the Chinese government announced new stimulus measures in response to accelerating evidence that the property driven credit crisis is severely impacting China's economy. The recent Chinese policy announcements appear inadequate to sustainably offset the many structural headwinds and we made only modest, stock-specific changes to the portfolio and continue to have no direct holdings in China or Hong Kong. In general, outside the rally in China, global markets were led by interest rate sensitive and yield oriented stocks, including in the real estate, financial services, utilities, and consumer staples sectors as the Fed finally joined the easing cycle with a larger than expected 50 basis point cut. The global easing cycle started over one year ago and world-wide cuts are now running ahead of hikes by nearly five-to-one year-to-date. Axiom has generally been benefitting from easing over the past year, even though we lagged this quarter, and we have selectively added to well-positioned holdings. Unlike much of the world, the Bank of Japan slightly raised interest rates this quarter, which had been negative for nearly a decade, in response to improvements in Japan's economy. Japan's small policy rate hike sparked an abrupt unwind of yen 'carry-trades' accompanied by a sharp sell-off in Japanese stocks. Japanese policy makers backed-away from further tightening and, since we view the underlying trends in Japan as supportive, we will continue to seek out stock specific opportunities in Japan.

From a sector perspective, energy contributed this quarter due to our underweight. The largest relative detracting sectors for the quarter were information technology, consumer discretionary, and health care. Technology was the key detractor due to the selloff in semiconductor stocks as discussed above.

From a country perspective, the largest contributors on a relative basis were Denmark, Korea, and Mexico due to our underweight. The largest relative detractors were Japan, the Netherlands, and the US.

The largest stock specific relative contributors during the quarter were MercadoLibre, Tradeweb Markets, Meta, Hitachi, and Blackstone. The largest relative detractors were ASML, Tokyo Electron, NVIDIA, Cadence Design Systems, and Amazon.

Easing cycles are generally a tailwind for high quality, sustainable dynamic growth stocks and Axiom has historically outperformed during these cycles. Axiom's strategies are supported by strong balance sheets, enjoy attractive and above market growth, and benefit from rising earnings forecasts. Axiom continues to closely monitor macroeconomic and geopolitical developments. We remain focused on implementing our fundamental, forward-looking, evidencebased Dynamic Growth philosophy and process to steward client capital successfully through market cycles.

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	Composite return (gross of fees)	Composite return (net of fees)	Benchmark Total Return	No. of accounts	Market value (millions)	Total firm assets (millions)	% of firm assets (%)	Internal dispersion (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)
YTD '24	27.91%	27.13%	18.66%	8	5,041.8	22,754.9	22.16	N/A	20.72	16.34
2023	33.03%	31.94%	22.20%	8	3,913.4	19,915.6	19.65	N/A	19.87	16.27
2022	-31.22%	-31.82%	-18.36%	6	2,478.8	16,580.9	14.95	N/A	22.33	19.86
2021	22.32%	21.31%	18.54%	≤5	384.6	18,639.7	2.06	N/A	17.89	16.84
2020	38.02%	36.89%	16.25%	≤5	781.1	18,535.9	4.21	N/A	19.28	18.13
2019	38.49%	37.36%	26.60%	≤5	105.1	13,458.1	0.78	N/A	14.21	11.22
2018	-9.59%	-10.34%	-9.42%	≤5	135.1	9,729.2	1.39	N/A	13.33	10.48
2017	36.29%	35.43%	23.97%	≤5	153.4	12,116.0	1.27	N/A	11.11	10.36
2016	-3.09%	-3.46%	7.86%	≤5	43.1	9,671.6	0.45	N/A	N/A	N/A
2015	6.71%	6.27%	-2.36%	≤5	64.0	8,704.3	0.74	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014*	-1.23%	-1.26%	-1.55%	≤5	74.1	9,482.3	0.78	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Actual results could and likely will differ, sometimes materially, from those projected or anticipated.							ed or anticipated.		

\*Non-annualized partial period performance beginning 12/3/2014

Fee schedule: First \$25 million: 0.80%; next \$50 million: 0.70%; next \$150 million: 0.60%; next \$250 million: 0.50%; Balance: 0.30%

Firm Compliance Statement: Axiom Investors LLC (the "Firm") claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS\*) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Axiom has been independently verified for the period September 1, 1998 to September 30, 2024. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Axiom Concentrated Global Growth Equity composite has had a performance examination for the periods December 3, 2014 to September 30, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Composite Description: The Concentrated Global Growth Equity strategy (the "Composite) is designed for investors who seek to invest in a broadly diversified portfolio of international equities. Portfolios are invested in companies within the United States and throughout the world. Currencies may be actively managed to reduce portfolio volatility. The Composite represents the performance of all institutional concentrated global growth style fee-paying, discretionary equity accounts, regardless of asset size. The Composite was initiated and created in December 2014. A list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds and performance results are available upon request.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark is the MSCI All Country World index, which is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The benchmark is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested, after the deduction of withholdings taxes and is free float-adjusted market cap weighted and unmanaged. FX is based off London 4 P.M. close.

Significant Cash Flow Policy: Effective 06/30/2023, accounts with a cash flow greater than 20% of the portfolio market value are excluded for the month.

Reporting Currency: Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars. FX is based off NY 4 P.M. close.

Fees: Gross of fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees but after all trading expenses. Net of fees returns are calculated by deducting the highest fee from the monthly gross composite return which is expressed above in the stated fee schedule. Prior to May 2017, actual fees were used to calculate net of fee performance. Returns include the reinvestment of income. Performance is calculated net of withholding taxes on dividends. The fee schedule for the Axiom Concentrated Global Growth Equity Fund, which is included in the Concentrated Global Growth Equity Composite is listed above. The total expense ratio as of December 31, 2023 was 0.18%.

Internal Dispersion: Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. If 5 or less accounts, N/A is shown.

Annualized Standard Deviation: The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Batting Average: The number of periods that the portfolio outperforms (or matches) the benchmark divided by the total number of periods.

Tracking Error: The active risk of the portfolio. It determines the standard deviation of the excess returns between the portfolio and the benchmark. It is calculated by creating a new return series of the excess returns and then calculating the population standard deviation of that return series.

Information Ratio: A measure of consistency in excess return. The annualized excess return over a benchmark divided by the annualized standard deviation (population) of excess return.

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