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Global Equities

Performance (CAD)										
Annualized (%)	3 months	,	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 y e	ears	10 years	Since inception	
Hexavest Global Composite	10.57		-3.52	-3.52	3.66	į	5.23	10.72		6.48
MSCI World (net)	8.24	-1	12.19	-12.19	6.49	7.81		12.26	4.79	
VALUE ADDED	2.33		8.67	8.67	-2.83	-2.58		-1.54		1.69
Ten last years (%)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Hexavest Global Composite	32.38	15.06	20.20	8.81	7.72	1.16	14.51	-1.45	17.15	-3.52
MSCI World (net)	35.18	14.39	18.89	3.79	14.36	-0.49	21.22	13.87	20.78	-12.19
VALUE ADDED	-2.80	0.67	1.31	5.02	-6.64	1.65	-6.71	-15.32	-3.63	8.67



We find it difficult to reconcile the consensus scenario of rapid disinflation with a mild recession having limited impact on the job market. Today's situation of full employment and strong wage growth casts doubt on this relatively optimistic scenario. The reopening of China's economy, combined with government stimulus, will ignite latent Chinese demand and ensure that the economies of emerging markets can escape the trend in the developed countries to some extent. With North America and Europe potentially in recession, a sharp corporate earnings contraction is inevitable. For that reason, we are still negative with a double-negative rating (--).

The rise in risk-free interest rates in 2022 has made risk assets far less attractive. The equity risk premium has shrunk, especially in the case of U.S. equities, for which it is at its lowest level since 2007. Some equity markets stand out with attractive valuations, namely Asia-Pacific and emerging markets. Even though our global aggregate composite valuation index has improved, it is still far from recessionary territory. We have maintained a single-negative rating (moderate overvaluation) (-).

Our sentiment index has deteriorated sharply since the exuberance it reflected in January 2022. Sector positioning also reflects investor anxiety, as well as a lack of appetite for emerging market equities. One of the few indicators that some investors are clinging to hope is that they still have relatively high exposure to equities despite the uncertain context. Even so, the fact that the six-month average of our sentiment index is starting to rise from a depressed level justifies a double-positive rating (++).

Our analysis of the three vectors has prompted us to maintain a slightly defensive positioning. We are concerned about persistent inflation, the deteriorating economic growth outlook and its impact on corporate earnings.

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Summary

Benchmark MSCI World (net)

Value added objective 2% (4-year rolling periods)

Active risk 3% to 5%

Number of holdings 275 to 350 (higher if exposure to EM)

Currency management Active **Maximum cash exposure** 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, Global Top-down 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 PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION **TOP-DOWN DECISIONS** Initial universe **REGIONS** COUNTRIES CURRENCIES ~ 1,700 stocks **SECTORS INDUSTRIES** Top-down decisions Top-down portfolio **VECTORS OF ANALYSIS** Final portfolio Macro 4 ≈ 325 stocks Valuation Currency overlay and Sentiment ---/+++ derivatives

Responsible Investment

Christian Felx

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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Sources: MSCI, DGAM, as of December 31, 2022

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