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## Q4 2024 | Azzad Ethical Wrap Program

**EQUITY STYLE** International BENCHMARK MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index **INVESTMENT APPROACH** Bottom-Up

## WHY INTERNATIONAL INVESTING?

For U.S. investors, international investing just means investing in companies based outside of the U.S. Including international holdings can be a good way to diversify your portfolio. Just as different sectors and asset classes within the U.S. will perform differently at different times, international stocks may perform differently than U.S. stocks. Diversifying with international stocks can



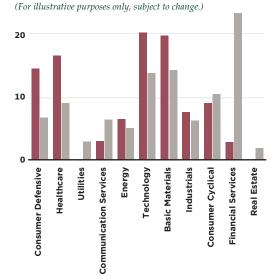
help you spread your investment risk and take advantage of global growth.

\* Returns are not annualized. The performance is reported in U.S. dollars. The performance quoted represents past performance. which does not guarantee future results. Performance inception date is 8/1/2004.

Benchmark returns from Morningstar

SECTOR WEIGHTS (as a % of total portfolio)

International Portfolio MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index





MANAGER Matrix 360 Holding, LLC

## **TOP 5 STOCK HOLDINGS** (For illustrative purposes only, subject to change.)

	AS A % OF TOTAL PORTFOLIO
TESLA INC COM	4.64%
GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC SUB VTG	3.94%
AGNICO EAGLE MINES LTD	3.56%
ROCHE HOLDINGS LTD ADR	3.17%
UNILEVER PLC ADR NEW	3.16%

CALENDA	R YEAR RETURNS	;	
YEAR	GROSS**	NET	MSCI ACWI EX USA INDEX
2024	3.97%	2.18%	5.53%
2023	20.51%	18.44%	15.62%
2022	-11.92%	-13.43%	-16.00%
2021	17.97%	15.94%	7.82%
2020	16.32%	14.32%	10.65%
2019	34.91%	32.59%	21.51%
2018	-13.65%	-15.14%	-14.20%
2017	22.44%	20.34%	27.19%
2016	4.39%	2.59%	4.50%
2015	-1.61%	-3.30%	-5.66%
2014	-2.06%	-3.75%	-3.87%
2013	18.72%	16.68%	15.29%
2012	7.38%	5.53%	16.83%
2011	-9.72%	-11.27%	-13.71%
2010	16.44%	14.44%	11.15%
2009	64.25%	61.42%	41.45%
2008	-39.12%	-40.17%	-45.53%
2007	36.77%	34.41%	16.65%
2006	23.56%	21.44%	26.65%
2005	9.19%	7.31%	16.62%
2004*	14.91%	12.94%	19.98%

\*Performance Period: 8/1/2004-12/31/2004 | \*\*Gross is supplemental

The performance quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Net returns are reduced by all fees, transaction costs and are gross of foreign withholding taxes. Performance includes aplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of trading costs which are bundled with wrap fees. The MSCI All Country World Ex-USA Index is a free floatadjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets excluding the US. The index is unmanaged, and does not reflect the deduction of expenses, which have been deducted from the Model's returns. The index's return assumes reinvestment of all distributions and dividends; you cannot invest directly in an index.

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY**

The International Portfolio consists primarily of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) with market capitalizations greater than \$10 billion, of established companies either domiciled outside the United States or whose primary business is conducted outside the United States. The portfolio aims to achieve a return equal or greater than the MSCI All Country World Index ACWI Ex USA. A top-down global analysis combines with a bottom up security selection approach to construct a diversified portfolio. A global analysis of prevailing economic market and political conditions drives investment themes as well as country and sector allocations. Fundamental analysis identifies quality companies with durable business models and sustainable competitive advantages. Of course, stocks must also pass Azzad's socially responsible investment criteria.

## MICHAEL STACK, CFA®, Lead Portfolio Manager



Michael is lead portfolio manager for the Azzad international portfolio. Prior to joining previous international model portfolio manager Scout Investments, he managed the European Equities Fund at Overseas Asset Management (OAM), an offshore investment firm based in Grand Cayman. Michael's experience includes assisting in the management of European equity portfolios for U.S. Trust Company of New York in New York and London. Before U.S. Trust, Michael worked as a

research analyst for a domestic brokerage house in Slovakia. Michael also worked in the fixed income operations of Lehman Brothers. He earned his master's degree from Columbia Business School in New York and his Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College Dublin.



### ANGEL LUPERCIO, CFA®, Co-Portfolio Manager

Angel is co-portfolio manager for the Azzad international portfolio. Prior to joining previous international portfolio manager Scout Investments in 2007, he was a senior associate analyst for A.G. Edwards & Sons with previous experience as an analyst with Bear Stearns. He has 14 years of financial industry experience. He earned his M.B.A. in finance from the Olin School of Business at Washington University and

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HISTORY OF MANAGER

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