# **Fund Commentary**



# **Hartford Global Impact Fund**

Tickers A: HGXAX C: HGXCX F: HGXFX I: HGXIX R3: HGXRX R4: HGXSX R5: HGXTX R6: HGXVX Y: HGXYX Inception Date 02/28/2017

Morningstar® Category Global Small/Mid Stock

Lipper Peer Group Global Multi-Cap Core

# **Market Overview**

Global equities soared in the first quarter. The MSCI ACWI Index surged to record highs amid robust earnings from mega-cap technology companies, an improved economic outlook, and swelling enthusiasm for AI. Global economic growth gained momentum and bolstered hopes of a "soft landing" as the J.P. Morgan Global Composite Purchasing Managers Index accelerated to an eight-month high. Dissipating headline inflation across developed markets helped to set the stage for policy normalization, although tight labor markets, higher commodity prices, and persistent services inflation reinforced caution among officials at the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and the European Central Bank as they prepare to ease policy. In a notable development, the Bank of Japan increased rates for the first time since 2007. This decision came as the Japanese yen fell to a 30-year low, wage growth exceeded expectations, and weaker economic growth pushed the country to the brink of recession.

# **Performance Summary**

- The Hartford Global Impact Fund (I Share) underperformed the MSCI ACWI Index during the quarter.
- Security selection detracted from benchmark-relative performance. Weak selection within information technology and consumer discretionary detracted most during the period, while stronger selection in industrials and consumer staples contributed.
- Sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock-selection process, also detracted from benchmark-relative performance. Our overweight to healthcare and underweight to information technology detracted the most. This was partially offset by an underweight to consumer staples, which contributed.
- On a regional basis, security selection within North America detracted most from benchmark-relative performance.
- The top relative detractors during the period were not holding NVIDIA (information technology) and an overweight to EDP Renovaveis (utilities).

# **Positioning & Outlook**

- While broadly diversified across the Fund's three impact categories and 11 impact themes, at the end of March we had allocated the most capital to the Resource Efficiency, Health, and Financial Inclusion impact themes.
- While markets have been strong, the US election cycle and a yet unclear rate path continue to create lingering uncertainty. We maintain balanced portfolio positioning and have been encouraged by the opportunity to increase our exposure to high-quality impact companies at attractive valuations during the quarter. We remain constructive on opportunities in sustainable infrastructure and have been pleased to see strong performance coming through in this segment of the portfolio. We continue to believe our companies are supported by long-term structural demand for innovative products and services seeking to address the world's greatest challenges. We remain ever thankful for your support.

# Overall Morningstar Rating™ (I-Share)\*



135 Products | Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 03/31/2024

# Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

#### Jason Goins, CFA

Senior Managing Director Equity Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 2001

#### Tara C. Stilwell, CFA

Senior Managing Director Equity Portfolio Manager Professional Experience Since 1994

# Top Ten Holdings (%)

Xylem, Inc.	3.26
Westinghouse Air Brake	3.25
Technologies Corp.	
Boston Scientific Corp.	3.15
Trane Technologies PLC	2.92
GoDaddy, Inc.	2.75
Hubbell, Inc.	2.68
Abbott Laboratories	2.51
Globe Life, Inc.	2.39
Schneider Electric SE	2.17
Danaher Corp.	2.14
Percentage Of Portfolio	27.22

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

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	Average Annual Total Returns —				Expenses <sup>1</sup>			
QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
3.70	3.70	12.65	-0.22	8.24	_	8.93	1.24%	1.19%
_	_	6.46	-2.08	7.02	_	8.07	_	_
3.79	3.79	13.28	0.28	8.79	_	9.46	0.77%	0.69%
3.71	3.71	13.04	0.08	8.61	_	9.31	0.88%	0.88%
3.55	3.55	12.32	-0.46	8.01	_	8.81	1.48%	1.41%
3.64	3.64	12.78	-0.14	8.35	_	9.05	1.18%	1.11%
3.75	3.75	13.09	0.16	8.66	_	9.33	0.88%	0.81%
3.75	3.75	13.22	0.28	8.76	_	9.44	0.77%	0.69%
3.74	3.74	13.08	0.18	8.74	_	9.39	0.87%	0.79%
8.20	8.20	23.22	6.96	10.92	_	_	_	_
2.12	2.12	8.81	-3.42	7.41	_	_	_	_
8.26	8.26	19.73	5.56	10.37	_	_	_	_
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