

# **Global Equity**



**Prepared for Wilfrid Laurier University Pension Plan** 

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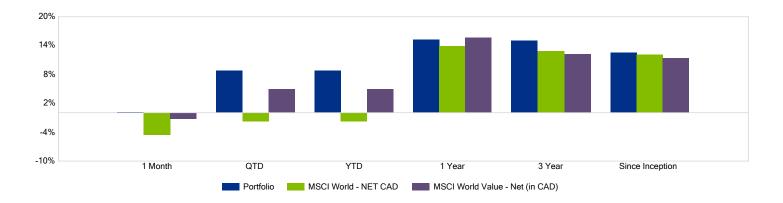
## **Investment Performance - Global Equity**

#### First Quarter 2025

#### Wilfrid Laurier University Pension Plan (CAD) Shares Held 11,001,141.760 Nav Per Share 14.0550 Market Value 154,618,847

#### Fund Inception Date: 05/14/2021 **Annualized Performance (%)** Boston Partners Global Equity Pooled Fund

						Since
	1 Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	Inception
Total Portfolio - Gross of Fees	0.05	8.68	8.68	15.13	14.93	12.60
MSCI World - NET CAD	(4.54)	(1.72)	(1.72)	13.84	12.79	12.08



## **Product Commentary - Global Equity**

#### First Quarter 2025

## **Five Largest Contributors**

Security Name	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)	Sector
Rheinmetall AG	124.04	1.20	Industrials
BNP Paribas SA	35.58	0.54	Financials
Deutsche Telekom AG	23.65	0.40	Communication Services
ING Groep NV	25.45	0.37	Financials
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	38.55	0.36	Financials



#### **Five Largest Detractors**

Security Name	Total Return (%)	Contribution to Return (%)	Sector
Sodexo SA	(22.05)	(0.20)	Consumer Discretionary
Glencore Plc	(18.20)	(0.17)	Materials
Tesco Plc	(6.94)	(0.14)	Consumer Staples
Crh Plc	(6.29)	(0.13)	Materials
Fidelity Natl Information Svcs Inc	(6.93)	(0.13)	Financials

- Developed international equity markets generally turned in a solid performance in the first quarter, in part as a result of some unexpected tailwinds. The Trump administration's aggressive implementation of tariffs across a number of countries, sectors, and commodities rattled investors. That sense of growing economic uncertainty, paired with unusually high valuations across much of the U.S. equity market, sent investors looking for safer harbors overseas, and international stocks tended to benefit. The U.S. dollar also weakened during the guarter, which offered an additional boost to stocks traded in foreign currencies.
- Against this backdrop, Boston Partners Global Equity ex Canada strategy posted a gain and outperformed its benchmark, the MSCI World Index. Positioning within the Information Technology and Financials sectors was one of the primary drivers of returns, while stock picking in Materials and lack of exposure to Real Estate detracted from relative results.
- Among contributors, Rheinmetall's shares rose significantly in part due to record-breaking financial performance, with consolidated sales growing by 36% to €9.8 billion in 2024 and a projected 25% to 30% increase for 2025. The company's strong growth was driven by a significant increase in demand for military equipment and services stemming from the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, increased European defense spending, and potential decoupling of U.S. defense spending from that of its European allies. Shares of BNP Paribas also rose after the bank reported a significant increase in net profit for the fourth guarter of 2024, with earnings rising to €2.32 billion, up from €1.07 billion the previous year. Additionally, BNP Paribas announced a higher dividend and a planned share buyback in the second guarter of more than €1 billion, further boosting investor confidence.
- Among detractors, Sodexo shares plunged the most in almost seven years after the French food services company lowered its revenue guidance, citing slower growth at its U.S. university business. The U.K. grocer Tesco saw its revenue growth come in slightly below estimates in Q1, and shares trended lower.
- As we look ahead to the coming months, we note there is more uncertainty in global markets than usual. The political landscape in many countries has been particularly fluid in recent months; conflict, meanwhile, persists in both Ukraine and in the Middle East. Within the United States, the economic risks to the downside have been mounting, and the steep valuations that equity investors had been willing to overlook are now of growing concern; the chances of a recession here in 2025 are significantly higher now than they were at the start of the year. Despite the headwinds and mounting list of unknowns, we believe there are still ample opportunities at the individual company level and that an active, discip

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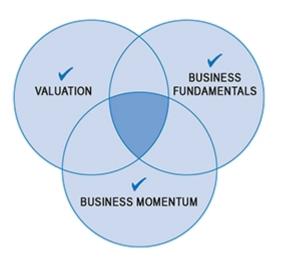
• lined investment approach will leave the strategy well-positioned for more turbulent markets.

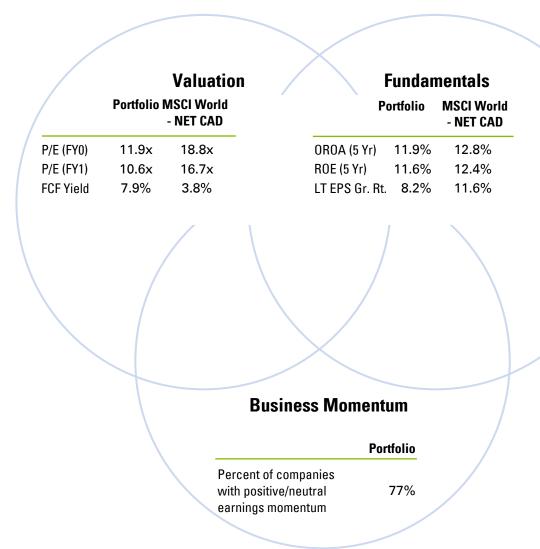
## Portfolio Characteristics - Global Equity

A proof statement that the stock selection process results in a 'three-circle' portfolio

#### "Three Circles"

An attractive valuation, strong business fundamentals, and positive business momentum. In our experience, porfolios with all three characteristics tend to outperform over time.





Data as of March 31, 2025.

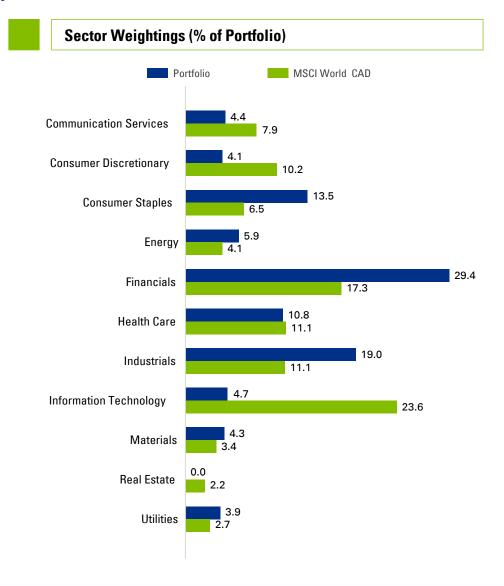
FY0: Current year including negative P/E ratios; FY1: Projected 12 months including negative P/E ratios. LT EPS Gr. Rt. is reported as projected 3-5 year estimate of growth. Earnings growth is not a measure of future performance. Portfolio characteristics are subject to change. Please refer to the appendix for other important disclosures. This data pertains to the Boston Partners Global Equity Fund.

## Portfolio Positioning - Global Equity

### Our assessment of where the opportunities exist

Largest Holdings (%)	
Crh Plc	2.5
Rheinmetall AG	2.1
BNP Paribas SA	2.0
Deutsche Telekom AG	2.0
Tesco Plc	1.8
Natwest Group Plc	1.8
ING Groep NV	1.8
Cie De Saint-gobain SA	1.7
Shell Plc	1.6
United Overseas Bank	1.6
Total	18.9

# Portfolio Statistics Portfolio MSCI World - NET CAD Number of Securities 104 1,352 Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap (\$M) \$72,560 \$614,996 Dividend Yield 3.0% 1.8% Turnover (Trailing 1 Year) 53.4%



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Specific securities identified and described do not represent all securities purchased, sold or recommended for advisory clients. It should not be assumed that investments in these sectors or securities were or will be profitable. Please refer to the back for other important disclosures. This data pertains to the BP Global Equity.

## Portfolio Holdings - Global Equity

## Position changes over time: January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025

Cor	mmunication Services	4.4
℩	Deutsche Telekom AG	2.0
	Hellenic Telecommunications Org	0.5
	Informa Plc	8.0
	Kt Corp	1.1
Cor	nsumer Discretionary	4.1
<b>*</b>	Lennar Corp	0.3
⇑	Cie Generale Des Etablissements M	8.0
₩	Sodexo SA	0.4
₩	Sony Group Corp	1.0
	Barratt Redrow Plc	1.0
	WH Smith Plc	0.5
Ø	Expedia Group, inc.	0.0
Ø	Gap, inc.	0.0
Ø	Inchcape Plc	0.0
Consumer Staples		13.5
•	Toyo Suisan Kaisha Ltd	0.5
⇑	Heineken NV	1.0
⇑	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV	1.1
⇑	Nomad Foods Ltd	1.0
₩	Tesco Plc	1.8
₩	US Foods Holding Corp	1.5
	Asahi Group Holdings Ltd	0.8
	Coca-Cola European Partners Plc	1.5
	JM Smucker Co	0.7
	Kerry Group Plc	1.3
	Marks & Spencer Group Plc	1.1
	Sugi Holdings Co Ltd	0.5
	Sysco Corp	8.0
Ø	Kellanova	0.0
Energy		
Ene	ergy	5.9
En∈	Marathon Petroleum Corp	0.8

Schlumberger NV	1.0
Shell Plc	1.6
Totalenergies SE	1.3
Vallourec Saca	0.7
inancials	29.4
♦ Bank of America Corp	0.6
↑ Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA	1.2
↑ Bankinter SA	0.9
↑ BNP Paribas SA	2.0
↑ ING Groep NV	1.8
↓ Fidelity Natl Information Svcs Inc	1.5
↓ Fifth Third Bancorp	0.8
↓ Goldman Sachs Group Inc	1.5
↓ Huntington Bancshares Inc	0.8
AIB Group Plc	1.2
Beazley Plc	1.4
Chubb Ltd	1.5
Commerzbank AG	0.7
Everest Group Ltd	1.3
Hana Financial Group Inc	0.4
Hiscox Ltd	1.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.4
KB Financial Group Inc	0.4
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	0.6
Natwest Group Plc	1.8
Nordea Bank Abp	1.4
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd	1.3
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance (	0.8
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	0.7
Svenska Handelsbanken AB	0.8
United Overseas Bank	1.6
ealth Care	10.8

lea	olth Care (cont.)	
•	Cencora Inc	0.8
•	Ipsen SA	0.6
•	Solventum Corp	0.1
•	Tenet Healthcare Corp	0.2
⇑	AstraZeneca Plc	1.5
⇑	HCA Healthcare Inc	0.6
	AbbVie Inc	1.4
	Amgen Inc	1.2
	Cigna Group/the	0.5
	Elevance Health Inc	0.5
	Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc	0.7
	Johnson & Johnson	0.7
	Sandoz Group AG	1.3
	Sanofi SA	0.8
Ø	Zimmer Biomet Holdings, inc.	0.0
nd	ustrials	19.0
•	Bureau Veritas SA	0.8
•	Ihi Corp	0.5
•	Leidos Holdings Inc	0.3
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	Eiffage SA	1.3
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		2.1
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Ind	ustrials (cont.)	
	Ryanair Holdings Plc	0.8
	Textron Inc	1.1
	United Rentals Inc	0.3
	Weir Group Plc	1.1
Ø	Beacon Roofing Supply, inc.	0.0
Ø	Travis Perkins Plc	0.0
Info	ormation Technology	4.7
<b>*</b>	Kyocera Corp	0.4
	Alten SA	0.4
	Capgemini SE	1.1
	Cisco Systems Inc	8.0
	Gen Digital Inc	0.9
	Renesas Electronics Corp	0.6
	Te Connectivity Plc	0.4
Ø	Infineon Technologies Ag	0.0
Ma	terials	4.3
₩	Crh Plc	2.5
	Evonik Industries AG	0.6
	Glencore Plc	8.0
	Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corp	0.4
Ø	Akzo Nobel N.V.	0.0
Ø	Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.	0.0
Utilities		3.9
	Enel SpA	1.1
	Italgas Spa	0.7
	Southern Co/the	1.0
	SSE Plc	1.1

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