

Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio

Winter Update 2024

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Portfolio Commentary

Key Takeaways

- The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex US returned 15.62% in 2023. International markets underperformed the U.S. due to a number of headwinds, including elevated inflation and interest rates in Europe, and China's slow economic recovery.
- Davis International ADR SMA portfolio is built around a highly selective list of well-researched businesses with very attractive characteristics based on bottom-up stock selection guided by some long-tailed themes in foreign markets.
- Looking forward, we believe our overall portfolio positioning is advantaged given its low starting valuations, comparatively high earnings growth potential, and the competitive and financial strength of the underlying holdings.

Market Perspectives: Regional Headwinds

In 2023 the MSCI ACWI ex US returned 15.62%. International markets have lagged the U.S. in recent years for reasons that are largely regional in nature. In Europe, inflation and interest rates remain elevated. As such, the European Central Bank has maintained its tightening stance with respect to interest rates, and there appear to be growing signs of a slowdown in some of the larger European economies. That said, we see numerous attractive opportunities in European markets, in which we are investing selectively.

In Asia-Pacific, China has been slow to find its economic footing after a very prolonged shutdown due to COVID, a fact that has weighed on the growth rate of the entire region. While China's recovery has required patience, we firmly believe its economic activity level and vibrancy will improve in the foreseeable future, and that this is a moment to consider owning Chinese equities. To put the present opportunity into perspective, Chinese equities today have rarely been cheaper in our estimation, both in absolute and relative terms. Given this, we have seen net purchasers of China-related stocks at the margin.

Net Average Annual Total returns as of December 31, 2023, for Davis International Equity SMA Composite with a 3% maximum wrap fee: 1 year, -6.48%; 5 years, 0.20%; inception, -0.27%. The performance presented represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends. Investment return and principal value will vary so that an investor may lose money. For current, quarterly returns, please ask your financial advisor to contact Davis Advisors. Current performance may be higher or lower. The investment strategies described herein are those of Davis Advisors. These materials are being provided for illustrative and informational purposes only. The information contained herein is obtained from multiple sources that are believed to be reliable. However, such information has not been verified, and may be different from the information included in documents and materials created by the sponsor firm in whose investment program a client participates. Some sponsor firms may require that these materials are preceded or accompanied by investment profiles or other documents or materials prepared by such sponsor firms, which will be provided upon a client's request. For additional information, documents and/or materials, please speak to your Financial Advisor.

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In summary, international markets offer many well-priced investment opportunities today for the patient investor. Still, we believe that selectivity will be a key to building value for shareholders over the coming years. ■

Portfolio Review: Long-Tailed Themes, Best-of-Breed Stocks

In 2023 Davis International ADR SMA portfolio trailed the benchmark by a meaningful extent. The greatest performance drag were Chinese stocks. Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios for most of our China-related holdings, which range from technology and food delivery services to multi-line insurance, are in the mid-single digit range. Business results have been stabilizing or improving, and we believe the current lack of investment interest in some of the world's most innovative businesses offers a rare opportunity for investors willing to be somewhat contrarian.

In terms of overall positioning, the portfolio is built around a highly selective list of well-researched businesses and its characteristics are very attractive, in our view.

In the following table we compare the portfolio with the index with respect to three key metrics—the number of holdings, five-year trailing average annual earnings per share growth rate, and the average forward price-to-earnings (P/E) multiple.

Selective, Attractive Growth, Undervalued¹

	Portfolio	Index
Holdings	21	2,311
EPS Growth (5 Year)	14.6%	10.0%
P/E (Forward)	6.5x	13.9x

With 21 portfolio holdings, we are capitalizing on the opportunity as active managers to own only what we feel are best-of-breed companies with attractive future prospects. In contrast, the unmanaged index is rather indiscriminately allocated across thousands of names, most of which we consider less attractive. Within reason and subject to diversification considerations, we believe that owning fewer holdings and focusing on what we deem superior companies can be an advantage versus the passive alternative.

Our five-year earnings per share growth rate demonstrates the level of historical growth that our businesses have been able to achieve on balance. Relative to the benchmark, the portfolio has generated higher earnings per share growth rates even while its P/E is much lower than that of the index.

In our experience, this combination of selectivity, low starting valuations, and long-term earnings growth can provide an attractive balance of risk and reward and can combine to deliver powerful results over the long term.

Three Primary Themes

In addition to stock selection, we are guided at the portfolio management level by long-tailed themes where we can concentrate our research efforts. In effect, this means that we seek to “fish where the fish are” in terms of broad areas of the international markets. Three of the primary themes running through Davis International ADR SMA portfolio include: (1) high-grade financials, (2) a broad swath of technology companies, and (3) select industrials.

Within **financials**, we favor competitively advantaged, very durable financial institutions in multiple geographies, including Europe and parts of Asia-Pacific.

¹ The Attractive Growth and Undervalued reference in this material relates to underlying characteristics of the portfolio holdings. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio's performance will be positive as equity markets are volatile and an investor may lose money. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.** Five-year EPS Growth Rate (5-year EPS) is the average annualized earnings per share growth for a company over the past 5 years. The values shown are the weighted average of the 5-year EPS of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index. Approximately 14.10% of the assets of the Portfolio are not accounted for in the calculation of 5-year EPS as relevant information on certain companies is not available to the Advisors' data provider. Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E) Ratio is a stock's price at the date indicated divided by the company's forecasted earnings for the following 12 months based on estimates provided by the Advisor's data provider. These values for both the Portfolio and the Index are the weighted average of the stocks in the Portfolio or Index.

In Europe, we hold shares of Swiss bank Julius Baer which is going through somewhat of a transition. Despite some negative headlines in recent periods, we like Julius Baer's core private banking franchise which is sticky and highly profitable, as well as its cheap valuation currently.

In Asia-Pacific, we own shares of AIA Group, a multi-line insurance giant that is well-positioned to capitalize on that region's expected long-term ramp in insurance demand, particularly in life insurance products. The major Asian financial institutions include some of the most digitally sophisticated and tech-forward businesses in the world with exceptionally lean expense structures as a result. A number of them have better economics in terms of margins and even market share than their U.S. counterparts.

Technology, the second principal theme running through the Davis International ADR SMA portfolio, spans multiple areas including e-commerce, gaming and semiconductor-related companies.

Consumer-facing technology holdings that we like today are e-commerce leaders in China and South Korea. In the short term, these companies' share prices were down in 2023, reflecting the malaise in China's economy post-COVID lockdowns, above all. Longer-term, we expect the region's general level of economic activity, e-commerce traffic and broader consumption trends to improve markedly, however unknowable the exact timing may be. In the meantime, we are very comfortable owning these types of businesses. They have strong competitive positions and extraordinarily cheap valuations for what are normally high-growth profit models, and we expect that their sectors should do well over time relative to other areas of the market.

Within **industrials**, we own positions in a European multinational leader in electrical equipment and components which is headquartered in France but global in operations. We also own a company that distributes plumbing, heat and water supplies which is listed in London but derives most of its earnings in foreign markets, including and especially the U.S., where the company has strong relationships with contractors.

In Asia-Pacific, we have owned shares of HollySys Automation Technologies for a number of years. The company is slated to be acquired in the near future and taken private at a price that would make it one of our more successful investments.

In addition to the above themes, we have many individual positions that are rather unique and do not fall neatly into a broader theme per se. Whether grouped by theme or based on more stand-alone theses, note that we select *all* of our investments on a case-by-case, company-by-company basis according to a single, clear-minded investment philosophy and discipline. ■

Outlook: Advantaged Positioning

The international stock markets are really various markets of many individual stocks from which investors can pick and choose. We are exercising extreme selectivity to maximize what we believe are the most attractive opportunities across regions. In addition, we believe the overall positioning of Davis International ADR SMA portfolio is advantaged given a rare combination of low starting valuations (in absolute and relative terms), comparatively high earnings growth potential, and the overall competitive and financial strength of the underlying holdings.

In conclusion, as stewards of our clients' savings our most important job is growing the value of the funds entrusted to us. With more than \$2 billion of our own money invested alongside that of our clients, we are on this journey together.² This alignment with our clients is uncommon in our industry; our conviction in our portfolio of carefully selected companies is more than just words.

We are grateful for your trust and well-positioned for the future. ■

2. As of 12/31/23, Davis Advisors, the Davis family and Foundation, and our employees have more than \$2 billion invested alongside clients in similarly managed accounts and strategies.

Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio

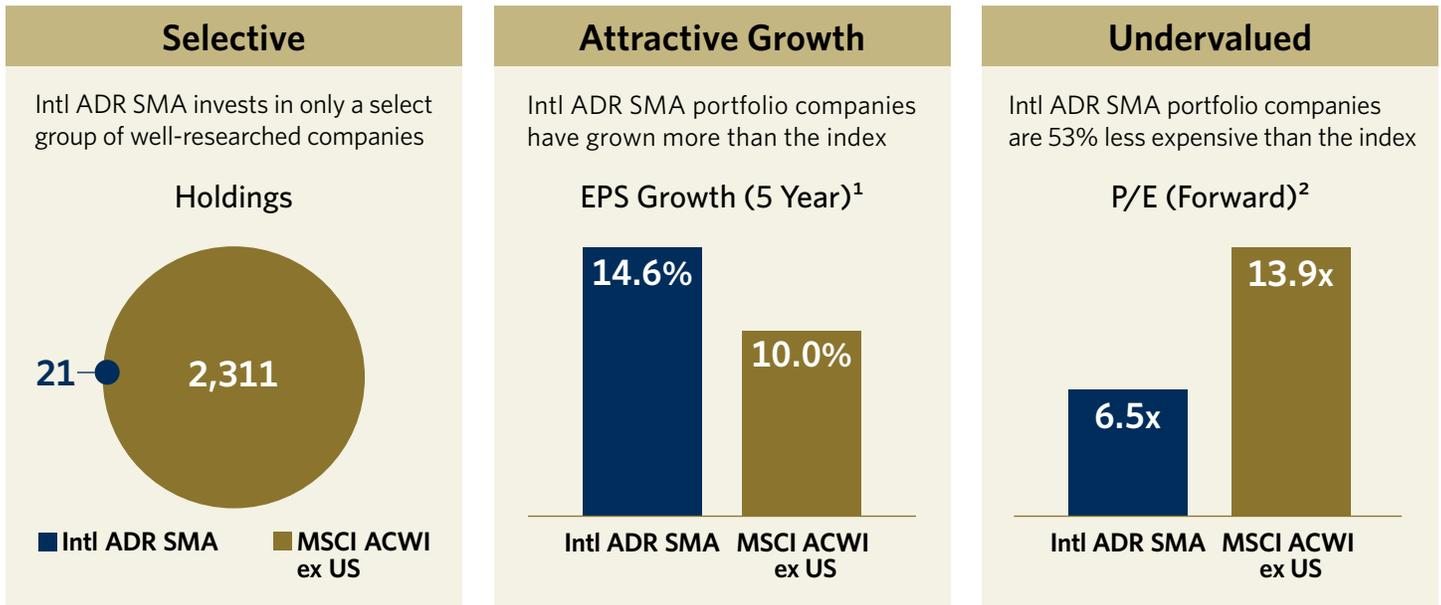
Selective. Attractive Growth. Undervalued.

“What gives us confidence that Davis International ADR SMA may build wealth for our shareholders in the years and decades to come? The compelling attributes of our businesses.



By being highly selective and rejecting the vast majority of companies in the index, the companies of Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio have grown more than the companies in the index, yet are 53% less expensive. In fact, this gap between price and value is among the widest we have ever seen. We believe this sets the stage for attractive returns in the years ahead.”

Danton Goei, Portfolio Manager



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Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio Holdings

December 31, 2023

High Conviction. Different from the Index.

Holding	Portfolio (%)	MSCI ACWI ex US (%)
Danske Bank	7.0%	0.1%
DBS Group Holdings	7.0	0.2
Hollysys Automation Technologies	7.0	—
AIA Group	6.9	0.4
Naspers	6.9	0.1
Prosus	6.6	0.2
Julius Baer Group	6.5	0.1
Tokyo Electron	6.1	0.3
Ping An Insurance	5.9	0.1
Schneider Electric	5.9	0.4
Teck Resources	5.3	0.1
Meituan	4.6	0.2
Ferguson	3.6	—
JD.com	3.6	0.1
KE Holdings	3.2	0.0
Delivery Hero	2.5	0.0
Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son	2.3	—
DNB Bank	2.2	0.1
Alibaba Group Holding	1.8	0.6
Coupang	1.4	—
Noah Holdings	0.7	—
CASH	3.0	—
	100.0%	

The above listed securities are representative of a model Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio as of the indicated date. Portfolio holdings may change over time. Individual accounts may contain different securities. There is no assurance that any securities listed herein will remain in an individual account at the time you receive this report. The securities listed for the MSCI ACWI ex US are not representative of the entire portfolio, which consists of 2,311 securities. The information provided should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any particular security. There can be no assurance that an investor will earn a profit and not lose money.

Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio

December 31, 2023

Davis International ADR SMA is a portfolio of attractive businesses from outside of the U.S. selected using the time-tested Davis Investment Discipline. As one of the largest investors in the strategy, we have a unique commitment to client stewardship.

Unique Attributes of Davis International ADR SMA Portfolio

Equity-Focused Research Firm:

Established in 1969, Davis is a leading specialist in equity investing. Our primary focus on research and unique investment discipline has built wealth for our clients over the long term.

Portfolio of Best of Breed Businesses:

Utilizing rigorous independent research, we invest in durable, well-managed businesses with sustainable competitive advantages and attractive long-term growth prospects selling at a discount to their true value.

Flexible, Opportunistic Approach:

The portfolio invests in both developed and developing markets. We believe in a bottom-up stock selection process and in not mirroring the benchmark index. Active Share = 97%.

We Are One of the Largest Investors:

We have a unique commitment to stewardship, generating attractive long-term results and managing risks.

Undervalued. Attractive Growth. Selective.¹

		Portfolio	Index
Undervalued	P/E (Forward)	6.5x	13.9x
Attractive Growth	EPS Growth (5 Year)	14.6%	10.0%
Selective	Holdings	21	2,311
	Total Countries	15	46

Experienced Management

Danton Goei, 25 years with Davis Advisors

Geographically Diverse Portfolio

Asia	49.7%
Europe	31.7
North & Central America	11.5
Africa	7.1

Top 10 Countries

China	Netherlands
Denmark	Switzerland
Singapore	Japan
Hong Kong	France
South Africa	Canada

Sectors

	Portfolio	Index
Financials	39.6%	21.1%
Consumer Discretionary	28.3	11.5
Information Technology	13.5	12.5
Industrials	9.8	13.5
Materials	5.5	8.0
Real Estate	3.3	2.1
Health Care	0.0	9.3
Consumer Staples	0.0	8.0
Energy	0.0	5.6
Communication Services	0.0	5.2
Utilities	0.0	3.2

Performance

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Inception 10/1/14
International Equity SMA Composite (gross)	-3.60%	-8.26%	3.25%	2.77%
International Equity SMA Composite (with a 3% max. wrap fee)	-6.46	-11.00	0.20	-0.27
MSCI ACWI ex US	15.62	1.55	7.08	4.14

Attractive International Businesses (Top 10 Holdings)

Danske Bank (Denmark): Largest bank in Denmark serving more than 5 million retail customers

DBS Group Holdings (Singapore): Largest bank in Singapore and among the largest in developed Asia—has a strong moat enabled by relatively inexpensive cost of funds, technology leadership, and high market share of retail deposits

Hollysys Automation Technologies (China): Leading industrial automation company in China

AIA Group (Hong Kong): One of the largest life insurers in China with customers throughout Asia-Pacific and a competitive advantage of a strong brand

Naspers (South Africa): A media conglomerate that operates a leading pay television business in South and Sub-Saharan Africa and holds interests in a range of e-commerce businesses around the world

Prosus (Netherlands): A global consumer internet company and spin-off of South African e-commerce group, Naspers

Julius Baer Group (Switzerland): A premier private bank serving ultrahigh net worth clients

Tokyo Electron (Japan): One of the world's largest manufacturers of semiconductor production equipment

Ping An Insurance (China): A leader in retail financial services and the largest multi-line insurer in China

Schneider Electric (France): A global specialist in energy management

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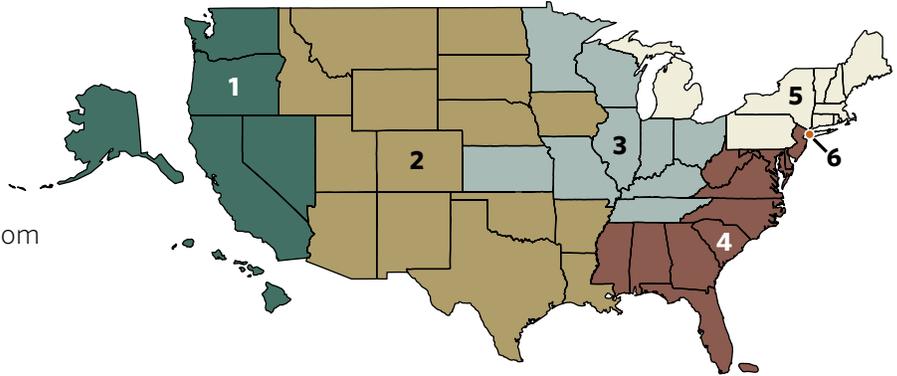
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We gather our index data from a combination of reputable sources, including, but not limited to, Lipper, Wilshire, and index websites.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex US** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. The index includes reinvestment of dividends, net of foreign withholding taxes. Investments cannot be made directly in an index.