

# Sprucegrove International 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 EAFE %	Underweight (-) / Overweight (+)
Energy	5.7	4.3	
Materials	15.8	7.8	
Industrials	24.3	16.4	
Consumer Discretionary	15.0	11.8	
Consumer Staples	5.1	9.3	
Health Care	10.1	12.8	
Financials	10.3	19.0	
Information Technology	9.3	8.6	
Communication Services	1.7	4.1	
Utilities	0.9	3.5	
Real Estate	0.5	2.2	
Cash	1.3	0.0	
	100.0	100.0	

Region	Portfolio <sup>1</sup> %	MSCI EAFE %	Underweight (-) / Overweight (+)
Pacific	27.5	33.8	
Eurozone	22.1	33.5	
Non-Euro & Middle East	35.3	32.6	
Emerging Markets	13.8	0.0	
Cash	1.3	0.0	
	100.0	0.0	

## INTERNATIONAL EQUITY VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Vehicle	Client Type
Sprucegrove International Pooled Fund	All
Separate Account	All

<sup>1</sup>Sprucegrove International Pooled Fund.

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

	AUM (Millions in CAD)	
Sprucegrove Firm Total	\$22,784.9	
International Equities	\$14,134.5	
	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	MSCI EAFE
Inception Date	Apr. 30, 1985	-
# of Holdings	77	783
Active Share*	88%	-
Average Mkt Cap (\$B)	\$58.1	\$20.7
Median Mkt. Cap (\$B)	\$12.0	\$9.2
Turnover % (LTM)*	11.8%	-

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS\*

	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	MSCI EAFE
Normalized P/E	13.7x	16.0x
Financial Leverage	2.1x	2.9x
Price to Book	2.2x	1.8x
Dividend Yield	3.1%	3.0%

\***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 EAFE 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

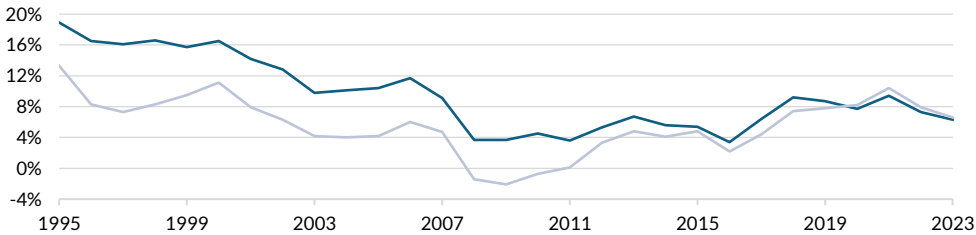
Stock	% of Fund <sup>1</sup>
Novartis	2.7
CRH	2.5
Berkeley Group	2.3
IMI	2.3
Fuchs Petrolub	2.3
<i>Preference</i>	1.8
<i>Ordinary</i>	0.5
Smiths Group	2.3
Ryanair	2.2
HSBC	2.1
Samsung Electronics	1.9
Nitto Denko	1.9
Total	22.5

## PERFORMANCE

As of: 12/31/2023	Q4 (%)	1 Year (%)	2 Years (%)	3 Years (%)	4 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years (%)	15 Years (%)	20 Years (%)	25 Years (%)	30 Years (%)	35 Years (%)	Since Inception (%)
Sprucegrove International Equities (Gross) <sup>1</sup>	7.52	14.09	3.88	5.03	4.48	5.85	6.28	8.09	6.48	6.33	7.59	9.17	10.99
Sprucegrove International Equities (Net) <sup>1,2</sup>	7.44	13.77	3.59	4.73	4.19	5.55	5.97	7.75	6.13	5.94	7.15	8.69	10.49
MSCI EAFE <sup>3</sup>	7.69	15.07	2.76	5.22	5.39	7.41	6.55	7.40	5.69	3.80	5.19	5.05	7.91
MSCI EAFE Value <sup>3</sup>	5.54	15.76	8.28	8.83	5.38	6.33	5.42	6.49	5.06	4.05	5.52	5.67	8.76

## HISTORICAL ROLLING RETURNS, As of 12/31/2023

10 Year Rolling Return ■ Sprucegrove International Equities<sup>1</sup> vs. ■ MSCI EAFE



Sprucegrove's 10 year rolling average gross return has outperformed the benchmark in 25 of the past 29 years

	Annual	3 Year Rolling	5 Year Rolling	10 Year Rolling	15 Year Rolling
Periods Outperformed	61%	69%	82%	86%	100%
Number of years	23/38	25/36	28/34	25/29	24/24

**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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