#### **EuroPacific Growth Fund®**

Class R-6 shares Quarterly review 2Q 2024



# **Quarter highlights**

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- Financials stocks also weighed on results. A lighter relative footprint in the sector as well as holding Spanish bank BBVA detracted.
- Stock selection and a greater footprint in the health care sector had a positive impact on relative returns, with Novo Nordisk the top contributor to results.
- Stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector was also additive to returns.

### **Market review**

International stocks rose modestly in the second quarter. Emerging markets stocks led gains, while Japanese stocks slid as investors took profits following a strong rally this year. European stocks were essentially flat. Information technology was the top-returning sector as several semiconductor firms benefited from expectations that AI would boost demand for chips. Communication services and health care equities also advanced, while the real estate and consumer discretionary sectors saw the worst returns. The U.S. dollar advanced against most major currencies. Overall, the MSCI All Country World Index ex USA rose nearly 1%.

Emerging markets stocks led their international counterparts. Chinese stocks bounced back, as low valuations and fresh government stimulus measures lured investors. Indian stocks also posted strong gains despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unexpectedly losing his parliamentary majority in general elections. In contrast, Mexican stocks fell amid investor concerns that President-elect Claudia Sheinbaum would pursue controversial judicial reforms following her party's landslide victory. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index advanced 5%.

Sector returns in the MSCI ACWI ex USA were mixed. Health care stocks gained 3.8%. U.K. drugmaker AstraZeneca rose amid strong cancer drug sales, while Danish pharmaceutical firm Novo Nordisk soared on investor enthusiasm for its obesity drug. Several technology companies helped drive index gains. China tech giant Tencent rose after posting strong revenue and profit, while semiconductor names TSMC and ASML climbed on investor optimism for Al. In contrast, consumer discretionary stocks slid 4.8%. Toyota Motor and Honda shares fell after the automakers admitted they had manipulated safety tests, while luxury goods maker LVMH declined amid disappointing sales. Real estate stocks declined 4.7% as higher interest rates dragged down Japanese property developers.

## Portfolio review

Stocks in the industrials sector were the largest detractors, including French aerospace companies Airbus and Safran. Airbus shares sold off amid disappointing results and concerns it was struggling to meet planned production increases for passenger jets given supply-chain constraints, including parts and labor shortages.

Financials stocks also weighed on results. A lighter relative footprint in the sector as well as holding Spanish bank BBVA detracted. Shares slid after BBVA proposed a merger with smaller rival Sabadell in an all-share deal, valuing the latter at a 30% premium to its prior closing price.

Miner Fortescue also had a negative impact on relative results. Shares slid on worries over the outlook for iron ore prices against continuing signs of weakness for the Chinese economy and, in particular, its housing market.

Stock selection and a greater footprint in the health care sector had a positive impact on relative returns. Novo Nordisk rallied, buoyed by strong quarterly results, continuing signs of rapid growth in the obesity care market, and as the pharmaceuticals firm ramped up production capacity to meet increased demand.

Stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector was also additive to returns. A small position in Toyota Motor helped as the stock took a breather after a strong start to the year.

Larger positions in the information technology sector were also helpful. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company and SK Hynix were among the top

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| Top five contributors to relative returns     |              |         |                       |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   | Portfolio* % | Index % | Relative contribution |  |  |  |  |
| Novo Nordisk A/S                              | 5.02         | 1.66    | 0.39                  |  |  |  |  |
| Taiwan Semiconductor  Manufacturing Co., Ltd. | 4.05         | 2.46    | 0.38                  |  |  |  |  |
| Toyota Motor Corp.                            | 0.04         | 0.90    | 0.19                  |  |  |  |  |
| SK hynix Inc.                                 | 1.00         | 0.30    | 0.17                  |  |  |  |  |
| Bharti Airtel Limited                         | 1.19         | 0.14    | 0.16                  |  |  |  |  |

| Bottom five contributors to relative returns |      |      |       |  |  |  |
|--|------|------|-------|--|--|--|
| Airbus SE                                    | 2.49 | 0.39 | -0.56 |  |  |  |
| Fortescue Ltd                                | 1.34 | 0.11 | -0.20 |  |  |  |
| Safran SA                                    | 2.33 | 0.29 | -0.13 |  |  |  |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya<br>Argentaria, S.A.     | 1.08 | 0.24 | -0.13 |  |  |  |
| Shopify, Inc.                                | 1.05 | 0.31 | -0.12 |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Average position for time period. Impact relative to the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) ex USA. The holdings identified do not represent all the securities in the portfolio. Relative contribution measures the impact a security has on the portfolio's excess return (the portfolio return minus the benchmark return). Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

contributors, boosted by robust demand from generative AI. However, Shopify was a key detractor. Shares sold off after the e-commerce firm swung to a first-quarter loss and issued disappointing second-quarter guidance, pointing to a likely deterioration in gross margin.

#### Long-term perspective

The fund aims to provide long-term growth of capital by investing in the equity of non-U.S. companies based chiefly in Europe and the Pacific Basin. The portfolio managers have the flexibility to invest in developed and emerging market securities, offering the broadest potential to access the most attractive investments. They leverage Capital Group's global research capability to gain a deep knowledge of companies worldwide.

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# Class R-6 share returns for periods ended 6/30/24

|   | 1     | Total returns (%) |           |            | Average annual total returns (%) |             |                                  |
|---|-------|-------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
|   | QTD   | YTD               | 1<br>year | 3<br>years | 5<br>years                       | 10<br>years | Fund lifetime<br>(Since 4/16/84) |
| EuroPacific Growth Fund                         | -0.24 | 7.19              | 10.82     | -2.46      | 6.05                             | 5.25        | 10.24                            |
| MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) ex USA      | 0.96  | 5.69              | 11.62     | 0.46       | 5.55                             | 3.84        | _                                |
| MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East) Index | -0.42 | 5.34              | 11.54     | 2.89       | 6.46                             | 4.33        | _                                |

Fund expense ratio: 0.47%<sup>1</sup>

MSCI ACWI ex USA is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure equity market results in the global developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. The index consists of more than 40 developed and emerging market country indexes. Results reflect dividends net of withholding taxes. MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure developed equity market results, excluding the United States and Canada. Results reflect dividends net of withholding taxes. MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure equity market results in the global emerging markets, consisting of more than 20 emerging market country indexes.

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