

Wasatch Global Opportunities Fund

DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Fund Outperformed Its Benchmark for the Quarter and Calendar Year, as Many of Our Holdings Produced Strong Fundamentals

OVERVIEW

For the fourth quarter of 2023, the Wasatch Global Opportunities Fund—Investor Class gained 16.84%, outperforming the benchmark MSCI AC (All Country) World Small Cap Index, which was up 11.98%.

At the sector level, the Fund's stock selection in the information-technology (IT) and consumer-staples sectors contributed most to performance relative to the benchmark. An overweight to the IT sector also aided relative performance. However, our stocks in the consumer-discretionary and health-care sectors lagged those of the benchmark and detracted from relative results. On a geographic basis, our holdings in the United States, Taiwan, Israel and the United Kingdom made positive contributions to relative performance. The Fund's lack of exposure to Sweden detracted most from relative results.

FUND MANAGERS



JB Taylor
Lead Portfolio Manager

12 / 27
YEARS ON FUND / YEARS AT WASATCH



Ajay Krishnan, CFA
Lead Portfolio Manager

11 / 29
YEARS ON FUND / YEARS AT WASATCH



Ken Applegate, CFA, CMT
Portfolio Manager

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YEARS ON FUND / YEARS AT WASATCH



Paul Lambert
Portfolio Manager

4 / 23
YEARS ON FUND / YEARS AT WASATCH

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As 2023 draws to a close, we also wanted to provide an update on annual performance. For the year, the Fund's Investor Class outperformed its benchmark, gaining 25.57% in 2023, while the benchmark was up 16.84%. Much of our outperformance for the period was due to stock selection in the IT, consumer-staples and financials sectors. Our overweight to IT companies also helped relative performance. Geographically, stock selection in the U.S., Israel and the U.K. contributed to relative results, just as it did in the fourth quarter. However, stock selection in Japan and Italy detracted from relative results for the year.

Beyond stock selection in a particular sector or country, we believe the groundwork for the Fund's outperformance in 2023 was laid in the prior year. As interest rates rose in 2022, high-quality growth stocks were largely out of favor. Many of our stocks sold off during this period despite producing solid earnings and revenue growth, in our view. As long-term investors, we maintained the vast majority of our positions and added to the position sizes of our highest-conviction holdings during the selloff in 2022. That conviction was rewarded this year as the market's focus turned back to company-specific details.

DETAILS OF THE QUARTER

Trex Company, Inc. (TREX) was the top contributor to the Fund's performance during the quarter. The U.S. company manufactures high-performance composite (non-wood) decking and accessories. The company's stock price advanced after reporting quarterly earnings growth that was well ahead of consensus estimates. We continue to see upside for the stock, and believe the company will continue taking market share in composite decking and from traditional suppliers of wood products, which have shorter lifespans and require extra upkeep compared to composites.

Another large contributor was **Five Below, Inc. (FIVE)**. The stock sold off in the third quarter after the company announced that upcoming quarterly margins and earnings were projected to decline due to theft and expenses associated with theft prevention. While that news was disappointing, we think Five Below's management responded appropriately. In the fourth quarter the stock rebounded, likely because investors had time to digest news about temporary margin contraction and appreciate that long-term fundamentals for the company remain intact. Looking ahead, we still expect the company's new-store growth rate to accelerate from the low teens to the high teens over the next 12 months.

Bank OZK (OZK), a regional U.S. bank, was another top contributor. The bank continues to perform exceptionally well, in our view, reporting 21% revenue growth and 29% loan growth in its most recent quarterly results. We continue to like the company and its management team, which operates in an industry in which management quality counts considerably. We also like that the bank has historically been relatively conservative in its accounting and has deftly navigated difficult periods in the economic cycle.

The largest detractor from Fund performance during the quarter was **Fox Factory Holding Corp. (FOXF)**. The U.S. company is known for its high-performance shock absorbers and suspension components for mountain bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles and vehicles. Fox Factory's stock fell in November after the company reported quarterly results that were below consensus expectations. In addition, the company announced it is acquiring a baseball-equipment maker, an acquisition that many investors viewed unfavorably. We sold the position after the news.

Another detractor was **HealthEquity, Inc. (HQY)**. The largest U.S. non-bank custodian for HSAs, HealthEquity allows account holders to compare treatment options, pay medical bills, earn wellness incentives, and receive personalized benefit and clinical information. While the stock lost ground, nothing has changed regarding our long-



term thesis for the company. We anticipate significant growth for the company as more employers offer HSAs to attract employees.

Another weak stock was **XPEL, Inc. (XPEL)**. The company manufactures and distributes automotive paint and surface-protection films, window films, and ceramic coatings. The stock was down after Tesla announced it will offer paint-protection films to Tesla buyers at a small number of select locations. This news raised concerns that if Tesla starts offering such films at a national scale, Tesla could go the route of increased vertical integration of the product and services, which could reduce XPEL's market share. We believe the stock's decline was overdone. *(Current and future holdings are subject to risk and change.)*

OUTLOOK

Heading into 2024, we like how our portfolio is positioned. Our largest weighting is in the U.S. That weighting increased over the course of 2023, as U.S. markets outperformed most international markets during the year. Recently, we've trimmed some of our better-performing U.S. holdings at the margins and deployed that capital into international stocks that look more attractively valued. However, we don't expect large changes to our U.S. weighting.

Our largest developed-market weight outside the U.S. is in Japan. Within the country, value stocks were in favor for much of 2023. This was a headwind for our investment style, which focuses on high-quality, growth-oriented companies. Even though our investment style was out of favor, most of our companies continued to demonstrate strong earnings growth throughout the year. Given where the valuations of our Japanese growth companies sit today and the solid fundamentals they continue to produce, we really like the return potential of these stocks in the next three to five years, which is our typical investment horizon.

Within emerging markets, our largest weighting is in India, where our bottom-up process has uncovered many companies that we believe have strong revenue and earnings-growth prospects. Many of these companies are tied to secular tailwinds such as the financialization and formalization of India's economy, or the country's efforts to become a global manufacturing hub. We believe those trends further propel these companies' growth trajectories.

At the sector level, our largest weighting is in IT companies. Historically, this has been a sector in which we find many innovative, high-quality companies with attractive growth prospects. As such, the portfolio's overweight is due more to the abundance of stock-specific opportunities than a top-down view of the sector or a particular industry. That said, we still like the secular growth potential of many of our IT-service businesses.

Going into next year, our team will maintain a busy travel schedule. Internationally, research team members are headed to Japan for a three-week due-diligence trip in the first quarter, and our emerging-markets team has planned another research trip to India. We will provide relevant insights from our research trips in the months ahead.

Thank you for the opportunity to manage your assets.

Sincerely,

JB Taylor, Ajay Krishnan, Ken Applegate and Paul Lambert



TOTAL RETURNS

FOR PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Quarter* | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Global Opportunities Fund—Investor | 16.84% | 25.57% | -0.26% | 13.43% | 8.96% |
| Global Opportunities Fund—Institutional | 16.93% | 25.93% | -0.16% | 13.60% | 9.10% |
| MSCI AC World Small Cap Index** | 11.98% | 16.84% | 3.33% | 9.85% | 6.66% |

*Returns less than one year are not annualized.

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Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses include operating expenses, including the management fee, before any expense reimbursements by the Advisor. **The Advisor has contractually agreed to limit certain expenses to 1.75% for the Investor Class and 1.35% for the Institutional Class through at least 1/31/2024.** See the prospectus for additional information regarding Fund expenses.

Wasatch Funds will deduct a 2.00% redemption fee on Fund shares held 60 days or less. The performance data does not reflect the deduction of fees or taxes, which if reflected, would reduce the performance quoted. For more complete information including charges, risks and expenses, read the prospectus carefully.

Performance for the Institutional Class prior to 2/1/2016 is based on the performance of the Investor Class. Performance of the Fund's Institutional Class prior to 2/1/2016 uses the actual expenses of the Fund's Investor Class without any adjustments. For any such period of time, the performance of the Fund's Institutional Class would have been substantially similar to, yet higher than, the performance of the Fund's Investor Class, because the shares of both classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities, but the classes bear different expenses.

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The Wasatch Global Opportunities Fund's investment objective is long-term growth of capital.

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Revenue growth is the increase in a company's revenues over a specified period of time, not necessarily one year.

Valuation is the process of determining the current worth of an asset or company.

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND – TOP HOLDINGS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

| Security Name | Percent of Net Assets |
|--|-----------------------|
| AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. | 4.6% |
| HealthEquity, Inc. | 3.7% |
| BayCurrent Consulting, Inc. | 3.6% |
| Ensign Group, Inc. | 3.5% |
| Globant SA | 3.4% |
| RBC Bearings, Inc. | 3.2% |
| Saia, Inc. | 2.8% |
| Five Below, Inc. | 2.8% |
| Trex Co., Inc. | 2.5% |
| Medpace Holdings, Inc. | 2.4% |
| Total | 32.5% |
| <i>Portfolio holdings are subject to change at any time. References to specific securities should not be construed as recommendations by the Fund or its Advisor. Current and future holdings are subject to risk.</i> | |