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Wasatch Global Select Fund

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

As the Operating Environment Gets Challenging, We Believe High-Quality Growth Companies Will Distinguish Themselves

OVERVIEW

For the third quarter of 2023, the Wasatch Global Select Fund—Investor Class was down -5.79% and underperformed the benchmark MSCI AC (All Country) World Index, which lost -3.40%.

After rallying for much of 2023, global equity markets cooled in the third quarter. Concerns about a weak economy in China and sticky inflation data in Europe both weighed on equity markets during the period. Additionally, stocks came under pressure after central banks indicated they may need to leave interest rates elevated for longer than previously anticipated.

During the quarter, the Fund's holdings in the financials sector were its largest source of underperformance relative to the benchmark. The Fund's lack of exposure to the energy sector also detracted from relative results. However, our holdings in the industrials and health-care sectors contributed to relative results.

FUND MANAGERS



Ken Applegate, CFA, CMT
Portfolio Manager

4 / 9
YEARS ON FUND / YEARS AT WASATCH



Paul Lambert
Portfolio Manager

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YEARS ON FUND / YEARS AT WASATCH



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On a geographic basis, the Fund's holdings in Japan detracted most from relative performance. However, the Fund's holdings in the United States contributed to relative results.

DETAILS OF THE QUARTER

Amadeus IT Group SA was the largest detractor from Fund performance during the quarter. The company provides a range of IT solutions to the travel and hospitality industries. Earlier in the year, the stock was up as investors anticipated a rebound in international air-traffic volumes as countries resume travel after the pandemic. However, air-travel demand hasn't come back as quickly as most investors probably expected, and that likely weighed on the stock in the third quarter. We're being patient with the stock. We continue to believe both the airline and hospitality industries will be under pressure to increase efficiency. Companies in these industries also need to differentiate themselves through better convenience and service to their customers. We believe Amadeus' technology solutions will play a vital role in achieving these aims.

Another weak stock was **GMO Payment Gateway, Inc.** The Japan-based company provides credit card transaction services for e-commerce firms. GMO's stock was down after its management team suggested that as the company becomes a more strategic payment partner to larger companies, its growth rate could become more volatile from period to period, though we believe it should still achieve its mid-term target of a 25% earnings growth rate. We were less concerned about the guidance. As GMO expands its value proposition and works on bigger projects, we're not surprised to see the growth follow a less linear path. We also believe that as the company grows larger, it wouldn't be surprising if the company adjusts its long-term profit growth target to a 20% compound annual growth rate, or slightly higher. That growth is still impressive, in our view.

HDFC Bank Ltd. was another detractor. An Indian company, HDFC Bank provides banking, custody and other services to the global corporate sector. Hoping to expand its reach beyond traditional banking, HDFC Bank merged with parent company HDFC Ltd. in July. In September, however, HDFC Bank disclosed that accounting rules and merger regulations required it to value its parent's business about 16% lower than it had reported before the merger. The company also warned that it now expects the merger to negatively impact its return on equity, net interest margins and non-performing loan ratios as well.

HealthEquity Inc. (HQY) was the top contributor to Fund performance in the third quarter. The company is the largest U.S. non-bank custodian for health savings accounts (HSAs). HealthEquity is a beneficiary of higher interest rates, because higher rates mean it earns more from reinvesting the cash sitting in customers' HSA accounts. A shifting view that the Federal Reserve will have to leave interest rates higher for longer likely boosted the stock this quarter, but we don't own the company based on a view on interest rates. Instead, we anticipate significant long-term growth for HealthEquity as more employers offer HSAs to attract employees.

Bajaj Finance Ltd. was also a top contributor. A non-bank financial company (NBFC), Bajaj offers a broad spectrum of lending services in India. Shares of the company moved higher following reports that it was planning to raise up to \$1 billion in new capital. Some investors viewed the move as a sign that management is anticipating stronger-than-expected loan growth. Others speculated that Bajaj is accumulating funds to aggressively fend off competition from another NBFC thought to be planning an entry into India's consumer-lending market.

Another top performer was **Globant SA (GLOB)**, a global IT-consulting firm. The stock was up sharply after the company announced quarterly results, which included better-than-expected revenue growth of 16%. Management also said it expects 19% revenue growth in the third quarter, which was ahead of consensus expectations. Globant has been a volatile stock in recent quarters, but we continue to take a long-term view of the company. We believe



Globant will play an important role in helping businesses stay relevant in a fast-innovating digital age. In the years ahead, we expect strong demand for its services as businesses spend to keep up with digitalization. *(Current and future holdings are subject to risk and change.)*

OUTLOOK

In many ways, the third-quarter market environment seemed similar to 2022, though less severe. As central banks indicated they will likely keep interest rates higher for longer, bond yields rose, and global equities lost ground. Also mirroring 2022, value stocks outperformed growth stocks, large-cap stocks outperformed small-caps, and the energy sector was one of the few bright spots within equity markets.

These trends were headwinds to our relative performance in the third quarter. But we think the stage is being set to favor the types of high-quality growth companies we typically invest in.

While uncertainty remains about just how long the Federal Reserve and other central banks will keep rates high, we believe we're near the top of the interest-rate cycle. That being the case, we don't expect a large valuation reset for growth stocks. Instead, we think investors' attention may turn to companies that can thrive in a higher-for-longer interest-rate environment. It will be a difficult landscape for many businesses to navigate.

In just a little over a year's time, the cost of capital for businesses has increased substantially. Companies that had relied on inexpensive debt to fund their growth initiatives in previous years may have to pare back on those plans now. Meanwhile, as central banks leave interest rates at current levels, or even slightly higher, the risk of a global recession only increases. That would be a headwind to corporate earnings for almost any company, but particularly those with cyclical business models.

We believe an environment of slower growth and rising capital costs should favor the types of high-quality growth companies that Wasatch seeks. Our investment process focuses on firms with strong balance sheets, low levels of debt and a steady history of earnings growth and cash flow generation. These self-funded businesses can continue to carry out their growth plans and take market share during difficult periods that may force their competitors to retrench.

In a higher-for-longer rate regime that creates operating headwinds for many businesses, we expect the market to reward the stocks of the select companies that can grow through that cycle. And we feel very good about our companies' ability to do that.

Thank you for the opportunity to manage your assets.

Sincerely,

Ken Applegate, Paul Lambert, Linda Lasater and Mike Valentine



TOTAL RETURNS

FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Quarter*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception**
Global Select Fund—Investor	-5.79%	17.80%	-2.65%	N/A	3.83%
Global Select Fund—Institutional	-5.61%	18.25%	-2.25%	N/A	4.24%
MSCI AC (All Country) World Index†	-3.40%	20.80%	6.89%	N/A	7.77%
MSCI AC (All Country) World Mid Cap Growth Index ††	-5.05%	17.15%	1.22%	N/A	5.26%

*Returns less than one year are not annualized.

**The Wasatch Global Select Fund's inception date was October 1, 2019.

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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 1.35% for the Investor Class and 0.95% 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.

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

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*The MSCI AC (All Country) World Index captures large- and mid-cap representation across 23 developed-market and 24 emerging-market countries.

**The MSCI AC (All Country) World Mid Cap Growth Index captures mid-cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across developed and emerging countries.

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Net interest margin (NIM) is a measure of a financial firm's profitability. NIM compares the net interest income a financial firm generates from credit products like loans and mortgages with the interest it pays holders of savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

Return on equity (ROE) measures a company's efficiency in generating profits from shareholders' equity.

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

GLOBAL SELECT FUND— TOP 10 HOLDINGS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

Security Name	Percent of Net Assets
Roper Technologies, Inc.	5.0%
Amphenol Corp. Class A	4.9%
Copart, Inc.	4.6%
Bajaj Finance Ltd.	4.3%
BayCurrent Consulting, Inc.	4.2%
ICON PLC	4.2%
Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	4.0%
HDFC Bank Ltd.	3.9%
Amadeus IT Group SA	3.9%
Pool Corp.	3.7%
Total	42.7%
<p><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></p>	