



# INTERNATIONAL EQUITY STRATEGY

30 September 2025

## Investment approach

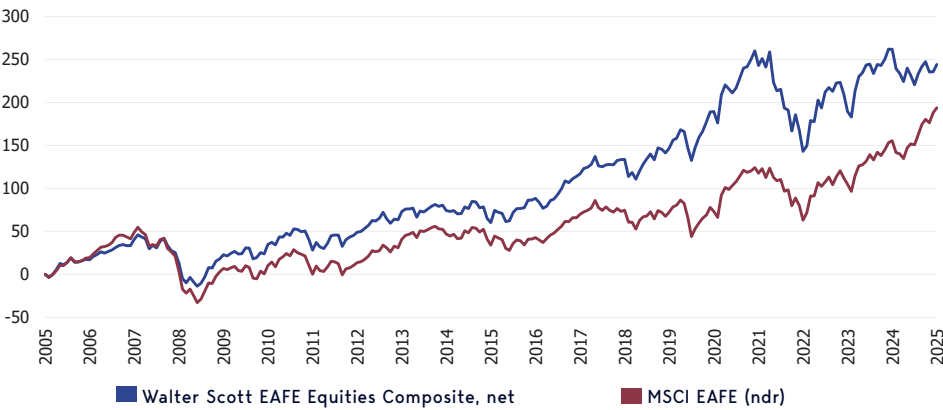
**Company focus**  
Unconstrained, rigorous in-house company research is based on our consistently applied philosophy and process. We only select those businesses which meet our stringent investment criteria, regardless of their geography or industry.

**Team approach**  
We invest as a team. Our longtenured, experienced investment team challenges and debates all proposals.

**Investment horizon**  
We invest for the long term in order to exploit the power of compound growth. Our research process is designed to identify well-managed, enduring and resilient companies, taking all relevant factors into account.

## 20-year cumulative performance

% Returns in US dollars as at 30 September 2025



## Annualised performance

| Returns in US dollars %<br>30 September 2025 | 1<br>year | 3<br>years | 5<br>years | 10<br>years | 15<br>years | 20<br>years | 25<br>years | 30<br>years |
|--|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Walter Scott EAFE<br>Equities Composite, net | -4.9      | 12.3       | 3.5        | 8.0         | 6.5         | 6.4         | 5.8         | 6.7         |
| MSCI EAFE (ndr)                              | 15.0      | 21.7       | 11.2       | 8.2         | 6.8         | 5.5         | 5.1         | 5.6         |

## Calendar year performance

| Returns in US dollars % as at 30 September 2025 | YTD   | 2024 | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018  | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Walter Scott EAFE Equities Composite, gross     | 6.7   | -1.1 | 19.8 | -22.0 | 12.8 | 20.4 | 28.3 | -6.9  | 28.1 | 5.6  | 1.1  |
| Walter Scott EAFE Equities Composite, net       | 6.1   | -1.8 | 18.9 | -22.6 | 11.9 | 19.5 | 27.4 | -7.6  | 27.2 | 4.8  | 0.3  |
| MSCI EAFE (ndr)                                 | 25.1  | 3.8  | 18.2 | -14.5 | 11.3 | 7.8  | 22.0 | -13.8 | 25.0 | 1.0  | -0.8 |
| Excess Returns (net vs index)                   | -19.0 | -5.6 | 0.7  | -8.1  | 0.7  | 11.7 | 5.4  | 6.2   | 2.2  | 3.8  | 1.1  |

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and returns may also increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Source: Walter Scott (Strategy), MSCI (Index). Gross performance returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees which if applied would reduce returns but they do reflect the reinvestment of dividends and/or other earnings. Net performance returns reflect the deduction of a model management fee of 0.75% per annum and the reinvestment of dividends and/or other earnings. Please refer to the back page for further information. Walter Scott International Equities Composite is also known as the Walter Scott EAFE Equities Composite.

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## Strategy overview

The International Equity strategy aims to provide investors with a favourable real rate of return over the long term by investing in a portfolio of leading companies located outside of the US. Stocks are selected through fundamental, in-house company analysis.

The portfolio will typically consist of 40-60 world-class companies we consider capable of generating superior real returns over the long-term. These will be companies which we believe demonstrate exceptional and durable growth, profitability and balance sheet characteristics.

Our unconstrained approach typically leads to portfolios that bear little or no resemblance to any stock market index.

**US\$71.3bn firm wide AUM**

**US\$28.1bn international equity strategy AUM**

**Composite inception date: 30 June 1985**

## Portfolio characteristics

|  | Portfolio |
|--|-----------|
| Number of Securities                       | 51        |
| Operating Margin                           | 15.6%     |
| ROE  | 14.7%     |
| Net Debt to Equity*                        | 40%       |
| P/E Ratio (LTM)                            | 24.1x     |
| Dividend Yield**                           | 2.0%      |
| Active Share                               | 84%       |
| Portfolio Turnover (Typical Annual Range)† | 5%-15%    |

Source: Walter Scott, FactSet & MSCI. Portfolio Characteristics are subject to change and are based on a Walter Scott EAFE Equity representative portfolio as at 30/09/25.

\*Net Debt to Equity figure excludes securities from the financial sector.

\*\*Gross of fees.

†Based on the last 10 calendar years of representative portfolio turnover. Please see Portfolio Characteristics definition overleaf.

## Top ten stocks

| Stock                    | % of portfolio |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor     | 4.8            |
| ASML                     | 4.2            |
| Air Liquide              | 3.4            |
| AIA Group                | 3.2            |
| Inditex                  | 3.0            |
| Compass Group            | 2.9            |
| SAP                      | 2.7            |
| Alimentation Couche-Tard | 2.7            |
| Keyence                  | 2.7            |
| LVMH                     | 2.5            |

## Sector

|                        |       |             |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Information technology | 25.2% | <div></div> |
| Industrials            | 17.7% | <div></div> |
| Healthcare             | 17.7% | <div></div> |
| Consumer discretionary | 16.0% | <div></div> |
| Materials              | 5.3%  | <div></div> |
| Consumer staples       | 5.1%  | <div></div> |
| Financials             | 3.2%  | <div></div> |
| Communication services | 3.1%  | <div></div> |
| Real estate            | 1.7%  | <div></div> |
| Energy                 | 1.6%  | <div></div> |
| Utilities              | 1.5%  | <div></div> |
| Liquidity              | 1.8%  | <div></div> |

## Region

|                       |       |             |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------|
| Europe ex UK          | 54.0% | <div></div> |
| Japan                 | 16.7% | <div></div> |
| UK                    | 9.9%  | <div></div> |
| Asia Pacific ex Japan | 8.6%  | <div></div> |
| Emerging Markets      | 4.8%  | <div></div> |
| Canada                | 4.2%  | <div></div> |
| Liquidity             | 1.8%  | <div></div> |

Source: Walter Scott, EAFE Equity representative portfolio as at 30/09/25 used to demonstrate Top Ten Stocks, Sector and Region information. The representative portfolio adheres to the same investment approach as the Walter Scott EAFE Equity Strategy. All holdings are subject to change. Information is historical and may not reflect current or future portfolio's. Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

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## Composite description

This composite includes all global ex USA portfolios that are predominantly invested in large and mid-cap equities. Portfolios within the composite typically hold 40 to 60 stocks.

## Fees

Net of management fee composite returns are calculated by deducting a model fee from the gross return. Actual management fees may differ from the model fees used and performance-based fees may result in higher fees than model fees applied. The model fee rate is higher than the 10-year average actual composite fee rate as at 31 December 2024. The model rate deducted is equivalent to the highest fee rate that would be charged to the intended audience. For further details of fee rates see Part II of Form ADV.

## Portfolio characteristics definitions

Portfolio turnover is calculated based on purchases and sales arising from investment decisions (i.e. excluding investment activity due to cash flows), relative to the average portfolio market value (calculated using month-end values) over the reporting period. The calculation is performed monthly, and longer-term figures are derived by aggregating the monthly results. The typical annual range is based on the last 10 calendar years of representative portfolio turnover. Prior to 2023, portfolio turnover was calculated based on all purchases and sales, less inflows and outflows, relative to the portfolio average market value over the reporting period. Please contact us on [clientservice@walterscott.com](mailto:clientservice@walterscott.com) for further information on the methodologies used in the calculation of the portfolio characteristics shown.

## Benchmark definition

MSCI EAFE: a global equity benchmark that represents large and mid-cap equity performance across developed markets countries excluding North America. It is not directly exposed to emerging markets. Further information can be found at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

## Key investment risks

**Equities** are subject to market, market sector, market liquidity, issuer, and investment style risks, to varying degrees. **Small and mid-sized company stocks** tend to be more volatile and less liquid than larger company stocks as these companies are less established and have more volatile earnings histories. Investing in **foreign denominated and/or domiciled securities** involves special risks, including changes in currency exchange rates, political, economic, and social instability, limited company information, differing auditing and legal standards, and less market liquidity. These risks generally are greater with emerging market countries.

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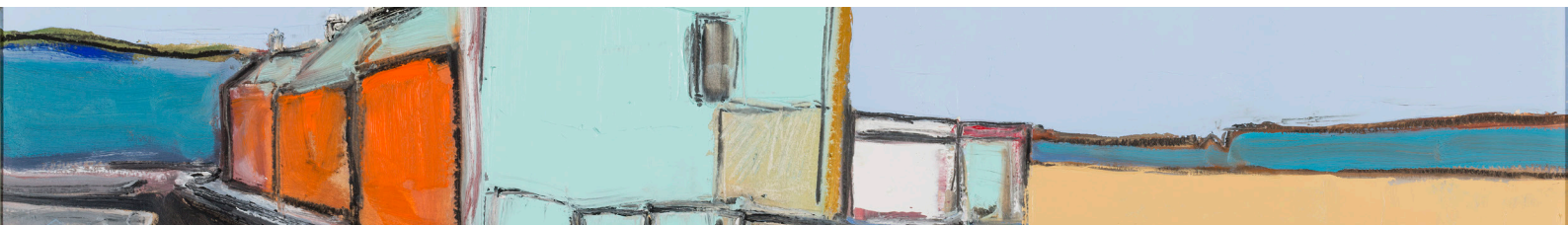
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