

# Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio

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## Portfolio Commentary

### Market Perspectives

The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) declined modestly in the first quarter of 2022. We believe selectivity will be critical to successfully navigating the many uncertainties today, including the war in Ukraine, inflation in commodities, lingering effects of COVID on the economy and rising interest rates. We see value in today's market within financials, technology, communication services and select industrial businesses.

The near term is indeed obscured, and understandably, that can give investors pause. It is reminiscent of times past when the world faced unquantifiable unknowns such as the Russian default in 1998 and the emerging market crisis that ensued, the sudden eruption of the first Gulf War in 1990, the 9/11 attacks and the real estate and global financial crisis of 2008–2009. Those were times when risk seemed open-ended and certainly beyond any precise negative quantification—which the news headlines tend to highlight in the near term. One unwritten headline remains that the markets have a very long track record of proving their resilience in the face of challenges, however extreme, decade after decade, and that is a byproduct, in our view, of underlying resilient businesses.

Current issues include questions about how far and how fast inflation may rise and whether it can be tamed without the shock of much higher interest rates and an economic recession. Interest rates in most developed markets were on the rise prior to COVID, came down during the worst of the pandemic, and now are poised to continue rising—as is evident in the actions by central banks whose public guidance is towards higher rates still.

As investors, we are concentrating our capital in businesses and industries that are capable, in our estimation, of weathering potential headwind conditions in the near term, whether they pertain to inflation, the health of the overall economy coming out of COVID or rising interest rates. Overall, we believe the portfolio is composed of highly durable businesses that are positioned well to generate substantial profits over the long term and according to a wide range of scenarios.

On the question of inflation, the sources of upward price pressures are in no small measure related to COVID-driven disruptions to the global supply chain and to the knock-on effects of the Ukraine-Russia conflict (as far as energy and food prices are concerned, most notably). We do not know how quickly or when exactly the supply chain issues will begin to improve nor how or when the conflict in Eastern Europe will end, but we are cognizant of the reality that spikes in inflation can eventually moderate and commodity prices can fall, just as they have both risen dramatically in a short period of time. To the extent inflationary pressures persist, we continue to lean towards relatively capital-light industries.

Higher inflation is prompting central banks in multiple regions to raise interest rates. We do not believe that the current level of interest rates should unduly constrain the global economy. There is no rule that stocks and the economy cannot thrive in rising or even higher interest rate environments—within reason, of course.

The global economy may slow, given higher interest rates, but our system has demonstrated a capacity to expand in, and endure, significantly higher rates

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versus these still-historically low levels. As rates rise, we must be ever more cautious on valuations we pay to own even best-in-class businesses in the portfolio. We are actively and consciously positioned such that the portfolio's earnings multiple is much lower than the MSCI ACWI—with far higher earnings per share growth over the last five years.

### Selective, Attractive Growth, Undervalued

	Portfolio	Index
Holdings	34	2,938
EPS Growth (5 Year)	23.5%	16.4%
P/E (Forward)	8.2x	17.4x

The war in Ukraine is thus far limited to one part of Eastern Europe, and we are watching developments closely and considering the potential direct and indirect impacts on other markets and our portfolio holdings. In addition to the human dimension of what is happening, this is a period during which investors must make assessments as to how specific companies and the world can adapt to a new era of tensions between Russia and the West. ■

## Portfolio Review

To diversify geographic risk, the portfolio invests in many industries and business types and across 11 countries, including the United States, select countries in Asia, followed by Europe. Our largest allocation is in financials.

At the portfolio level, we believe part of the solution to today's important but unknowable macro questions lies in diversifying geographic risk. Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio is positioned across many industries and business types and across 11 countries, with the primary regions being the United States, select countries in Asia (China, Singapore and South Korea), followed by Europe (primarily Denmark, Switzerland

and the Netherlands). Our country breakdown is a byproduct of our conviction in specific businesses first and foremost, but also provides a degree of diversification, in our view.

While U.S. equities performed well on balance in 2021, the first quarter of 2022 saw declines in the major stock indexes. Our holdings in the U.S. delivered competitive performance versus the broader market averages, supported by strong relative performance in financials, our largest sector allocation.

In contrast, Chinese shares have been very much out of favor over the last year as a group, owing to new government regulations that apply to some of China's domestic industry giants. The new regulations in the for-profit education space have changed the economics of that business, for instance, and in response, we exited our positions in that sector.

New regulations in China directed at the market leaders in e-commerce and food delivery, on the other hand, have been less severe, and we expect that those businesses will be required to adapt at the margin. However, their core businesses remain very much intact and incredibly strong overall, in our estimation.

It is important to put the new regulations in China in perspective. In the vast majority of cases that are directly relevant to our portfolio, the Chinese government's thrust has been designed to curb and deter some of the most egregious instances of what it views as anti-competitive business practices. Reducing the use of exclusivity agreements between certain e-commerce players and merchants, for instance, is a key part of the government's new policy direction.

We have incorporated developments in China's regulatory landscape into our capital allocation decisions, actively favoring companies with better-than-peer practices insofar as antitrust

and anti-competitive considerations are concerned, yet which remain extremely viable, high-potential businesses, according to our research. We have not exited China, the second largest economy in the world, unilaterally, nor do we expect to. Rather, we have tried to be surgical in our selections in that market to navigate some new constraints for different industries. Studying a wide range of businesses in China, we believe the country offers extremely fertile ground for investment opportunities, many trading at distressed prices, but advocate selectivity in that market. Within China, the portfolio primarily holds e-commerce giants and select names in attractive segments, such as Hollysys Automation Technologies, a leading industrial automation company for businesses in China and Southeast Asia.<sup>1</sup>

Over the last year, we have gradually broadened out our exposure in the Asia-Pacific region into other markets such as Singapore and South Korea. Indeed we are interested in the greater Pan-Asian region—and not solely China—for its long-term growth potential, demographics, emerging stage of development and availability of cutting-edge companies such as Naspers, a diversified global conglomerate owning many businesses in e-commerce, media and classified advertising.

From the perspective of the portfolio's sector breakdown, our largest allocation is financials, which includes companies such as Wells Fargo in the U.S. and also select foreign jurisdictions (primarily global wealth centers). We invest in financials based on each company's individual makeup and merits, meaning the sector's prominent weighting is a byproduct of a compelling risk-reward profile we see in numerous and fairly distinct financial companies.

Financials may potentially benefit from higher interest rates. Depending on the slope of the yield curve over time and the soundness of credit conditions, major banks could witness their margins and earnings expand with higher long-term rates. Our large banks are, by and large, very well-capitalized and can theoretically grow their fee- and interest-earning assets. In the event we experience a slower economic patch, on the other hand, our holdings have enough excess capital and ongoing cash earnings power to return significant amounts of capital to shareholders via dividends and share buybacks. Valuations, meanwhile, remain very reasonable, in our estimation.

Financials today are increasingly digital, virtual business models without many of the commodity-linked inflationary pressures associated with many other, hard asset-dependent companies and industries. The latter includes a number of consumer products companies, petroleum-sensitive plastics and chemicals manufacturers, food companies and certain energy-intensive industrial businesses, among others. This does not suggest that one not own such types of businesses outright, but instead argues in favor of paying lower valuations for them to compensate investors for the added risk.

In addition to financial services, we own shares in a range of companies in the information technology, communications, healthcare and industrial sectors. Among changes to the portfolio last quarter, we established a position in Coupang and also exited our modest exposure to Quotient Technology. Overall, we believe our positioning prepares us for a range of possibilities, even if the future is obscured by the various uncertainties we have highlighted. ■

<sup>1</sup> Holdings discussed in this commentary are selected according to objective, non-performance-based criteria. They are chosen each quarter according to a consistent methodology based on their weight in the Davis Advisors Global model portfolio as well as recent purchases and recent sales and are intended only as illustrations of the Davis Investment Discipline. They are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any security. Individual account holdings may vary.

## Outlook

The portfolio is prepared for a wide range of scenarios by investing in business models and sectors that can theoretically continue growing revenues and profits, even in the face of somewhat higher inflation, rising interest rates and geopolitics.

Whatever the future holds in the near term, it is inherently unpredictable. For this reason, we position our portfolio without making false precision point predictions, but rather by selecting and organizing investments such that we are *prepared* for a wide range of scenarios. That leads us to business models and sectors that can theoretically continue growing revenues and profits even in the face of somewhat higher inflation, rising interest rates and factors including overseas geopolitics.

At Davis Advisors, we seek to purchase durable, growing businesses at value prices and hold them for the long term. Since our firm's inception over 50 years ago, we have adhered to the same, time-tested investment philosophy and rigorous research process of buying durable businesses at attractive prices and holding them for the long term. The more than \$2 billion Davis Advisors, the Davis family and Foundation, and our employees have invested in similarly managed accounts and strategies remains a true sign of our commitment to and conviction in this enduring philosophy.<sup>2</sup>

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to continuing our investment journey together. ■

<sup>2</sup>. As of 12/31/21.

# Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio

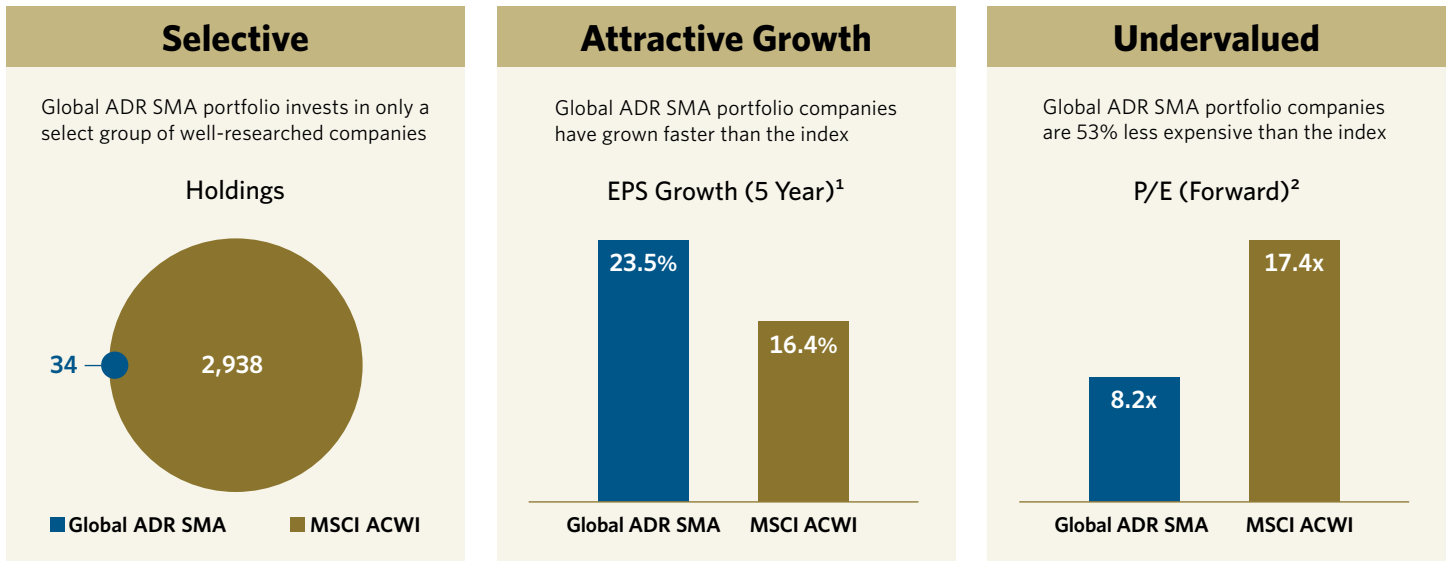
Selective. Attractive Growth. Undervalued.

“What gives us confidence that Davis Global ADR SMA will build wealth for our shareholders in the years and decades to come? The compelling attributes of our businesses.



By being highly selective and rejecting the vast majority of companies in the index, the companies of Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio have grown significantly faster than the companies in the index, yet are 53% less expensive. In fact, this gap between price and value is among the widest we have ever seen. We believe this sets the stage for attractive returns in the years ahead.”

Danton Goei, Portfolio Manager



The Attractive Growth and Undervalued reference in this piece relates to underlying characteristics of the portfolio holdings. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio's performance will be positive as equity markets are volatile and an investor may lose money. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.** Performance may vary. **1.** Five-Year EPS Growth Rate is the average annualized earning per share growth for a company over the past five years. The values for the portfolio and index are the weighted average of the five-year EPS Growth Rates of the stocks in the portfolio or index. **2.** Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E) Ratio is a stock's current price divided by the company's forecasted earnings for the following 12 months. The values for the portfolio and index are the weighted average of the P/E ratios of the stocks in the portfolio or index.

# Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio Holdings

March 31, 2022

High Conviction. Different from the Index.

Holding	Portfolio (%)	MSCI ACWI (%)
DBS Group Holdings	7.0%	0.1%
Wells Fargo	7.0	0.3
Danske Bank	5.3	0.0
Ping An Insurance	5.0	0.1
Alphabet	4.9	2.5
JD.com	4.9	0.1
Alibaba Group Holding	4.5	0.3
AIA Group	3.9	—
Cigna	3.9	0.1
Capital One Financial	3.8	0.1
Berkshire Hathaway	3.5	0.7
Liberty Media	3.5	0.0
Intel	3.3	0.3
Amazon.com	3.2	2.3
Meta Platforms	3.2	0.8
Viatis	3.0	0.0
Hollysys Automation Technologies	2.8	—
Julius Baer Group	2.6	0.0
Naspers	2.5	0.0
Meituan	2.3	0.1
Applied Materials	2.2	0.2
Prosus	2.2	0.1
Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son	1.6	—
Teck Resources	1.5	0.0
Darling Ingredients	1.4	—
IAC	1.3	0.0
Owens Corning	1.1	0.0
Vimeo	1.1	—
Coupang	0.9	—
Baidu	0.6	0.1
Clear Secure	0.5	—
IQIYI	0.4	0.0
Noah Holdings	0.4	0.0
Vroom	0.2	—
CASH	4.5	—
	<b>100.0%</b>	

The above listed securities are representative of a model Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio as of the indicated date. Portfolio holdings may change over time. Individual accounts may contain different securities. There is no assurance that any securities listed herein will remain in an individual account at the time you receive this report. The securities listed for the MSCI ACWI are not representative of the entire portfolio, which consists of 2,938 securities. The information provided should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any particular security. There can be no assurance that an investor will earn a profit and not lose money.

# Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio

March 31, 2022

Davis Global ADR SMA is a portfolio of attractive businesses from around the world selected using the time-tested Davis Investment Discipline. As one of the largest investors in the strategy, we have a unique commitment to client stewardship.

## Unique Attributes of Davis Global ADR SMA Portfolio

- Equity-Focused Research Firm:**  
 Established in 1969, Davis is a leading specialist in equity investing. Our primary focus on research and unique investment discipline has built wealth for our clients over the long term.
- Portfolio of Best of Breed Businesses:**  
 Utilizing rigorous independent research, we invest in durable, well-managed businesses with sustainable competitive advantages and attractive long-term growth prospects selling at a discount to their true value.
- Flexible, Opportunistic Approach:**  
 The Portfolio invests in both developed and developing markets. We believe in a bottom-up stock selection process and in not mirroring the benchmark index. Active Share 92%.
- We Are One of the Largest Investors:**  
 We have a unique commitment to stewardship, generating attractive long-term results and managing risks.

## Undervalued. Attractive Growth. Selective.<sup>1</sup>

		Portfolio	Index
Undervalued	P/E (Forward)	8.2x	17.4x
Attractive Growth	EPS Growth (5 Year)	23.5%	16.4%
Selective	Holdings	34	2,938
	Total Countries	11	47

## Experienced Management

Danton Goei, 23 years with Davis Advisors

## Geographically Diverse Portfolio

United States	49.3%
Asia	34.2
Europe	10.6
North & Central America Ex U.S.	3.3
Africa	2.6

## Top 10 Countries

United States	Switzerland
China	South Africa
Singapore	Netherlands
Denmark	Bermuda
Hong Kong	Canada

## Sectors

	Portfolio	Index
Financials	41.9%	15.2%
Consumer Discretionary	21.7	11.7
Communication Services	15.7	8.1
Information Technology	9.2	21.8
Health Care	7.2	11.9
Materials	1.6	5.0
Consumer Staples	1.5	6.9
Industrials	1.2	9.5
Energy	0.0	4.3
Utilities	0.0	2.9
Real Estate	0.0	2.7

## Attractive Global Businesses (Top 10 Holdings)

**DBS Group Holdings (Singapore):** Largest bank in Singapore and among the largest in developed Asia—has a strong moat enabled by relatively inexpensive cost of funds, technology leadership, and high market share of retail deposits

**Wells Fargo (U.S.):** One of the largest banks in the U.S.

**Danske Bank (Denmark):** Largest bank in Denmark serving more than 5 million retail customers

**Ping An Insurance (China):** A leader in retail financial services and the largest insurer in Asia

**Alphabet (U.S.):** The dominant global online search and advertising company

**JD.com (China):** One of the largest e-commerce businesses in mainland China offering consumer electronics and appliances

**Alibaba Group Holding (China):** World's largest and most valuable retailer, with operations in over 200 countries, and a dominant position in the e-commerce market

**AIA Group (Hong Kong):** Second largest and fast growing life insurer in China with customers throughout Asia-Pacific and a competitive advantage of a strong brand

**Cigna (U.S.):** A global health care company serving more than 170 million customers worldwide

**Capital One Financial (U.S.):** Top 10 bank with \$240+ billion of deposits

## Performance

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Inception 10/1/14
Global Equity SMA Composite (gross)	-17.70%	7.21%	7.42%	7.72%
Global Equity SMA Composite (with a 3% max. wrap fee)	-20.17	4.06	4.26	4.55
MSCI ACWI	7.28	13.74	11.64	9.39

*The performance presented represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results. Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends. Investment return and principal value will vary so that an investor may lose money. For current, quarterly returns, please ask your financial advisor to contact Davis Advisors. Current performance may be higher or lower. The investment strategies described herein are those of Davis Advisors. These materials are being provided for illustrative and informational purposes only. The information contained herein is obtained from multiple sources that are believed to be reliable. However, such information has not been verified, and may be different from the information included in documents and materials created by the sponsor firm in whose investment program a client participates. Some sponsor firms may require that these materials are preceded or accompanied by investment profiles or other documents or materials prepared by such sponsor firms, which will be provided upon a client's request. For additional information, documents and/or materials, please speak to your Financial Advisor. 1. The Attractive Growth and Undervalued reference in this piece relates to underlying characteristics of the portfolio holdings. There is no guarantee that the portfolio performance will be positive as equity markets are volatile and an investor may lose money.*



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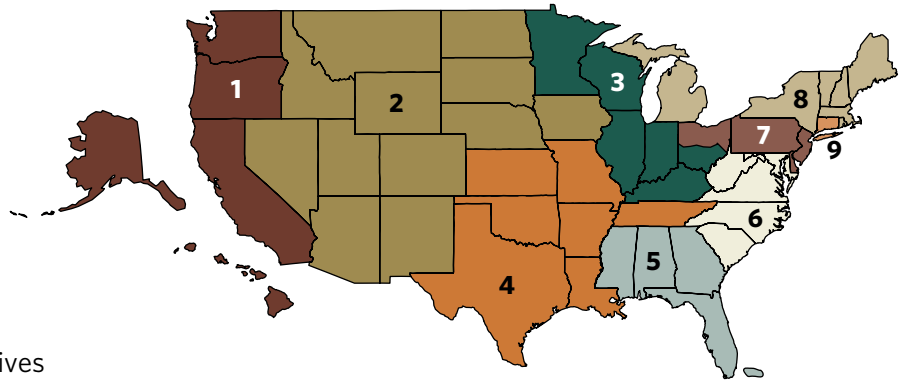
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A time-weighted internal rate of return formula is used to calculate performance for the accounts included in the Composite. The net of fees rate of return formula is calculated based on a hypothetical 3% maximum wrap fee charged by the wrap account sponsor for all account services. For the gross performance results, custodian fees and advisory fees are treated as cash withdrawals.

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We gather our index data from a combination of reputable sources, including, but not limited to, Lipper, Wilshire, and index websites.

The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets throughout the world. The index includes reinvestment of dividends, net foreign withholding taxes. Investments cannot be made directly in an index.