

## Hartford International Growth Fund

**Tickers** A: HNCAX C: HNCCX F: HNCFX I: HNCJX R3: HNCRX R4: HNCSX R5: HNCTX R6: HNCUX Y: HNCYX

**Morningstar® Category** Foreign Large Growth **Inception Date** 4/30/01

### Market Overview

Global equities fell in the first quarter, as financial markets were rattled by seismic shifts in US foreign policy, which significantly altered the outlook for global trade, economic growth, and inflation. Consequently, capital rotated away from the US to international markets, particularly Europe, which outperformed amid signs of a more favorable economic backdrop. Among these signs were less restrictive monetary policy, improving leading indicators like manufacturing output, and greater fiscal stimulus. China's economy expanded by 5% in 2024, meeting the government's official target. Its State Council announced a special action plan to bolster consumption and the economy, including tax incentives and subsidies for key industries.

The MSCI ACWI ex US Growth index returned 1.96% for the quarter. Within the index, eight out of 11 sectors rose during the period. Communication services and materials were the top-performing sectors, while real estate and information technology were the bottom-performing sectors for the quarter.

### Performance Summary

- The Hartford International Growth Fund (I Share) underperformed the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Net Index during the quarter.
- Weak selection in information technology, materials, and healthcare was partially offset by selection in industrials and financials.
- Sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock selection process, detracted from relative results, driven by our overweight to information technology and underweight to materials. This was partially offset by our overweight to communication services.
- Our top relative detractors were an out-of-benchmark position in Flutter Entertainment (consumer discretionary) and an overweight to Advantest (information technology).
- Top two relative contributors were an overweight to Rheinmetall (industrials) and an out-of-benchmark position in Prudential (financials).

### Positioning & Outlook

- Despite potentially higher tariffs, European and Chinese equities outperformed. European stocks were driven by easing financial conditions, favorable policy changes, and low starting valuations while Chinese equities benefitted from increased corporate and consumer optimism and investor preference for domestic technology companies.
- Despite a rotation away from companies levered to artificial-intelligence themes, we maintain exposure to names with competitive advantages in driving sustainable long-term growth trajectories. As the market rotates, we look for companies across sectors with strong fundamentals that leverage underappreciated market opportunities as tailwinds to inflecting growth.
- At the end of the period, our largest overweights were to information technology and consumer discretionary. We were most underweight to consumer staples and materials.

#### Portfolio manager from Wellington Management and years of experience

Matthew D. Hudson, CFA, 34 years

#### Top Ten Holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	7.15
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	4.49
Schneider Electric SE	3.59
Flutter Entertainment PLC	3.33
SAP SE	3.22
Rheinmetall AG	3.17
AstraZeneca PLC	3.14
ASML Holding NV	2.95
Sony Group Corp.	2.77
Spotify Technology SA	2.76
<b>Percentage Of Portfolio</b>	<b>36.57</b>

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

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
								Gross	Net
A	1.23	1.23	0.87	3.08	8.08	4.69	4.31	1.33%	1.30%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	-4.68	1.15	6.86	4.10	4.06	—	—
F	1.30	1.30	1.28	3.53	8.56	5.12	4.62	0.89%	0.85%
I	1.36	1.36	1.21	3.42	8.42	5.02	4.58	1.00%	0.98%
R3	1.22	1.22	0.58	2.80	7.79	4.41	4.22	1.61%	1.57%
R4	1.25	1.25	0.87	3.11	8.10	4.71	4.47	1.31%	1.27%
R5	1.35	1.35	1.30	3.45	8.46	5.05	4.72	1.01%	1.00%
R6	1.40	1.40	1.32	3.54	8.57	5.15	4.80	0.89%	0.85%
Y	1.35	1.35	1.23	3.43	8.45	5.07	4.77	0.99%	0.95%
Benchmark	1.96	1.96	1.15	1.75	8.11	5.06	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	2.89	2.89	1.27	2.65	9.09	5.53	—	—	—

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Share Class Inception: A, Y - 4/30/01; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06; R6 - 2/28/18. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 4/30/01. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index is a free-float adjusted market-cap weighted index designed to capture large- and mid-cap securities that exhibit overall growth style characteristics across developed and emerging market countries, excluding the US MSCI index performance is shown net of dividend withholding tax. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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