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Performance over quarter in USD (%)

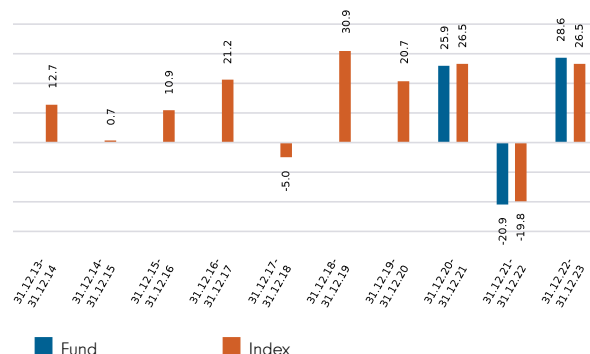
Fund	11.7
Market index	11.8

MSCI US (N)

Market index is for comparative purposes only.

Source of fund performance is Fidelity. Other share classes may be available. Please refer to the prospectus for more details.

Performance for 12 month periods in USD (%)



Market Environment

US equities rallied in the fourth quarter of 2023. Equities started the period on a pessimistic note following the release of weaker than expected results from technology companies. Equities rebounded in November reversing a three-month losing streak. Markets were supported by easing inflation, positive corporate earnings and resilient economic data. Equities continued to deliver positive returns in December, supported by more dovish commentary from the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and increasing confidence that interest rates cuts would be forthcoming in 2024. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell indicated that officials could introduce rates cuts as inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), appears to be on its way to the central bank's 2% target. Against this macroeconomic backdrop, all sectors except energy rose, with real estate, information technology and financials delivering the highest returns. From a style perspective, growth and quality stocks outpaced value names. Small-cap and mid-caps surpassed large-cap names.

Fund Performance

The fund's Acc-USD share class delivered strong positive returns of 11.75% (net) in the fourth quarter but marginally underperformed the MSCI USA Index (N), which returned 11.81%. The fund underperformed, primarily due to stock selection in consumer discretionary and underweight positioning in industrials. Conversely, stock selection in information technology, energy and healthcare added to relative returns.

Selected pharmaceutical companies held back gains

Position in global biopharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers Squibb detracted from relative performance due to the defensive nature of their businesses as the prospect of interest rate cuts meant that investors favoured the more cyclical parts of the market. This was partially offset due to lack of exposure to slow growing diversified medical products company Johnson & Johnson which underperformed the market following a dull third quarter results.

Automobile components were out of favour

Overweight position in Hesai group, global leader in Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) solutions in automobiles and robotics applications, proved unrewarding as its shares traded flat after mixed third quarter result though long-term thesis on increase LiDAR adoption stays intact.

Stock selection in energy stocks added value

Not holding integrated energy company Chevron added relative value as its shares declined tracking crude oil prices lower. Chevron is expected to underperform peers based on too little LNG growth with no projects in the pipeline which is problematic given the strong long-term outlook in LNG.

Fund Positioning

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Core Active Positions

At a sector level, financials, healthcare, and energy are the key overweights. Conversely, the key underweights are industrials and utilities. At a stock level, the fund has key overweight positions in American multinational payment card services company Visa, American chain of fast casual restaurants Chipotle Mexican Grill and carbonated soft drink manufacturer Coca Cola. On the other hand, key underweight positions include Johnson & Johnson, electric vehicles giant Tesla and pharmaceuticals company Eli Lilly.

Key trades

We initiated a new position in Hesai group. Conversely, we closed position in Woodward (company that designs, manufactures, and services control systems for the aerospace and industrial industries) to fund other positions with better risk reward potential.

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