

# 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	5.2	3.6	1.6
Materials	9.9	6.8	3.1
Industrials	26.7	17.3	9.4
Consumer Discretionary	13.7	11.0	2.7
Consumer Staples	7.7	8.7	-1.0
Health Care	14.2	13.3	0.9
Financials	9.4	20.6	-11.2
Information Technology	9.7	8.7	1.0
Communication Services	1.4	4.3	-2.9
Utilities	1.2	3.4	-2.2
Real Estate	0.2	2.2	-2.0
Cash	0.8	0.0	0.8
	100.0	100.0	

Region	Portfolio <sup>1</sup> %	MSCI EAFE %	Underweight (-) / Overweight (+)
Pacific	28.5	33.8	-5.3
Eurozone	24.0	33.5	-9.5
Non-Euro & Middle East	30.0	32.7	-2.7
Emerging Markets	12.8	0.0	12.8
Canada	3.9	0.0	3.9
Cash	0.8	0.0	0.8
	100.0	100.0	

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

AUM (Millions in USD)		
Sprucegrove Firm Total		\$18,502.5
International Equities		\$11,452.9
Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	MSCI EAFE	
Inception Date	Sep. 30, 1985	-
# of Holdings	72	732
Active Share*	88%	-
Average Mkt Cap (\$B)	\$72.45	\$23.9
Median Mkt. Cap (\$B)	\$10.4	\$10.8
Turnover % (LTM)*	22.3%	-

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	MSCI EAFE
Normalized P/E	14.6x	17.1x
Financial Leverage	2.0x	2.8x
Price to Book	2.5x	1.9x
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>
Roche Holding	3.1
Smith & Nephew	2.6
AIA Group	2.6
Novartis	2.5
Omron	2.3
Ryanair (ADR)	2.3
Sandoz	2.3
Fuchs	2.2
Preference	1.7
Ordinary	0.5
HSBC	2.2
SAP	2.1
Total	24.2

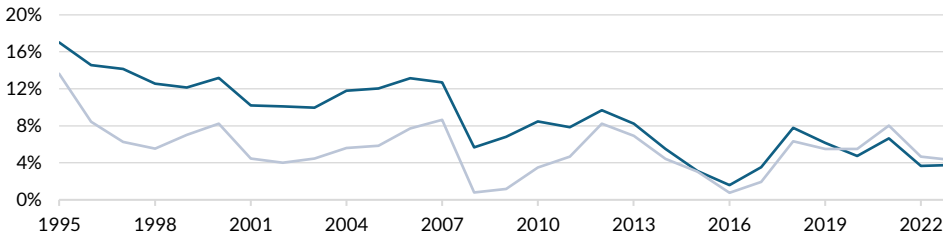
<sup>1</sup>Sprucegrove International Representative Portfolio. Holdings and allocations are subject to change.

## PERFORMANCE

As of: 09/30/2024	Q3	YTD	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	Since
	(%)	(%)	Year	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years	Inception
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Sprucegrove International Equities (Gross) <sup>1</sup>	9.05	10.72	22.43	23.71	6.01	11.74	7.53	5.46	6.48	6.61	7.04	8.09	8.62	10.61
Sprucegrove International Equities (Net) <sup>1,2</sup>	8.89	10.23	21.71	22.98	5.38	11.07	6.89	4.83	5.84	5.98	6.40	7.44	7.98	9.95
MSCI EAFE <sup>3</sup>	7.26	12.99	24.77	25.21	5.48	10.22	8.20	5.71	5.99	6.01	4.60	5.34	4.95	7.70
MSCI EAFE Value <sup>4</sup>	8.89	13.79	23.14	27.25	8.94	14.00	8.27	4.56	4.88	5.24	4.68	5.58	5.47	8.48

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

### 10 Year Rolling Return ■ Sprucegrove International Equities (Net)<sup>1,2</sup> vs. ■ MSCI EAFE



Sprucegrove's 10 year rolling average net 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	20 Year Rolling
Periods Outperformed	58%	64%	76%	86%	96%	100%
Number of years	22/38	23/36	26/34	25/29	23/24	19/19

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<sup>1</sup>Sprucegrove International Representative Portfolio. Inception date: September 30, 1985. Performance reflects a linking between Sprucegrove International Representative Account 1 and the Sprucegrove U.S. International Pooled Fund in June 2022. The fund's performance is linked to the Confederation Life International Pooled Fund for periods prior to 1994 (for which the Sprucegrove Investment Management team managed the portfolio since its inception).

<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.

<sup>3</sup>The MSCI EAFE (net) Index was launched on March 31, 1986. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested. It is the benchmark for Sprucegrove International Representative Portfolio. All supplementary indices are presented for comparative purposes only.

<sup>4</sup>The MSCI EAFE Value (net) Index was launched on December 8, 1997. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested.

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