

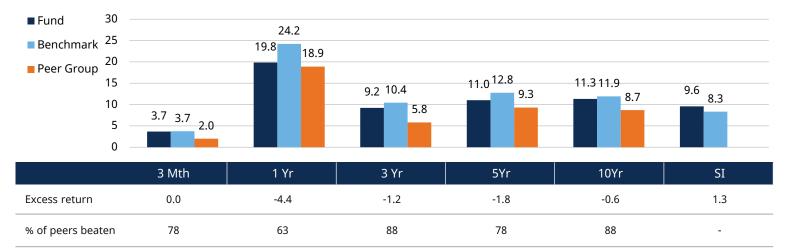
# **Mackenzie Global Dividend Fund**

Fund snapshot	
Inception date	07/11/2007
AUM (millions in CAD)	6294.6
Management Fee	0.80%
MER	1.05%
Benchmark	MSCI World
CIFSC Category	Global Equity
Risk Rating	Low to Medium
Lead portfolio manager	Darren McKiernan
Investment exp. Since	1995
Target # of holdings	40-80

### **Strategy Overview**

- Seeks to generate dividend income through owning industry leading businesses with growth potential
- Reinvested dividends can contribute substantially to overall equity performance
- Diversify outside of the Canadian market which is concentrated in 3 sectors (financials, energy, and materials)

### **Trailing returns %**



### Calendar returns %



	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Excess return	-8.4	5.3	-4.2	-1.2	3.6
% of peers beaten	36	81	50	72	89



### **Portfolio characteristics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
# of holdings	89	1430
% top 10 holdings	30	26
Weighted average market cap	870,612.4	993,185.0
EPS growth (FY E)	12.7	25.5
Dividend yield	2.0	1.8
FCF margin	23.2	18.5
P/E Trailing 12M	24.9	22.9
P/E (forecast)	19.9	19.7
Net debt/EBITDA	1.1	1.1
ROE (latest FY)	21.4	19.1

# Performance metrics (3 year trailing)

Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Dev.	11.2	13.0
Sharpe Ratio	0.6	0.6
Tracking Error	3.7	-
Information Ratio	-0.3	-
Alpha	-	-
Beta	0.8	-
Upside Capture (%)	84.0	-
Downside Capture (%)	81.5	-

# **Regional breakdown**

Region	Portfolio	Benchmark	Relative Weight
<b>United States</b>	61.7	72.1	-10.4
International	33.5	25.0	8.5
Emerging Markets	2.7	-	2.7
Other	2.1	2.9	-0.8

### **Sector allocation**

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark	Relative Weight
Financials	15.5	14.8	0.7
Energy	6.4	4.3	2.1
Materials	5.2	3.7	1.5
Industrials	11.4	10.7	0.7
Information Technology	22.4	26.0	-3.6
Communication Services	5.0	7.8	-2.8
Utilities	1.9	2.4	-0.5
Consumer Staples	8.5	6.3	2.2
Consumer Discretionary	7.8	10.2	-2.4
Real Estate	0.5	2.1	-1.6
Health Care	13.4	11.8	1.6
Other	2.0	-0.1	2.1

# **Country allocation**

Country	Portfolio	Benchmark	Relative Weight
United States	61.7	72.1	-10.4
United Kingdom	9.4	3.7	5.7
Germany	6.2	2.2	4.0
Japan	4.3	5.7	-1.4
France	3.8	2.8	1.0
Switzerland	2.6	2.4	0.2
Other	12.0	11.1	0.9

### **Currency exposure**

Region	Gross	Benchmark
CAD	9.3	2.9
USD	62.4	72.3
Other	28.3	24.8



# **Top 10 holdings**

United States United States	Information Technology	5.2
United States		
United States	Information Technology	4.1
United States	Consumer Discretionary	3.0
United States	Information Technology	2.8
United States	Financials	2.7
United States	Communication Services	2.7
Germany	Information Technology	2.4
United States	Health Care	2.2
United States	Communication Services	2.2
United States	Information Technology	2.1
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# **Security level contributors and detractors**

	Security	Average Relative weight (%)	% Contribution to return
	Apple Inc.	-1.1	0.8
Contributors	Alphabet Inc. Class A	1.0	0.5
	Broadcom Inc.	1.7	0.5
	CRH public limited company	1.0	-0.1
Detractors	Japan Exchange Group, Inc.	1.1	-0.1
	Aon Plc Class A	0.8	-0.2

### Sector attribution relative to the benchmark

	Sector	Average Relative weight (%)	Allocation Effect (%)	Selection Effect (%)	Total Effect (%)
	Health Care	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.2
Contributors	Consumer Discretionary	-2.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
	Consumer Staples	2.1	-0.1	0.2	0.2
	Financials	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Detractors	Information Technology	-3.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
	Materials	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2



### **Commentary**

#### 1) QFR Highlights

The Fund returned 3.7% during Q2-2024 and has now returned 11.7% since the portfolio management team implimented the current strategy (February 1, 2014). This compares to the MSCI World Index (CAD) which returned 3.7% and 12.0% over the same time periods.

#### 2) Market overview

Global indices driven (again) by a narrow set of US-based companies in Information Technology and Communication Services. Most sectors of the market performed positively this quarter. Returns (in CAD) were led by the Communication Services (+9.2%) and Information Technology (+12.5%) sectors. The worst performing sectors were Real Estate (-2.2%) and Materials (-2.4%). Japan was the worst performing major market.

#### 3) Fund Performance

Security selection in the Information Technology, Health Care, Energy, and Communication Services sectors contributed positively to performance over the period. An underweight position to the Real Estate sector also contributed positively to performance. This was partially offset by an underweight allocation to the Information Technology sector which detracted from relative performance.

#### 4) Security contributors

The largest contributors to performance over the quarter were TSMC, Broadcom, and AstraZeneca PLC.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, semiconductor, software and hardware companies benefitting from artificial intelligence were top performers in Q2. **Broadcom** was a standout performer for the quarter, appreciating by 21% on the back of another guidance increase for 2024 aided by the 280% year over year growth in AI related revenue. **TSMC** also had a strong quarter thanks to its dominance in AI and high-performance chip manufacturing. While TSMC has always been highly customer centric we are interested to watch TSMC's approach on pricing given the value they have created for key customers. **Alphabet** was another company that benefitted from the artificial intelligence exposure, demonstrated through recent results that generative AI spending is positive for Search queries, drives increased advertising spend and lowers internal operating expenses. The icing on the cake was the announcement of a \$70bn share repurchase program and dividend initiation. We continue to be optimistic on the prospects for these companies but are prudently managing our exposure levels.

AstraZeneca returned 17% in Q2. The company's Q1 fundamentals drove the share price, which mostly moved following the results. Strong business momentum in the first quarter, including 19% sales growth and the Oncology business accelerating to 26%, indicated 2024 full year performance would come at the high end of company guidance, and well above sell side consensus estimates. Analysts raised their estimates and began to anticipate the company raising full -year guidance at the company's May Capital Markets Day during H2 results. AstraZeneca is well positioned with many late stage drugs with strong commercial potential in its pipeline, including several important readouts in 2024 and 2025. The company's Capital Markets Day engaged on 2030 targets, raised from \$70B to \$80B, with broader and stronger growth than expected and robust margins that would support teens EPS CAGR through the rest of the decade.

#### 5) Security detractors

The largest detractors to performance over the quarter were AON Plc, Japan Exchange Group, and CME Group Inc.

After appreciating by 52% in 2023 and an additional 13% in Q1 of 2024, **Ferguson** took a breather in Q2 and was a detractor for the quarter. Ferguson battled two forces in Q2: deflationary pricing pressure and the concern regarding the strength of their end markets due to "higher for longer" interest rates. These temporary market forces are masking the material outperformance of Ferguson against its end markets and the underappreciated transition to a standalone industrial distributor following the divestiture of it's European manufacturing business. Ferguson continues to trade at a 50% lower valuation to industrial distributor peer, Watsco, despite having similar free cash margins, similar returns on invested capital and a superior through the cycle revenue growth algorithm. We believe this valuation gap will close when market conditions normalize.

Two of our financial exchange investments had a rough go of it this quarter. As a loose proxy for the Nikkei combined with the weak Yen, **Japan Exchange** was down over -12% in CAD. **CME Group** was down over -7%, impacted by both the prospect of inflation coming under control as well as noise surrounding potentially new competition coming together in an attempt to make dent in their interest rates futures franchise, which is considered to be among the best financial services profits pools in the world. We continue to keep our positions in these companies – along with Deutsche Borse, HK Exchange and the London Stock Exchange – as they still provide among the highest quality exposure to the growth in capital markets along with their defensive characteristics during market dislocations.



### **Commentary**

#### 6) Portfolio activities

The portfolio management team implemented several changes in the portfolio through the quarter. These changes were driven by stock specific opportunities with the objective of further optimizing the reward to risk profile and enhancing the portfolio's fundamental characteristics. Overall, the stock specific changes did not result in significant changes to either the relative sector or geographic weights. The investment strategy remains consistent, focusing on high-quality companies with superior financial metrics and appropriate valuations. Amidst ongoing technological, geopolitical, and macroeconomic risks, the portfolio is well positioned to navigate these uncertainties.

#### 7) Outlook, Positioning

In the context of a number of significant elections taking place worldwide in 2024, market reactions seem to be more focused on perceived stability of the incumbent or incoming regime rather than political leanings. The team believes that in periods of elevated volatility, it is most important to focus on what can be controlled. In the team's view, this involves investing in leading companies that generate high returns on their capital base, have strong cash flow and are in a position to improve their market share in times of uncertainty. The investment strategy remains consistent, focusing on high-quality companies with superior financial metrics and appropriate valuations. Our portfolio is constructed to be resilient to political shifts by diversifying across geographies and industries and by focusing on companies less reliant on national support.

#### 8) Stock stories

**CRH**, a leading building materials supplier for North America and Europe, was down -12% in the quarter. Poor performance was the result of a multiple contraction, as investors began to worry about the sustainability of volume growth and pricing in aggregates. We remain confident in our thesis, with 70%+ of EBITDA exposed to the United States where government spending (Department of Transportation/Infrastructure & Jobs Act) directly supports growth. Further, aggregates & cement are essentially local monopolies, with low supply supporting pricing growth in all historical periods ex the GFC.

HDFC Bank returned 19% in the second quarter. HDFC Bank merged with HDFC Ltd on March 28, 2024; effectively a \$57B acquisition by the former of the latter. The transaction will create significant corporate value over time but in the short term there is noise. The company guidance then missed. While there were very modest integration issues, this was principally due to the change in the macro environment between when the deal was announced (April 2022) and when it was consumated in 2024. Mainly, higher interest rates led to slower loan growth. Market participants speculated that Net Interest Margin, or the profitability on loans, would decline and additionally higher provisions would be taken. Loan growth did slow, but the other anticipated negative developments did not occur. This supported the share price. The path to higher shareholder value remains clear: improving return-on-assets through higher loan yields, lower costs of funds via recycling of HDFC Ltd's funding/liability base, all enhanced by favorable operating leverage. The stock is historically cheap from a Price/Book and Price/Earnings, while long term growth and returns are robust and very attractive.



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