

# International

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## **Portfolio Management**



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Promethos Capital is a 100% employee-owned and majority women-owned institutional investment firm. Promethos is the Promise of Ethos contained in our mission to invest with goals aligned with those of our clients.

### Strategy Characteristics

Inception	February 28, 2015
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI ex-U.S.
Position Size	5% Maximum
Holdings	45 to 65
Active Share	>90%
Sector	+/-5%
Region	+/-5%

**Top 10** 20%-30% Holdings

Market Cap Multi (Large & Mid)

Tracking Error 3%-5%

~1.0 Beta

Style Core

# **Investment Strategy**

Objective: The strategy utilizes a risk-controlled framework that seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and excess returns relative to the MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index.

Promethos Investment Process- Our active investment process is built to adapt to constantly changing market opportunities. We integrate fundamental and sustainability analysis, big data tools, and thoughtful risk management to build concentrated portfolios of companies with long term return potential.

### Characteristics of Portfolio

# **Diversity / Inclusion**

# Gender and inclusion policies

Women in leadership

# Sustainability

- Disclosure
- Governance
- Risk

### **Environmental Care**

- GHG emissions
- Environmental Care
- > Future temperature rise impact

Impact Results*	Portfolio	Universe	% Better
Board Diversity	33%	24%	38%
Executive Diversity	25%	18%	38%
C Suite Diversity	22%	12%	81%
ESG Disclosure	60	51	18%
ISS Governance	3.8	5.0	23%
Sustainalytics Risk	22	23	7%
S&P Global Env Rank	87	70	24%
Scope 1 GHG/Revenues	69	574	88%
Scope 2 GHG/Revenues	38	58	34%
SBTi 2030 Temperature Rise	1.3	1.9	33%

Source: Bloomberg. \*Diversity data is based on gender



	QTD	1 year	3 year*	5 year*	Since inception*
International - Gross	10.17%	17.98%	5.26%	9.27%	6.93%
International – Net	10.00%	17.22%	4.58%	8.56%	6.24%
MSCI ACWI ex U.S. – Net	9.75%	15.62%	1.54%	7.08%	4.21%
Excess return - Net	0.25%	1.61%	3.04%	1.49%	2.03%

Composite performance figures based on: Mutual fund KCIIX Feb 2015 - March 2019; Separate account April 2019 - present. The chart above represents the growth of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000. All performance figures are net returns and assume reinvestment of all income unless otherwise noted. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance.

Sector Composition (%)

Utilities

Real Estate Cash

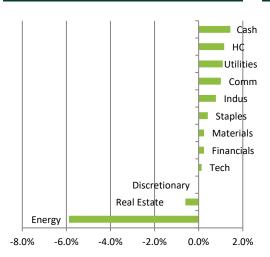
# Risk Management Goals

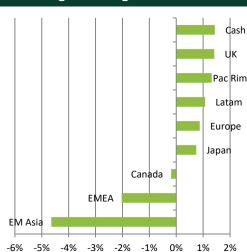
- Mitigate unintended risk and exposure
- Manage concentration risk
- Diversify across multiple dimensions including sector, region, factor, theme
- Focus on stock selection as key driver of alpha
- Build risk/reward matrix around client-defined investment objectives

# Comm 6% Financials 22% Materials 8% Staples 8% Industrials 14% Healthcare 10% Discretionary 11% Tech 13%

# Regional Composition Latam EMEA Cash 4% 2% 2% Canada 7% Pac Rim 9% UK 10% Europe 35% UK 10%

# **Active Sector Weights vs Benchmark**





**Active Regional Weights vs Benchmark** 

Portfolio Characteristics		
Wtd Avg Market Cap	\$59.7 bn	
Price/Book	1.4	
Holdings	46	
Dividend yield	3.5%	
Price/Earnings	10.4	

Top 10 Holdings (%)	
L'OREAL	3.47
FORTESCUE LTD	3.45
3I GROUP PLC	3.44
ITOCHU CORP	3.13
SAP SE-SPONSORED ADR	3.03
REXEL SA	2.86
CIE SAINT GOBAIN	2.83
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK	2.77
INDUSTRIA DE DISENO TEXTIL	2.73
BMW	2.71

## Investment strategies:

- International
- ➤ International EAFE
- ➢ Global
- ➤ Global Climate Resilience
- Global Small Cap Gender Forward

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### Impact Results table - Definitions

Board Diversity: Percentage of Board Members that are Women. Executive diversity: Percentage of Executive Team Members that are Women. C-suite Diversity: Percentage of C-Suite level (CEO, CFO and COO) Members that are Women. ESG Disclosure: Proprietary Bloomberg score based on the extent of a company's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosure. ISS Governance: ISS' Governance QualityScore assigns a numeric, decile-based score indicating corporate governance risk relative to other companies in the applicable index or region. Scores 1 to 10 – 1 is better. Sustainalytics Risk: Offers clear insights into company-level ESG risk by measuring the size of an organization's unmanaged ESG risk. Lower is better. CDP: Reflects the level of company commitment to climate change mitigation, adaptation, and transparency. Scores 1-8 – 8 is better. S&P Global Env Rank Total Sustainability rank, converted from the total sustainability score, based on the RobecoSam Corporate Sustainability Assessment. Scope 1 GHG/Revenues: Ratio of total emissions which are directly related to the activities of the company, to sales revenue. Scope 2 GHG/Revenues: Ratio of total emissions which result from the generation of electricity purchased by the company, to sales revenue. SBTI 2030 Temperature Rise: From Bloomberg and Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), temperature scores that translate corporate greenhouse gas emission reduction forecasts into implied temperature changes expressed in degrees Celsius. Temperature Rise Disclosure: % of companies providing data to compute SBTI 2030 Temperature Rise.

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