

Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund

# Global Permanence Portfolio



## Performance Review

For the quarter, the Global Permanence Portfolio returned 3.71% (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 underperformed the MSCI All Country World Index this quarter due to unfavorable 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 underperformance has been driven by unfavorable stock selection in Industrials, Consumer Discretionary and Consumer Staples.

### *Top detractors QTD included:*

- Pest control services company, Rentokil Initial
- Discount retailer, Dollar General
- Contemporary carpets and floor coverings company, Victoria
- Shoemaking company, Birkenstock
- Construction management software, Procore Technologies

Detractor Dollar General, a discount retailer, provides various merchandise products across the United States. We believe the company benefits from cost and brand related competitive advantages, and is uniquely positioned to operate efficiently in smaller markets due to its supply chain and smaller store format approach. The company reported mixed results as it continues to face multiple headwinds including softer demand, lower than expected margins, higher

shrinkage, and increased competition. We continue to monitor returning CEO and management's efforts in restoring the business to prior levels.

Detractor Victoria Plc is a leading manufacturer and retailer of carpets and floor coverings in the UK, Europe and Australia, with a collection of strong brands. We believe the company benefits from efficient scale related competitive advantages, and can benefit from new construction and home renovation activity, as well as residential and commercial replacement demand for flooring products. Its shares remained pressured due to lower-than-expected results, particularly in the United Kingdom and Europe. The company is experiencing softer demand due to inflation adversely impacting consumer discretionary spending on home improvement projects, including flooring and interior decoration.

Conversely, stock selection in Health Care, Energy and Financials contributed most to relative performance.

*Top contributors QTD included:*

- Analytical testing and laboratory services provider, Eurofins Scientific
- Securities exchanges operator, Intercontinental Exchange
- Digital communications infrastructure provider, American Tower
- Hard surface flooring retailer, Floor & Decor
- Texas landowner, Texas Pacific Land

Contributor Intercontinental Exchange operates securities exchanges, aggregates financial data created on its exchanges and from third parties, and sells that data to institutional customers in the form of subscriptions, custom indices, and as the building blocks for ETFs. We believe it primarily benefits from network effect and intellectual property related competitive advantages. The company is uniquely positioned as it continues to capitalize on its leading position in interest rate, energy, and agricultural commodities futures exchanges, as well as entering new growth vectors, such as the mortgage industry. Its shares advanced as the company reported healthy fundamental results characterized by continued traction across its securities exchange and data subscription businesses. As the owner of the largest futures exchanges for oil and natural gas, the company's revenue growth has proven resilient in 2024 driven by the increased complexity of energy supply chains combined with geopolitical uncertainty, both of which support market share gains for the company.

Contributor Floor & Décor Holdings is a multi-channel specialty retailer of hard surface flooring products. We believe the company benefits from efficient scale and brand related competitive advantages, and is well positioned as consumers increasingly seek a broad assortment of flooring products and accessories at everyday low prices. Despite reporting mixed quarterly results, its shares gained momentum as investor sentiment improved following the Federal Reserve initiating interest rate cuts and the potential improvement in existing home sales, as well as demand for home renovation projects.

## 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	Since Inception
MSIF Global Permanence Portfolio	-0.30	3.71	8.31	18.56	3.79	10.41	10.25
MSCI All Country World Index	2.32	6.61	18.66	31.76	8.09	12.19	11.24

\* The inception date of the MSIF Global Permanence portfolio is 4/30/2019.

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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.

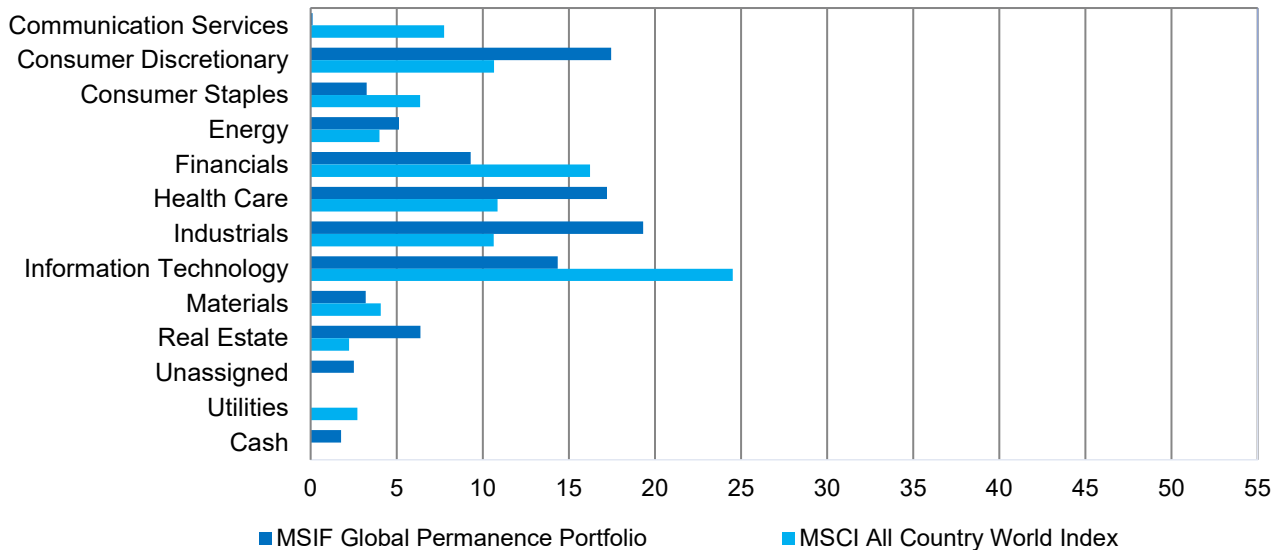
## Top Ten Holdings

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

Cloudflare	9.4
Royalty Pharma	6.9
Eurofins Scientific	5.8
Intercontinental Exchange	5.5
American Tower Corp.	4.8
Rentokil Initial	4.6
Floor & Décor Holdings	4.6
Canadian National Railway	4.5
Babcock International	4.2
Texas Pacific Land Corp.	4.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54.4</b>

## Sector Allocation

As of September 30, 2024.



Source: FactSet Research Systems, Inc. / Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

Cash is frictional and accounted for 1.77% of the portfolio.

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