

## Concentrated Global Growth Equity Strategy

December 31, 2023

### Objective

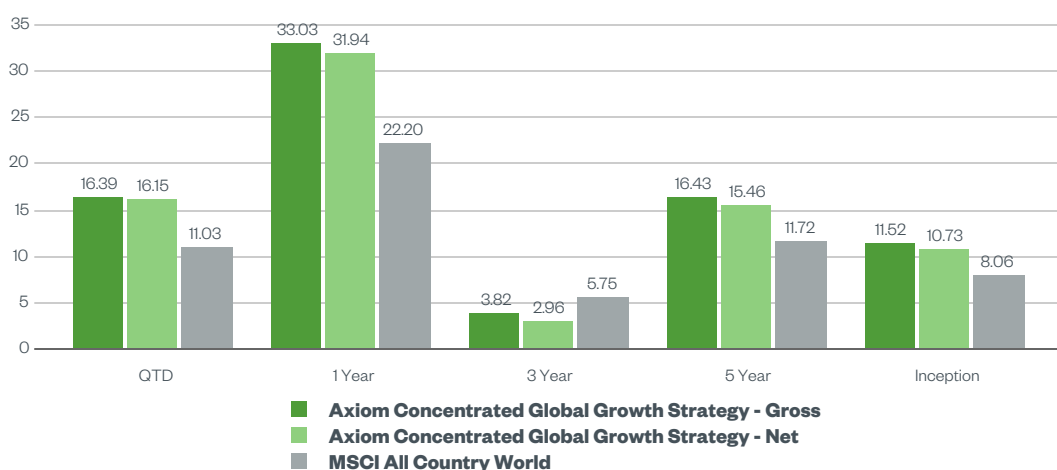
The Concentrated Global Growth Equity Strategy seeks long term compounding by focusing its investments into a concentrated portfolio of the most dynamic global growth opportunities.

### Why Invest?

- Clearly defined, transparent, and consistent process
- Active risk management with disciplined portfolio construction
- Driven by fundamentals, supported by evidence
- Advancing positive change through active engagement

### Annualized Returns (%)

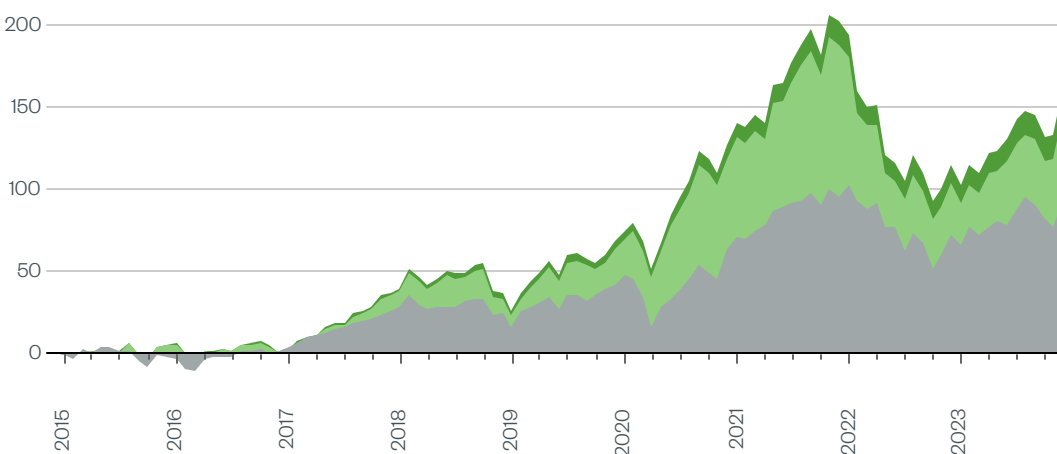
As of 12/31/23



\*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

### Cumulative Returns (%)

As of 12/31/23



### Strategy Facts

#### Inception

December 3, 2014

#### Firm Assets

\$20.5 B\*

#### Strategy Assets

\$3.9 B

#### Benchmark

MSCI All Country World

#### Vehicles

Separate account  
Commingled fund  
CIT\*\*  
UCITS

### Portfolio Managers

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Portfolio Manager

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Portfolio Manager

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$19.9B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.6B).

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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. Please refer to the attached GIPS compliant presentation for complete performance information.

## Top 10 Holdings

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Security	Country	Sector	% of Portfolio	% of Index
NVIDIA	US	Information Technology	10.0	1.8
Microsoft	US	Information Technology	9.9	3.9
ServiceNow	US	Information Technology	7.8	0.2
Amazon.com	US	Consumer Discretionary	7.0	2.1
Eli Lilly and Company	US	Health Care	5.3	0.7
Meta Platforms Inc.	US	Communication Services	5.1	1.2
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Information Technology	4.7	0.7
Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	US	Information Technology	4.1	0.1
Gartner, Inc.	US	Information Technology	4.1	0.1
Booz Allen Hamilton	US	Industrials	3.9	0.0

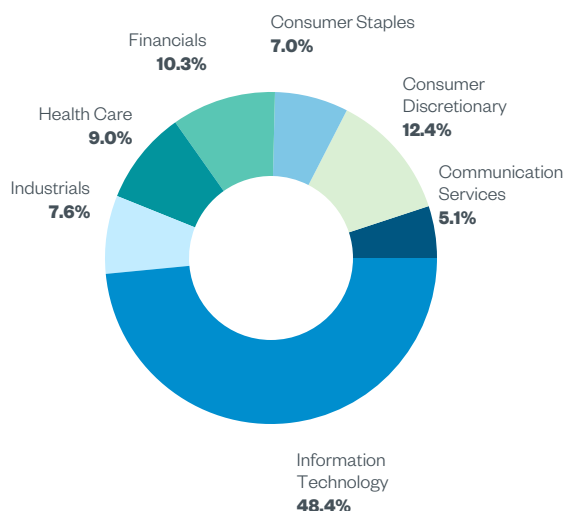
## Risk/Return Analysis & Portfolio Characteristics (%)

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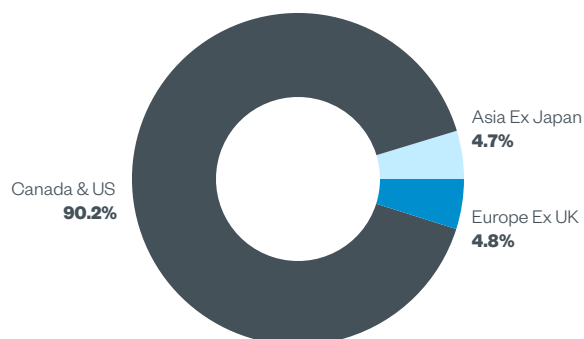
	Axiom (Gross)	Axiom (Net)	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	169.2	152.4	101.9
Annualized Return (%)	11.5	10.7	8.0
Annualized Excess Return (%)	3.5	2.7	--
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	63.9	61.1	--
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	17.2	17.2	15.2
Tracking Error (%)	8.2	8.2	--
Information Ratio	0.4	0.3	--
Annualized Sortino Ratio	0.9	0.8	0.7
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	146.3	138.9	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	102.3	103.8	-

	Axiom	Index
Holdings	22	2921
% in Axiom Top 10 Holdings	61.9%	10.8%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$689.9	\$468.2
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$152.1	\$11.5
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$4,275	\$2,204
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	25.5	56.3
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	30.2	16.5
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	27.6	16.1
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	1.1	1.0
Wgt. Avg. Carbon Intensity	21.2	128.7

## Sector Exposure (%)



## Regional Exposure (%)



Index: MSCI All Country World

Currency: USD

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## Commentary

During the fourth quarter 2023, the Axiom Concentrated Global Growth Equity Strategy ("Strategy") outperformed the MSCI ACWI Index ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy has outperformed the Index on a net of fees basis over the 1-year, 5-year, and since inception periods.

Markets enter 2024 with several tailwinds. Inflation continues to moderate globally. Axiom's global inflation tracker has recovered to pre-COVID levels, having steadily improved for about 18 months. Global economic growth showed signs of stabilizing, notably at year-end, having dipped sharply during the middle of the year. As part of our ongoing portfolio monitoring, Axiom's research team fundamentally evaluated nearly 13,000 inflation and growth data points in Axware across more than 100 countries during 2023. The global easing cycle came into evidence beginning in mid-year 2023, with 48 rate cuts globally since July, exceeding the 43 hikes during that period. Just as with the tightening cycle, the easing cycle has been led by emerging markets. Currently, Fed funds futures suggest between five and six Fed rate cuts during 2024, with the first cut anticipated by late Spring. Over \$8 trillion has accumulated globally into money market funds, having nearly doubled since the start of COVID, and some of this cash will likely be redeployed into longer-term assets as rates fall. Typically, emerging markets and small caps outperform during the 12 months after the Fed starts to ease, suggesting EM and small cap recoveries might finally be within sight. Market valuations are attractive, notwithstanding last year's market recovery, with Global (MXWD), International (MXWDU), and Emerging Market (MXEF) indices all trading below 7- and 10-year average PEG ratios. Geopolitical instability remains an obvious risk with several global flashpoints as well as a number of important elections in focus this year. Longer term risks include still accelerating fiscal deficits, deglobalization, and demographic headwinds, all of which continue to favor a high quality dynamic growth approach to stock selection, as previously discussed in our [4D's Webinar, "Why the Structural Growth Market Can Continue."](#)

Turning to quarterly attribution, the highest contributing sector on a relative basis was information technology, led by top performing stocks ServiceNow and Gartner. ServiceNow posted strong third quarter results with subscription revenues and current remaining performance obligation (cRPO) upside coupled with ahead-of-expectations guidance. Gartner also posted strong 3Q results and guidance that was better than expected. After a period of moderating growth in the leading key metrics, Contract Value (CV) and indicated sales pipelines are improving. Other top contributing sectors included consumer staples due to Costco, whose performance has remained resilient despite moderating trends in consumer spending habits, and L'Oreal outperformance. Consumer discretionary also contributed, led by MercadoLibre and Amazon. The largest relative detracting sectors for the quarter were financials, real estate, and materials.

The highest contributing country on a relative basis was the US, led by strong performance from previously mentioned top performing stocks ServiceNow and Gartner. Other contributors included China, due to the zero exposure, and the Netherlands, led by ASML and Wolters Kluwer. Australia, Sweden, and South Korea were detracting countries for the quarter.

From an individual stock perspective, the highest relative contributors for the quarter were ServiceNow, Gartner, Microsoft, MercadoLibre, and Costco. The largest detractors on a relative basis were Arthur J. Gallagher, UnitedHealth Group, LVMH, MongoDB, and not holding Broadcom.

Axiom's Concentrated Global Growth Strategy continues to exhibit healthy dynamic growth characteristics, with forecast 2024 sales growth approaching 20%, earnings growth of well over 25%, and ROE of about 24%, which are all well above benchmark levels and attractive relative to long-term averages. Balance sheets are strong with net debt/EBITDA and net debt/equity below 0.1 and 25% respectively, and both debt measures are low in absolute terms and well below benchmark levels. We believe that continued strong operating performance by our portfolio investments will most likely lead to a preponderance of analyst growth forecasts for our holdings being upgraded, with both the ratio and magnitude of the earnings forecast increases tracking notably ahead of the benchmark index. Current portfolio valuation is only slightly above benchmark levels and well below the 7-year average based on PEG ratios and, therefore, seems attractive especially in the context of potentially falling interest rates and strong company fundamentals. Axiom believes that if we are successful at adding 2-4% of excess returns above benchmark, Axiom's aspirational target, mathematically we can increase investor outcomes by 20-40+% over the course of a decade and, at the high-end, which if achieved, could potentially even allow investor capital to triple rather than double over that time period. As we celebrate our 25th anniversary as a firm, Axiom believes that making a sustained investment in high quality, dynamic growth stocks continues to offer investors the opportunity for superior long-term returns.

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## Footnotes and Disclaimers

	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 stan. dev. (%)	Benchmark 3-year stan. dev. (%)
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%	-1.56%	≤ 5	74.1	9,482.3	0.78	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*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%

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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 withholding 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, 2022 was 0.16%.

**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. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

**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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