

## Sprucegrove Global Equities

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Sprucegrove's strategy employs a value approach to the management of equities. It emphasizes long-term investment and it focuses on the selection of individual securities using a bottom-up, research driven approach. Country and sector exposures are a residual of this stock-selection process. We seek to invest in securities that meet our standards of investment quality including a history of above average financial performance, a secure financial position, reputable management, and a growth opportunity in terms of sales, earnings, and share price. Our valuation criteria includes normalized price earnings multiple, price to book and dividend yield.

### SECTOR & REGIONAL ALLOCATION

Sector	Portfolio <sup>1</sup> %	MSCI World %	Underweight (-) / Overweight (+)
Energy	2.3	4.5	
Materials	10.4	4.1	
Industrials	23.0	11.1	
Consumer Discretionary	11.7	10.9	
Consumer Staples	5.1	6.8	
Health Care	14.0	12.1	
Financials	15.9	15.2	
Information Technology	7.9	23.0	
Communication Services	6.3	7.2	
Utilities	0.0	2.6	
Real Estate	0.0	2.5	
Cash	3.4	0.0	
	100.0	100.0	

Region	Portfolio <sup>1</sup> %	MSCI World %	Underweight (-) / Overweight (+)
Pacific	14.0	9.1	
Eurozone	13.8	9.0	
Non-Euro & Middle East	18.7	8.8	
Emerging Markets	8.6	0.0	
North America	41.5	73.1	
Cash	3.4	0.0	
	100.0	100.0	

### GLOBAL EQUITY VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Vehicle	Client Type
Sprucegrove Global Pooled Fund (Pension)	Pension (DB and DC)
Sprucegrove Global Pooled Fund (Non - Pension)	Endowments, Foundations, Family Offices
Separate Account	All

<sup>1</sup> Sprucegrove Global Pooled Fund is the representative portfolio for the Sprucegrove Global Equity Strategy.

### PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

AUM (Millions in CAD)	
Sprucegrove Firm Total	\$22,784.9
Global Equities	\$1,056.4
Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	MSCI World
Inception Date	June 29, 1995
# of Holdings	92
Active Share*	92%
Average Mkt Cap (\$B)	\$105.5
Median Mkt. Cap (\$B)	\$24.0
Turnover % (LTM)*	16.5

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS\*

Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	MSCI World
Normalized P/E	14.7x
Financial Leverage	2.1x
Price to Book	2.7x
Dividend Yield	2.4%

\***Normalized P/E** for a company is determined by Sprucegrove by dividing the company's P/B ratio by Sprucegrove's estimate of the average expected earnings for the company over the long term. Sprucegrove determines the Normalized P/E for each of the Fund and the MSCI World index by taking the weighted average of the Normalized P/E of each company within the Fund or index, respectively. **Financial Leverage** is defined as total assets divided by ordinary/common shareholders equity. **Price to Book ratio (P/B)** is the stock price divided by book (equity) value per share. **Dividend Yield** is the net dividend divided by the stock price. **Active Share** is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a portfolio that differ from the benchmark. **Turnover** is calculated as: (Total of the lesser of buys or sales over 12 month period / Average market values over period) x 100.

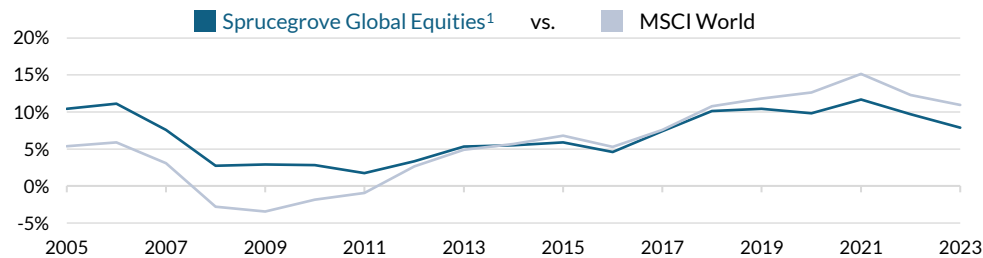
### TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Stock	% of Portfolio <sup>1</sup>
Berkshire Hathaway	3.1
Meta Platforms	2.6
Intel	2.4
Walt Disney	2.3
Markel	2.1
Henry Schein	2.1
Cullen/Frost Bankers	2.0
T. Rowe Price	2.0
Biogen	2.0
CH Robinson	2.0
Total	22.6

## PERFORMANCE

As of: 12/31/2023	Q4	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	Since
	(%)	Year	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Inception
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Sprucegrove Global Equities (Gross) <sup>1</sup>	6.72	11.86	2.15	5.78	5.22	7.34	7.88	9.20	6.60	6.57	7.96
Sprucegrove Global Equities (Net) <sup>1,2</sup>	6.68	11.69	1.99	5.62	5.06	7.17	7.61	8.87	6.22	6.12	7.46
MSCI World <sup>3</sup>	8.66	20.47	2.85	8.51	9.82	12.01	10.97	11.19	7.90	5.37	7.30
MSCI World Value <sup>3</sup>	6.60	8.52	4.32	9.58	6.32	8.11	8.20	8.93	6.39	4.75	6.50

## HISTORICAL ROLLING RETURNS, 10 Year Rolling Return, As of 12/31/2023



Sprucegrove's 10 year rolling average gross return has outperformed the benchmark in 9 of the past 19 years

	Annual	3 Year Rolling	5 Year Rolling	10 Year Rolling	15 Year Rolling
Periods Outperformed	43%	46%	54%	47%	57%
Number of years	12/28	12/26	13/24	9/19	8/14

**Disclosures:** Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Returns shorter than a 1-year period are arithmetic returns and have not been annualized. Returns greater than a 1-year period have been annualized. Principal value and investment return will fluctuate. Returns are in Canadian dollars.

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<sup>2</sup>**Net returns** reflect Gross returns reduced by management fees and withholding taxes associated with any dividends paid, where imposed by certain jurisdictions.

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