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Altrinsic Global Equity Commentary – Third Quarter 2019

Dear Investor,

The Altrinsic Global Equity composite gained 2.8% during the third quarter, outperforming the flat and +0.5% returns by the MSCI ACWI and World indices, respectively, as measured in US dollars.¹ Dovish central banks and subdued inflation provided a supportive backdrop for equities, but the weight of tepid growth in profits, weakening economic indicators, high debt levels, and escalating geopolitical risk (US-China trade war, US politics, Brexit, and developments in the Middle East, to name a few) contributed to volatility that is likely to persist. Aggregate portfolio risk, measured by beta, is well below market levels, and we continue to emphasize attractively priced businesses in which our underlying investment theses are not highly dependent on the broad economy.

Stock-specific factors drove our outperformance during the quarter. Investments in the financial (Chubb, Zurich Insurance, Hartford Financial, Mitsubishi UFJ), healthcare (Bristol Meyers, Medtronic, Glaxo) materials (Kinross Gold), and industrial (Babcock, JB Hunt) industries were the greatest sources of positive attribution. Sources of negative attribution included the technology (no FAANGS) and energy (Cabot, EOG) sectors. We have been meaningfully underweight in Western banks, materials, and industrial businesses, however value is beginning to emerge.

In addition to new positions in three companies (AXA, Makita, and Samsung Electronics), we made moderate adjustments to our larger exposures during the quarter. Chubb and Zurich Insurance are excellent companies and continue to offer value, but strong stock performance has narrowed their discounts, leading us to trim positions. We reduced our holdings in quality healthcare franchises Medtronic, Novartis, Roche, and Sanofi for similar reasons.

AXA, a Paris-based global insurance company, is midway through an important transformation under the leadership of CEO Thomas Buberl. Having acquired XL Capital (a prior Altrinsic holding) and “spun-off” its US life insurance business, the composition and quality of its business has markedly improved. As return on equity improves from currently depressed levels, we expect the shares to re-rate while paying us generous dividends along the way.

Samsung is a leading consumer electronics and components company. Over the last 20 years, the company has created value by entering and dominating new markets in the technology sector and has built a commanding position in memory semiconductors. Samsung is benefitting from strength in its semiconductor business driven by the growth of AI and high performance computing. At the same time, the industry is far more rational and oligopolistic versus the past, with the major players focusing on margins rather than market share. In our view, this continues to be undervalued by the market. We also see upside optionality from improving corporate governance, which would drive significant shareholder returns given Samsung's large cash pile and strong free cash flow generation.

Our third new purchase was Makita, a Japan-based, leading global manufacturer of power and garden tools catered to the professional user. Short-term cyclical factors, trade/tariff uncertainty, and Makita's increased investment in the outdoor tools market have clouded the outlook for short-term profits and led to significant share price weakness. This presents an opportunity to acquire a quality business with solid structural underpinnings, room to boost margins, and scope for enhanced capital management given their net cash position.

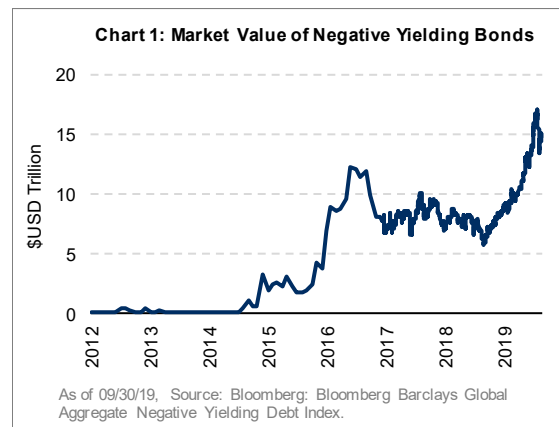
Our long-term approach to intrinsic value investing coupled with prudent risk management has resulted in a portfolio of 81 investments that is quite different from broad market indices. The portfolio will not be immune to short-term fluctuations, but we believe it is well suited to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns over the long term. The attached appendix provides more details on our portfolio exposure, top holdings, and characteristics.

Market Commentary and a Few Words on Banks

Major central banks expressed unease with prevailing economic conditions during the third quarter and in response, doubled down on aggressive policy action, again. Since the financial crisis a decade ago, policymakers have become more and more willing to resort to what they themselves call “extraordinary” measures in their attempts to revitalize economies. Markets have become dangerously confident in central bankers' ability to prevent the world from experiencing the natural and inevitable pain that comes with recessions.

The US Federal Reserve announced two rate cuts. ECB President Mario Draghi, who retires at the end of October, revived bond purchases and pushed European policy rates further into negative territory. Bank of Japan Governor Kuroda is likewise considering reducing rates that are already below zero. Despite an increase late in the quarter, yields fell across the curve in every major developed and emerging market except South Africa, Argentina, and Colombia.

Bonds worth more than \$17 trillion traded with yields less than zero as illustrated in Chart 1. This represents more than 25% of outstanding bonds worldwide. Depositors used to collect interest on their deposits held at banks. Now, in many developed markets, corporate depositors pay banks to hold their cash, and for many European banks retail depositors are next. Times like these were not considered when the economic textbooks were written, so it remains unclear how this will affect economic activity and corporate profitability. One thing is clear, households and pension plans must continue to adjust their savings plans higher in this environment.



There is always a long list of risks, but the prevailing ones are amplified by the enormity of outstanding debt, unstable liquidity in many markets and asset classes, and complicated geopolitical fault lines. This renders macroeconomic forecasting impossible. Nevertheless, we incorporate related considerations into our financial models and the risk appraisals that influence our view of a company's margin of safety. We have been significantly underweight economically cyclical businesses largely due to their high valuations on normalized profits, mediocre fundamentals, and vulnerable earnings prospects.

One cyclical area hotly debated among value investors involves Western banks. US banks and regulators acted quickly and decisively in addressing the excesses from the GFC a decade ago. However, valuations appear full

to us considering their fundamental prospects. We have a list of US domiciled banks to buy should we get an opportunity at more favorable valuation levels. European banks, however, have been much slower to act and fundamental underpinnings remain fragile.

Based upon traditional and popular “factors” such as price to book, price to earnings, and dividend yield, EU banks have screened cheaply for a long time. However, an important shortcoming of such “factors” is that they have not captured elements essential to determine whether banks are just “cheap” or are truly undervalued. These include:

- Undercapitalization: Yes, banks are better capitalized than they were a decade ago but most remain woefully undercapitalized, despite numerous rights issues. Capital requirements will continue to creep higher, and very few banks offer a combination of meaningful excess capital and appropriately marked down bad loan books.
- Structural pressures:
 - Despite persistent overcapacity, meaningful consolidation is unlikely given national interests and the lack of a real EU banking union.
 - Historical competitive advantages such as trust, convenience, and location have eroded.
 - New competition from financial technology businesses and startups with no legacy baggage are hurting traditional lending and fee-based businesses.
 - Costs are at risk of rising materially given the need to improve anti-money laundering compliance and invest in better technology.
 - Anemic loan demand, low (negative) rates, and intense competition mean that a reversion to the mean in net-interest income is still far away, even if European banks successfully avoid Japanification.
- Uncertain dividend sustainability: Current dividend yields on many European banks are very attractive, but many are vulnerable. Current payout ratios of 60-70% leave little retained capital for necessary balance sheet repair, further macro-prudential capital build (including Basel 4), technology investment, or cushioning to absorb the impact of an economic downturn.

Over the course of our careers, our investment exposure to European banks has ranged from significant to none. Since the GFC, our exposure to European banks has been very low. Only in recent quarters have we begun to identify opportunities, with current positions amounting to just 1%. We will continue to be opportunistic, thorough, and responsible as we identify opportunities in this shaky environment.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss these or other matters.

Sincerely,

John Hock

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Rich McCormick

¹Performance is presented gross of management fees for the composite and includes the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Past performance is not indicative of future results. The outlook and opportunities noted throughout this letter are the opinions of Altrinsic as of the date of this letter. There is no guarantee that we will be successful in implementing investment strategies that take advantage of such perceived opportunities. Please see *Important Considerations and Assumptions* at the end of this letter for additional disclosures.

²Industry/ Sector/ Regional portfolio weights or counts included here and throughout this letter are presented as of September 30, 2019. Altrinsic independently analyzes each security recommended for purchase and categorizes it into the MSCI GICS sector and or country that it deems most appropriate. Altrinsic's sector and country classification may differ from MSCI. These percentages are based upon a representative fully discretionary account.

Altrinsic Global Equity Composite

Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2019

Benchmark: MSCI World

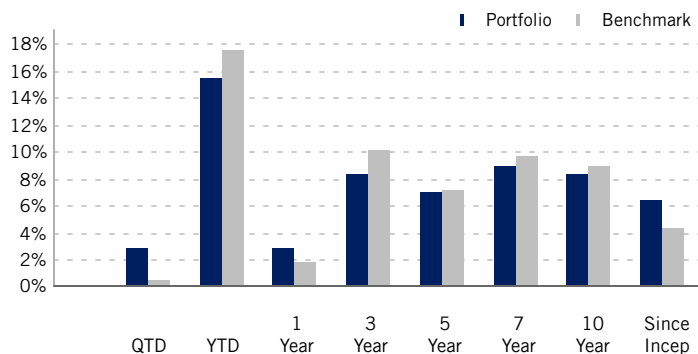
Currency: USD

Inception Date: 6/30/2000



Performance (%)

| | QTD | YTD | Annualized | | | | | Since Incep |
|-----------|-----|-------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|
| | | | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | |
| Portfolio | 2.8 | 15.5 | 3.0 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 8.4 | 6.5 |
| Benchmark | 0.5 | 17.6 | 1.8 | 10.2 | 7.2 | 9.7 | 9.0 | 4.4 |
| Excess | 2.3 | (2.1) | 1.1 | (1.8) | (0.1) | (0.8) | (0.6) | 2.1 |



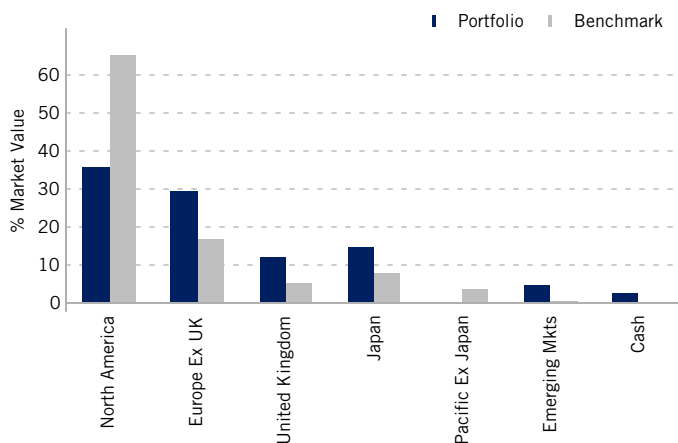
Top 10 Positions

| Security | Sector | % Market Value |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Comcast Corp. | Communication Services | 3.1 |
| Willis Towers Watson PLC | Financials | 2.7 |
| Chubb Ltd. | Financials | 2.6 |
| GlaxoSmithKline plc | Health Care | 2.5 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc. | Health Care | 2.5 |
| Zurich Insurance Group AG | Financials | 2.5 |
| Sanofi | Health Care | 2.4 |
| Vodafone Group plc ADR | Communication Services | 2.3 |
| Aon plc | Financials | 2.2 |
| Hartford Financial Services... | Financials | 2.1 |
| | | 25.1% |

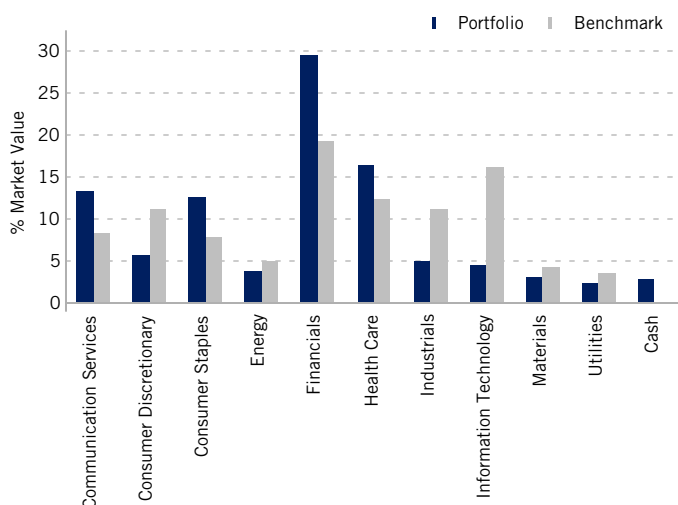
Positions Initiated/Eliminated (3rd Quarter 2019)

| Initiated | Eliminated |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| AXA SA | No Data Available |
| Makita Corporation | |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. G... | |

Region Weights



Sector Weights



Characteristics

| | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Market Cap | | |
| Weighted Average (USD M) | 70,597 | 172,731 |
| Median (USD M) | 33,266 | 12,989 |
| Portfolio Count | 81 | 1,649 |
| Dividend Yield | 2.6% | 2.4% |
| Price to Earnings | 17.4x | 18.7x |
| Price to Book | 1.8x | 2.5x |

Performance is presented gross of management fees but net other fund expenses. Gross returns will be reduced by the investment advisory fee. The report reflects the composite inception date and performance. Individual client inception dates and since inception returns will vary. The portfolio may invest in countries, sectors and securities not included in the noted index. All investments involve risk of loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up to the totals provided. Please see Important Considerations and Assumptions at the end of this appendix for important additional disclosures.

ALTRINSC GLOBAL EQUITY COMPOSITE

FULL DISCLOSURE PRESENTATION

| Year to Date | Total Firm Assets (millions) | Composite Assets | | | Annual Performance Results | | | | Ex-Post Standard Deviation (3 Yr Annualized) | |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|
| | | USD (millions) | % of Firm Assets | Number of Accounts | Composite | | MSCI World (Net) | Composite Dispersion | Composite | MSCI World (Net) |
| | | | | | Gross | Net | | | | |
| Q3 2019 | 7,072 | 896 | 13% | 7 | 15.51% | 14.78% | 17.61% | N.A. | 9.82% | 11.14% |
| 2018 | 6,284 | 650 | 10% | 6 | -6.11% | -6.90% | -8.71% | N.A. ¹ | 9.66% | 10.38% |
| 2017 | 7,259 | 1,153 | 16% | 7 | 16.71% | 15.74% | 22.40% | 0.25% | 9.92% | 10.23% |
| 2016 | 7,107 | 1,116 | 16% | 8 | 11.91% | 10.98% | 7.51% | 0.24% | 10.82% | 10.92% |
| 2015 | 8,927 | 1,523 | 17% | 13 | -0.97% | -1.81% | -0.87% | 0.16% | 10.78% | 10.80% |
| 2014 | 11,656 | 2,295 | 20% | 18 | 2.37% | 1.51% | 4.94% | 0.19% | 11.00% | 10.23% |
| 2013 | 14,261 | 3,069 | 22% | 20 | 24.40% | 23.37% | 26.68% | 0.29% | 13.53% | 13.54% |
| 2012 | 12,586 | 3,128 | 25% | 21 | 12.95% | 12.00% | 15.83% | 0.32% | 16.37% | 16.74% |
| 2011 | 10,683 | 2,361 | 22% | 18 | -5.49% | -6.29% | -5.54% | 0.30% | 18.85% | 20.15% |
| 2010 | 10,621 | 2,087 | 20% | 12 | 13.55% | 12.60% | 11.76% | 0.35% | 22.52% | 23.72% |
| 2009 | 9,278 | 1,524 | 16% | 10 | 29.80% | 28.72% | 29.99% | 0.42% | 20.24% | 21.40% |
| 2008 | 5,537 | 1,553 | 28% | 13 | -32.19% | -32.78% | -40.71% | 0.27% | 16.34% | 17.02% |
| 2007 | 7,582 | 2,437 | 32% | 17 | 1.17% | 0.31% | 9.04% | 0.30% | 8.26% | 8.10% |
| 2006 | 5,574 | 1,918 | 34% | 16 | 17.02% | 16.04% | 20.06% | 0.08% | 8.05% | 7.64% |
| 2005 | 2,563 | 321 | 13% | 8 | 8.61% | 7.70% | 9.49% | N.A. ¹ | 10.82% | 9.66% |
| 2004 | 1,603 | 242 | 15% | Five or fewer | 19.48% | 18.60% | 14.72% | N.A. ¹ | 14.29% | 14.74% |
| 2003 | 871 | 162 | 19% | Five or fewer | 46.75% | 45.69% | 33.10% | N.A. ¹ | 15.80% | 17.46% |
| 2002 | 561 | 77 | 14% | Five or fewer | -12.51% | -13.17% | -19.88% | N.A. ¹ | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2001 | 491 | 135 | 28% | Five or fewer | -10.15% | -10.83% | -16.82% | N.A. ¹ | N.A. | N.A. |
| 2000* | 520 | 175 | 34% | Five or fewer | -0.87% | -1.24% | -10.91% | N.A. ¹ | N.A. | N.A. |

N.A. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient period of time.

N.A.¹ - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

*Results shown for the year 2000 represent partial period performance from July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

Altrinsic Global Equity Composite is a diversified (60 - 100 holdings), bottom-up, fundamental, value oriented, Global, all cap portfolio, benchmarked to the MSCI World (Net) Index (accounts have the ability to invest in 44A stocks). The MSCI World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. Portfolios in the composite may invest in countries that are not in the MSCI World (Net) Index. Additional information is available upon request. The minimum account size for this composite is \$5 million. Prior to January 1, 2004, the minimum account size for this composite was \$10 million. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Prior to April 1, 2006 the exchange rate source of the composite was Bloomberg 4pm New York close and the exchange rate source of the benchmark was WM Reuters 4pm London close.

Altrinsic Global Advisors, LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS Standards. Altrinsic Global Advisors, LLC has been independently verified for the periods from December 8, 2000 through March 31, 2019.

Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The Altrinsic Global Equity Composite has been examined for the periods beginning December 8, 2000 through March 31, 2019. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Beginning July 1, 2005, composite policy requires the temporary removal of any portfolio incurring a client initiated significant cash inflow or outflow of at least 40% of portfolio assets. The temporary removal of such an account occurs at the beginning of the month in which the significant cash flow occurs and the account re-enters the composite after the first full month under management if fully invested. Additional information regarding the treatment of significant cash flows is available upon request. Composite performance is presented net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile. Composite returns represent investors domiciled primarily in Australia, United States, and Canada. The MSCI World (Net) Index deducts withholding tax by applying the maximum rate of the company's country of incorporation applicable to non-resident institutional investors. The normal characteristics of the transactions in the Altrinsic Global Equity Composite include the purchase and sale of forward currency contracts using a foreign exchange credit line(s) secured by the underlying assets. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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