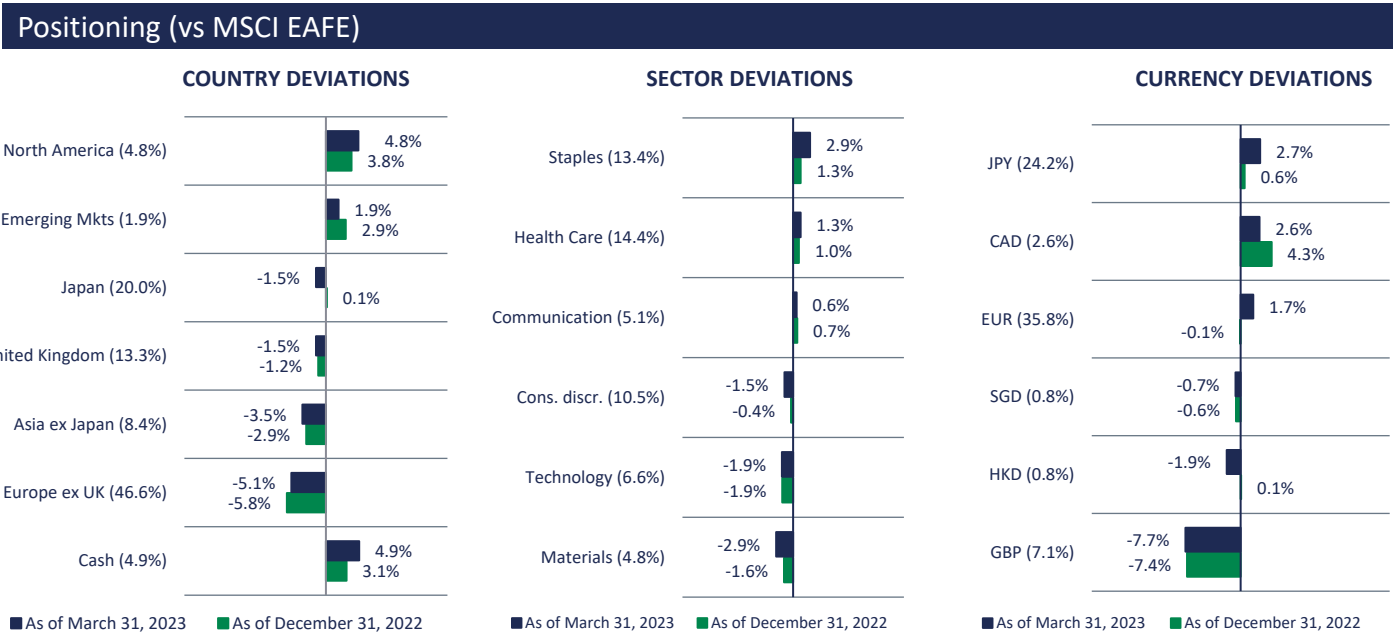


# International Equities

Performance (CAD)							
Annualized (%)	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Hexavest EAFE Composite	8.17	8.17	11.15	9.34	2.67	6.69	7.16
MSCI EAFE (net)	8.34	8.34	6.86	11.10	4.53	8.05	5.75
VALUE ADDED	-0.17	-0.17	4.29	-1.76	-1.86	-1.36	1.41

Ten last years (%)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Hexavest EAFE Composite	29.69	4.97	19.02	0.73	10.26	-2.51	11.47	-5.41	6.38	-2.37
MSCI EAFE (net)	31.02	3.67	18.95	-2.49	16.82	-6.03	15.85	5.92	10.32	-8.23
VALUE ADDED	-1.33	1.30	0.07	3.22	-6.56	3.52	-4.38	-11.33	-3.94	5.86



### Market Outlook

MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	VALUATION	SENTIMENT
--	--	Neutral

Global economic activity was rather resilient at the start of the year. The effects of monetary tightening may start to make themselves felt only in the second half of 2023. More stringent lending standards in Europe and North America are amplifying the tightening, however, and could accelerate its impact. The abundant cheap credit of the past decade has come to an abrupt end. Historically, such a change in conditions has always resulted in a recession. We have maintained a double-negative rating (--).

Global equities are expensive and offer no margin of safety in a difficult economic scenario. On a relative basis, the low equity risk premium in relation to bonds also makes the stock market very unattractive. On the sector level, a very optimistic scenario is again expected in the relative valuations of the cyclical and defensive sectors. The optimism is not uniform across regions. Finally, the surge in global equity prices in the first quarter was due strictly to multiple expansion rather than an improved earnings outlook. We have lowered our rating for the valuation vector from simple negative to double negative (--).

At the end of 2022, the vast majority of our sentiment indicators reflected investor caution. Three months later, the picture is very different. The stock market rally rests on a fragile base of just a few stocks and record share buybacks. As for institutional investors, their persistently high allocation to equities relative to bonds, as well as their high exposure to technology stocks, points to a return of risk appetite. All these indicators have prompted us to lower our assessment of the sentiment vector from double positive to neutral.

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

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# International Equities

## Summary

<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI EAFE (net)
<b>Value added objective</b>	2% (4-year rolling periods)
<b>Active risk</b>	3% to 5%
<b>Number of holdings</b>	200 to 250 (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

- 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
- Clearly defined process, applied for nearly 30 years

## Investment Team

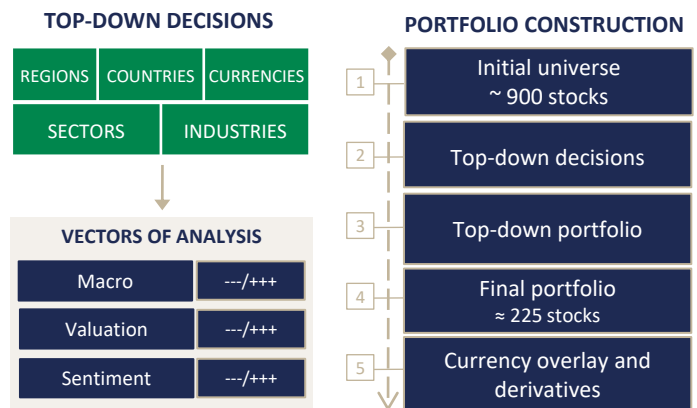
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Manager, Global Top-down Strategy  
Experience: 22 years  
Team member since 2003

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

**Jean-Pierre Couture, M.Sc.**  
Economist & 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 Felx**  
Manager and Head of Responsible investment

- + 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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