

# Global Equities

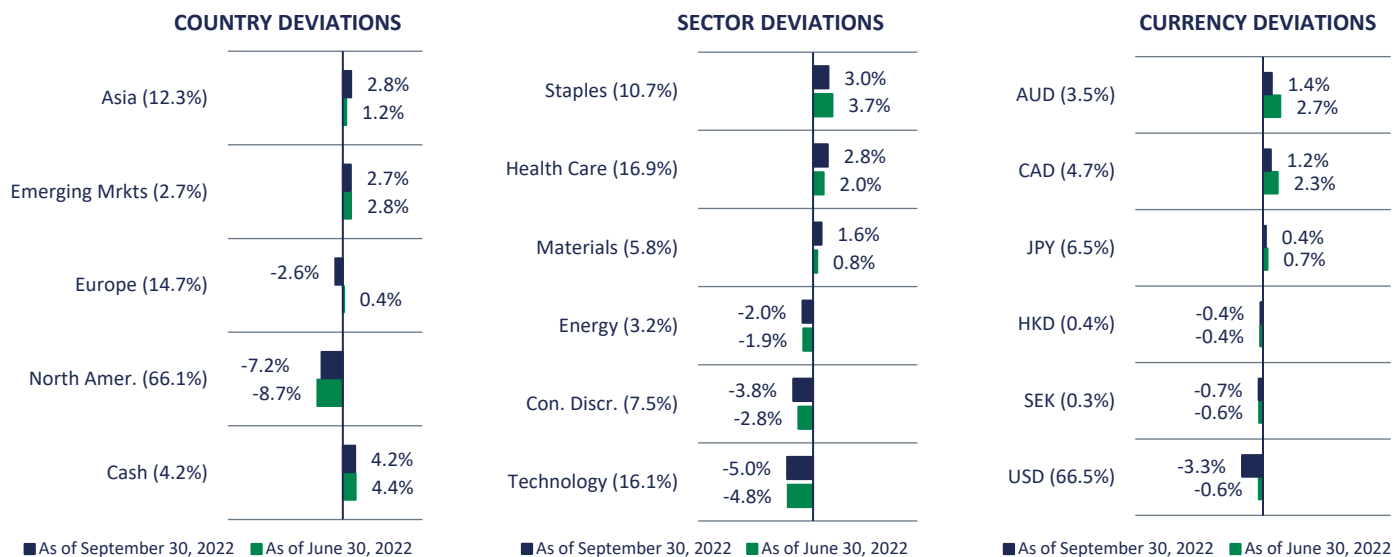
## Performance (CAD)

Annualized (%)	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Hexavest Global Composite	0.06	-12.75	-6.44	2.07	4.11	9.73	6.10
MSCI World (net)	-0.07	-18.88	-12.83	5.86	7.30	11.78	4.49
VALUE ADDED	0.13	6.13	6.39	-3.79	-3.19	-2.05	1.61

Ten last years (%)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hexavest Global Composite	10.10	32.38	15.06	20.20	8.81	7.72	1.16	14.51	-1.45	17.15
MSCI World (net)	13.26	35.18	14.39	18.89	3.79	14.36	-0.49	21.22	13.87	20.78
VALUE ADDED	-3.16	-2.80	0.67	1.31	5.02	-6.64	1.65	-6.71	-15.32	-3.63

## Positioning (vs MSCI World)



## Market Outlook

MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	VALUATION	SENTIMENT
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Despite rising risks of recession, geopolitical tensions and the energy crisis in Europe, the central banks are obliged to raise interest rates to contain widespread, persistent inflation. Forecasters are revising their growth outlook sharply downward. On the inflation front, they are very optimistic and expect record disinflation in consumer prices, a scenario we find difficult to accept. Finally, we think the continuing economic malaise in China calls for a strong response from the authorities. We think the global macroeconomic environment will be downright hostile to growth in the coming quarters. We have, therefore, kept our macroeconomic vector at triple negative (---).

The recession scenario and rising risk-free interest rates have still not been priced into the global equity valuation, mainly because of the persistent high price of U.S. equities. The phenomenon known as TINA (There Is No Alternative), caused by very low interest rates, is clearly a thing of the past. Bonds are now an appealing alternative. Nonetheless, valuation ratios are not at extreme levels anymore. We have revised our equity valuation vector upward from double negative to single negative (-).

The return of volatility and rising interest rates have made investors nervous at a time when their risk exposure is high. Our sentiment index is definitely in the apprehensive zone but it has not yet stabilized. Investors' still relatively high exposure to equities suggests the index could deteriorate further before improving. We need to see an improvement before we become more constructive on this vector. Nonetheless, because of the depressed sentiment of investors and our contrarian approach toward investors behaviour, we are raising our sentiment vector from positive to double positive (++).

**Our analysis of the three vectors has prompted us to maintain a defensive positioning. We are concerned about relatively high equity valuations in the context of a generally deteriorating macroeconomic environment.**

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## Summary

<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI World (net)
<b>Value added objective</b>	2% (4-year rolling periods)
<b>Active risk</b>	3% to 5%
<b>Number of holdings</b>	275 to 350 (higher if exposure to EM)
<b>Currency management</b>	Active
<b>Maximum cash exposure</b>	10%

### DEVIATIONS VS. BENCHMARK

Regions:	+/- 15%
Countries:	+/- 15%
Currencies:	+/- 15%
Sectors:	+/- 10%

## Investment Approach

- Clearly defined process, applied for nearly 30 years
- Top-down and contrarian approach
- Diversified sources of alpha: regions, countries, currencies, sectors, industries, stocks
- Strong focus on downside protection
- Systematic integration of ESG factors
- Experienced and nimble investment team

## Investment Team

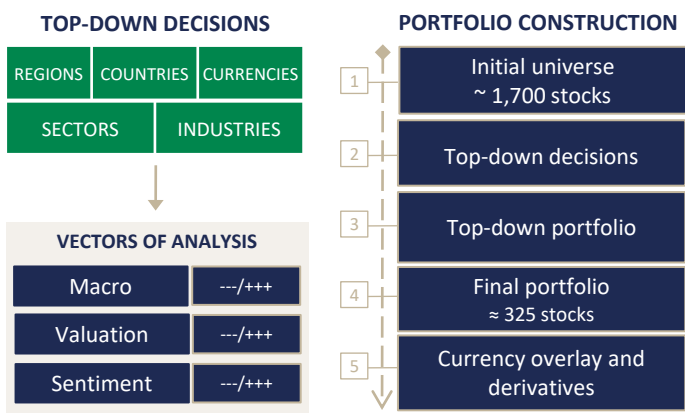
**Marc C. Lavoie, CPA, CFA**  
Manager, Core Strategy  
Experience: 22 years  
Team member since 2003

**Christian Crête, CFA**  
Senior Portfolio Manager  
Experience: 23 years  
Team member since 2012

**Jean-Pierre Couture, M.Sc.**  
Economist and Senior Portfolio Manager  
Experience: 27 years  
Team member since 2010

**Aïcha Traoré, M.Sc.**  
Analyst  
Experience: 2 years  
Team member since 2022

## Investment Process



## Responsible Investment

**Christian Felix**  
Manager and Head of Responsible investment

**Solène Hanquier**  
Head of ESG Strategies

- + We have a team of 8 specialists dedicated exclusively to responsible investment.

- Combine investments and RI expertise to offer high-performance strategies
- Development of a simple RI process that can be easily integrated into any mandate
- Ongoing exchanges between portfolio managers and the RI team increasing the efficiency of the investment process

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