

# Personalized International SMA

## Portfolio manager

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## Investment objectives

The Personalized International SMA seeks to provide long-term capital growth from non-U.S. developed markets stocks while delivering customized investment outcomes by incorporating client-directed customization, e.g., tax management, category and theme-based restrictions, and custom screens. The strategy is designed to outperform the MSCI World ex USA (Net) Index over a full market cycle.

## Investment process

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## Product details

Model inception date	09/01/2019
Benchmark	MSCI World ex USA (Net) Index
Minimum account size*	\$60,000–\$100,000
Typical holdings range	80

\*The minimum account size varies by platform.

## Composite performance (%) as of September 30, 2025

	Quarterly	Year to Date	Annualized				Since inception <sup>1</sup>
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	
Pre-tax composite returns (gross of fees) <sup>2, 3</sup>	6.21	26.11	15.82	23.47	—	—	7.46
Pre-tax composite returns (net of fees) <sup>2, 3, 4</sup>	5.46	23.86	12.82	20.47	—	—	4.46
MSCI World ex USA (Net) Index <sup>2</sup>	5.33	25.34	16.03	21.60	—	—	7.21

<sup>1</sup>The composite was created on August 31, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Returns less than one year are not annualized. Performance in this report represents the performance of PMA accounts that were funded in cash with no existing positions or account restrictions at inception.

<sup>3</sup>Composite includes cash-incepted fee-paying discretionary accounts with tax overlay services.

<sup>4</sup>Net of fees returns are reduced by all fees and transaction costs incurred and presented after the deduction of the highest annual wrap fee of 3%. This fee includes management fees, custody fees and advisory fees. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. Performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions.

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## Underlying managers and their investment strategies

Money manager*	Role	Year assigned
Intermede Investment Partners Limited and Intermede Global Partners Inc.	Growth	2019
Wellington Management Company, LLP	Growth/Value	2019
Pzena Investment Management, LLC	Value	2019

- Intermede provides compelling stock selection in high quality and sustainable growth segments of the market. They focus on stocks that are secular growers with some aspect of new innovation that the market has yet to price in, and seek top line and earnings growth, ideally with attractive return on equity, further margin expansion potential and strong free cash flow.
- Wellington Management uses a fundamental, bottom-up approach combining a fundamental growth strategy and a contrarian value strategy. Wellington's international fundamental growth strategy primarily invests in core growth stocks. It also buys stocks where it believes earnings are set to accelerate. The strategy targets mid to large cap non-U.S. companies, primarily in developed markets.
- Pzena employs a collaborative co-portfolio management approach to value investing, with a strong team of analysts to support its efforts. They employ a valuation-driven and research-intensive stock selection focus with a dogmatic emphasis on identifying companies that it believes are trading at a discount to their future earnings potential.

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## Model portfolio characteristics<sup>4</sup>

	Model	Benchmark
Number of holdings	81	776
P/E ratio	17.98	19.29
P/B ratio	2.03	2.13
P/CF ratio	9.30	9.86
Dividend yield (%)	2.90	2.82
Weighted Average Market Cap (Millions in USD)	138,728.51	102,130.62

<sup>4</sup>The information presented is based on the model portfolio data and individual investors' portfolios may vary.

## Model top 10 holdings<sup>5</sup>

Security	Sector	% of Model
Societe Miniere Barrick	Materials	2.95
Unicredit, Societa Per Azioni	Financials	2.56
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	Financials	2.37
Astrazeneca Plc	Health Care	2.37
Hsbc Holdings Plc	Financials	2.37
Shopify Inc.	Information Technology	2.07
Novartis Ag	Health Care	2.03
Ing Groep N.V.	Financials	2.03
Roche Holding Ag	Health Care	2.03
Komatsu Ltd.	Industrials	1.98

## Model sector allocation (%)<sup>5, 6</sup>

Sector	Model	Benchmark
Financials	24.83	26.12
Industrials	16.09	18.27
Health Care	11.91	9.51
Information Technology	10.28	8.69
Consumer Staples	8.79	7.08
Communication Services	7.55	4.44
Consumer Discretionary	7.40	9.38
Materials	6.46	6.74
Energy	2.27	4.72
Utilities	2.09	3.34
Real Estate	1.52	1.70

## Model regional allocation (%)<sup>5, 6</sup>

Region	Model	Benchmark
Europe ex UK	44.23	46.30
Japan	20.59	19.66
United Kingdom	17.79	12.57
Canada	7.26	11.70
Emerging Markets	5.26	0.12
Asia-Pacific ex Japan	4.05	3.30
Australia & New Zealand	0.00	6.12
United States	0.00	0.22

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<sup>6</sup>Due to rounding, totals may not equal to 100%.

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## Market Commentary

The U.S. economy is still adjusting to the effects of the widespread tariff hikes implemented earlier in the year. While GDP growth estimates for 3Q are in the 3.5% - 4.0% range, representing a rebound from 2Q, the overall trend is downward, with consensus growth expected towards 2.0% for the rest of the year. The tariffs will continue to weigh on growth through 2026, followed by mild rebound beginning in 2027 as the economy adapts and monetary policy eases. Inflation, which has cooled, could rise again depending on the impact of tariffs.

Europe is expected to see modest growth for the rest of the year with continued downside risks from trade tensions, energy costs and structural constraints like aging population and high public debt. Within Europe growth will be uneven. Portugal has upwardly revised its forecasts, while France has shaved its forecasts due to political uncertainty. Inflation is forecasted to decline further towards the ECB's target, just under 2%.

Within Asia, India, Vietnam and the Philippines are expected to be drivers of growth while China's growth is forecast to slow to around the 4% range. There are concerns about further deceleration due to weaker external demand and structural headwinds. Overall, the region is still concerned with the potential for rising trade barriers, which could dampen export growth. Inflation appears to be easing in the area.

On balance, expectations are for slower but still positive growth in the remainder of the year, reflective of a "soft-landing" scenario. Still, we continue to believe that macroeconomic uncertainty remains elevated, and we cannot rule out the possibility of a recession, although the likelihood is lower.

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## Key terms

**P/E ratio:** The ratio of the company's share price to the company's earnings per share

**P/B ratio:** The ratio of the company's share price to the company's book value per share

**P/CF ratio:** The ratio of the company's share price to the company's cash flow per share

**Dividend yield:** The ratio of the dividend payment per share relative to the share price

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