

Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund

Global Insight Portfolio



Performance Review

For the quarter, the Portfolio returned 15.40% (net of fees), and the MSCI All Country World Index returned 6.61%.

Counterpoint Global seeks high quality companies, which we define primarily as those with sustainable competitive advantages. We manage concentrated portfolios that are highly differentiated from the benchmark, with securities weighted on our assessment of the quality of the company and our conviction. The value added or detracted in any period of time will typically result from stock selection, given our philosophy and process.

The long-term investment horizon and conviction weighted, highly active investment approach embraced by Counterpoint Global can result in periods of performance deviation from the benchmark and peers. The portfolio outperformed the MSCI All Country World Index this quarter due to favorable stock selection.

Market Review

Global Equities, as measured by MSCI All Country World Index, advanced quarter to date. Real Estate, Utilities and Financials led benchmark gains, while Energy, Information Technology and Communication Services underperformed the benchmark.

As a more dovish Federal Reserve started its pivot with a more aggressive rate cut, expectations for further easing grew and a broader range of companies saw stronger results with sentiment toward higher growth equities improving. Against this backdrop, we continued to focus on company-specific fundamentals, which, across portfolio holdings have largely remained healthy and in-line with our expectations. We continue to own unique companies with attractive end-game potential, strong balance sheets, and multiple competitive advantages that we believe can be long-term winners over the next three to five years. While we have opportunistically added to some positions and initiated new ones, overall, we have made few changes as we remain confident in the long-term prospects for the businesses we own.

Portfolio Review

Quarter to date outperformance has been driven by favorable stock selection in Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology and Financials.

Top contributors QTD include:

- Latin American ecommerce platform, MercadoLibre
- Dutch payments platform, Adyen
- Payments technology services platform, Affirm Holdings
- Autonomous driving company, Aurora Innovation
- Electric vehicle developer, Tesla

Top contributor MercadoLibre operates the largest internet enabled marketplace in Latin America, and is also an electronic payments processor and fintech services provider. We believe the company benefits from network effect and efficient scale competitive advantages, and is well positioned as consumers further adopt internet enabled commerce to

gain access to unique inventory and competitive pricing, while merchants benefit from a growing buyer base. The company is also poised to capture more of the ecommerce value chain including payments, advertising and logistics. Its shares advanced as the company continued to demonstrate strong execution on key initiatives across its payments, advertising, and ecommerce business, while driving operating leverage with scale.

Contributor Affirm operates a technology platform specializing in consumer buy-now-pay-later (BNPL) point of sale financing and payment processing. We believe Affirm benefits from network effects related competitive advantages and is well positioned to benefit as buy-now-pay-later adoption accelerates globally due to the secular growth of ecommerce and electronic payments. Its shares advanced due to better-than-expected results and an upbeat outlook, driven by continued business traction, healthy trends across new business initiatives, and improved investor sentiment following the Federal Reserve initiating interest rate cuts.

Contributor Aurora Innovation is a self-driving platform that brings software, hardware, and data services together to autonomously operate passenger vehicles, light commercial vehicles, and heavy-duty trucks. We believe the company benefits from intellectual property related competitive advantages and is well positioned due to growing consumer and commercial demand for autonomous vehicles. Its shares outperformed as the company announced it is on track to launch commercially next year. The company also raised capital through a secondary offering, which alleviated investor concerns about the company's ability to fund operations over the next few years.

Conversely, stock selection in Health Care and Industrials, as well as a sector underweight position in Utilities detracted from relative performance.

Top detractors QTD include:

- Healthcare services provider, Agilon Health
- Lodging and experience platform, Airbnb
- Cloud data platform, Snowflake
- Financial services advertising platform, Cardlytics
- Web performance and security company, Cloudflare

Top detractor Agilon Health is a health care services provider, offering its Total Care platform to a network of community-based physicians looking to transition from a traditional fee-for-service reimbursement model and towards a value-based care model for their Medicare Advantage patients. We believe Agilon benefits primarily from an efficient scale competitive advantage and is positioned well as a leading player in a fast-growing and underpenetrated market. Its shares have been under pressure over the last year due to a prolonged increase in cost trends, driven by higher patient service and procedure utilization across the industry, and this had led the company to lower its financial outlook for a few quarters.

Detractor Airbnb operates a marketplace that connects hosts and guests online to book spaces and experiences. We believe the company benefits from network effects and brand related competitive advantages, and is well positioned to capitalize on the global shift in consumer preferences toward one-of-a-kind stays and experiences. The company reported mixed results and near-term profitability outlook. We attribute its underperformance to softer demand across the broader travel sector, coupled with investor concerns around increased marketing spend.

Detractor Snowflake is a cloud data platform that separates storage, compute and cloud services and allows each to scale independently, providing massive scalability and flexibility to customers in storing and analyzing data. We believe the company benefits from intellectual property and brand related competitive advantages, and is well positioned as a growing number of organizations focus on leveraging their data assets in a cost-effective manner to derive better insights. Despite reporting healthy fundamental results characterized by better-than-expected quarterly sales, its shares languished due to

heightened consensus expectations around the magnitude of the sales beat. Weaker investor sentiment towards the software sector also continues to pressure performance.

Outlook

Counterpoint Global looks to own a portfolio of unique companies with diverse business drivers, strong competitive advantages and positioning, and healthy secular growth prospects whose market value we believe can increase significantly over the long-term for underlying fundamental reasons, independent of the macro or market environment. We find these companies through fundamental research. Our emphasis is on secular growth, and as a result short-term market events are not as meaningful in the stock selection process.

Counterpoint Global believes having a market outlook can be an anchor. We focus on assessing company prospects over a five year investment horizon. Current portfolio positioning reflects what we believe are the best long-term investment opportunities.

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Performance (%)

Class I Share at NAV, as of September 30, 2024.

| | MTD | QTD | YTD | 1 YR | 3 YR | 5 YR | 10 YR |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| MSIF Global Insight Portfolio | 6.41 | 15.40 | 19.25 | 45.21 | -11.83 | 6.48 | 8.92 |
| MSCI All Country World Index | 2.32 | 6.61 | 18.66 | 31.76 | 8.09 | 12.19 | 9.39 |

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The gross expense ratio is 1.37% for Class I shares and the net expense ratio is 1.00%. Where the net expense ratio is lower than the gross expense ratio, certain fees have been waived and/or expenses reimbursed. These waivers and/or reimbursements will continue for at least one year from the date of the applicable fund's current prospectus (unless otherwise noted in the applicable prospectus) or until such time as the fund's Board of Directors acts to discontinue all or a portion of such waivers and/or reimbursements. Absent such waivers and/or reimbursements, returns would have been lower. Expenses are based on the fund's current prospectus, in effect as of the date of this document. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000,000 for Class I shares. The minimum initial investment may be waived in certain situations. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

Returns are net of fees and assume the reinvestment of all dividends and income. They are compared to an unmanaged market index. Returns for less than one year are cumulative (unannualized). Performance for one year or more is based on average annual total returns. The returns are reported for Class I shares. Performance for other share classes will vary.

Please keep in mind that high double-digit returns are highly unusual and cannot be sustained. Investors should also be aware that these returns were primarily achieved during favorable market conditions.

The **MSCI All Country (MSCI AC) World Index** is a free float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The term "free float" represents the portion of shares outstanding that are deemed to be available for purchase in the public equity markets by investors. The index does not include any expenses, fees or sales charges, which would lower performance. The index is unmanaged and should not be considered an investment. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Any index referred to herein is the intellectual property (including registered trademarks) of the applicable licensor.

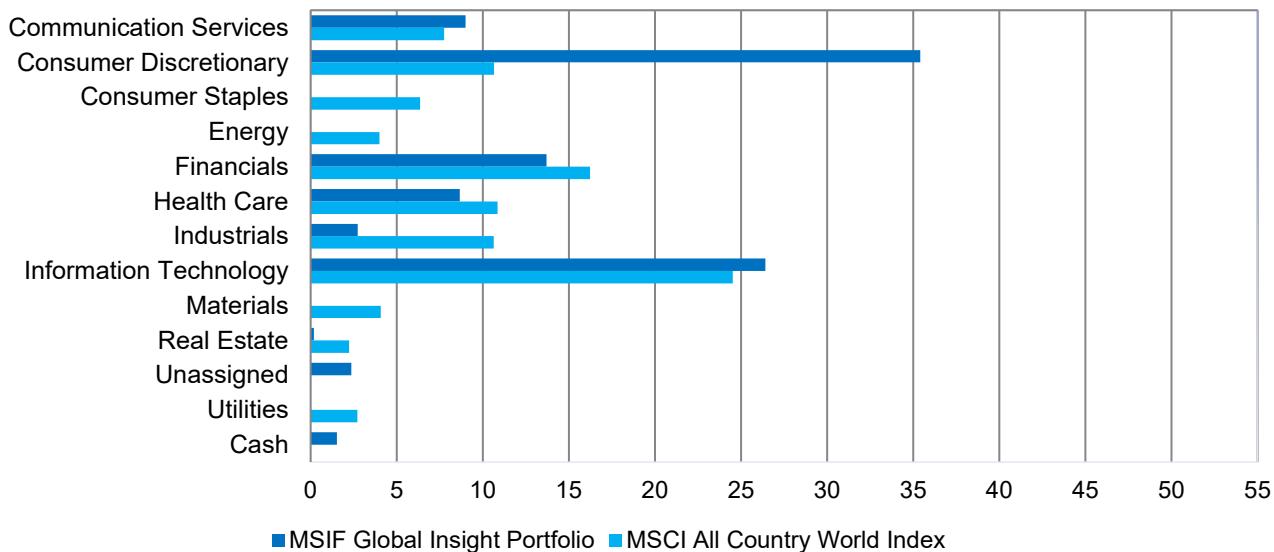
Top Ten Holdings

% of Total Net Assets, as of September 30, 2024. Subject to change.

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| MercadoLibre | 8.1 |
| Cloudflare | 7.6 |
| Tesla | 7.2 |
| Adyen | 7.0 |
| Shopify | 6.5 |
| Affirm Holdings | 6.3 |
| MicroStrategy | 5.2 |
| Global-e Online | 4.9 |
| DoorDash | 4.8 |
| Trade Desk | 4.7 |
| TOTAL | 62.3 |

Sector Allocation

As of September 30, 2024.



Source: FactSet Research Systems, Inc. / Morgan Stanley Investment Management.
Cash is frictional and accounted for 1.52% of the portfolio.

Risk considerations There is no assurance that a mutual fund will achieve its investment objective. Funds are subject to market risk, which is the possibility that the market values of securities owned by the portfolio will decline and that the value of portfolio shares may therefore be less than what you paid for them. Market values can change daily due to economic and other events (e.g. natural disasters, health crises, terrorism, conflicts and social unrest) that affect markets, countries, companies or governments. It is difficult to predict the timing, duration, and potential adverse effects (e.g. portfolio liquidity) of

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