

Hartford International Growth Fund

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

Morningstar® Category Foreign Large Growth

Inception Date 04/30/2001

Lipper Peer Group International Large-Cap Growth

Market Overview

International equities, as measured by the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index, fell during the period. Markets contended with pandemic uncertainty, moderating economic growth, the imminent prospect of reduced quantitative easing and policy tightening, and persistent supply-chain dislocations that have amplified the risk of more sustained inflation. In Asia, the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant shuttered factories and snarled traffic at several major ports, exacerbating supply-chain disruptions. Mounting inflation forced many emerging-markets countries to raise interest rates, while other central banks assessed plans for curbing their asset purchases.

The MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index returned -3.62% during the quarter. Within the Index, four of the 11 sectors rose over the quarter. Energy and utilities were the top-performing sectors, while communication services and consumer discretionary were the worst-performing sectors.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford International Growth Fund (I Share) underperformed the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index and the Lipper International Large-Cap Growth peer group average during the quarter.
- Security selection contributed to benchmark-relative performance led by strong selection in consumer discretionary, communication services, and industrials sectors. Selection in information technology, healthcare, and consumer staples detracted.
- Sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock selection process, detracted from relative performance, primarily due to our overweights to consumer discretionary and communication services as well as an overweight to healthcare. This was partially offset by our overweight to information technology, which contributed.
- On a regional basis, security selection in developed Europe detracted, while selection in emerging markets contributed to relative performance.
- Top relative contributors included Lululemon (consumer discretionary), Techtronic (industrials), and Flutter (consumer discretionary).
- Top relative detractors included Zalando (consumer discretionary), Sands China (consumer discretionary), and Smith and Nephew (healthcare).

Positioning & Outlook

- The Fund remains balanced between companies benefitting from structural growth opportunities and companies likely to benefit from continued re-opening of the economy and resumption of pre-COVID activities. Given the multitude of macroeconomic factors that are currently impacting stock prices, we continue to maintain a dynamic balance in the portfolio until we gain more clarity around the future environment.
- As we enter the fourth quarter, we remain cognizant of potential supply chain issues and the possible near-term implications for companies' inventory levels.
- At the end of the period, our largest overweights were in information technology and consumer discretionary, while we were most underweight in consumer staples, relative to the benchmark.

Portfolio Manager from Wellington Management

Matthew D. Hudson, CFA

Senior Managing Director
Equity Portfolio Manager
Professional Experience Since 1991

The portfolio manager is supported by the full resources of Wellington.

Top Ten Holdings (%)

Cellnex Telecom S.A.	5.12
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4.47
ASML Holding N.V.	3.39
Lululemon Athletica, Inc.	2.95
DSV Panalpina A/S	2.85
Airbus SE	2.84
Flutter Entertainment plc	2.78
Partners Group Holding AG	2.76
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	2.70
AstraZeneca plc	2.69
Percentage Of Portfolio	32.55

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

Class	Performance (%)		Average Annual Total Returns					Expenses ¹	
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	-4.45	3.79	19.36	11.69	11.33	10.25	5.45	1.36%	1.30%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	12.79	9.60	10.08	9.63	5.16	—	—
F	-4.32	4.10	19.92	12.18	11.80	10.66	5.74	0.90%	0.85%
I	-4.38	3.93	19.72	12.07	11.68	10.60	5.71	0.98%	0.98%
R3	-4.54	3.52	19.03	11.40	11.02	10.01	5.39	1.62%	1.57%
R4	-4.45	3.77	19.42	11.73	11.35	10.35	5.64	1.31%	1.27%
R5	-4.37	4.01	19.77	12.06	11.69	10.68	5.87	1.00%	1.00%
R6	-4.39	4.04	19.88	12.18	11.81	10.76	5.95	0.90%	0.85%
Y	-4.40	4.00	19.76	12.09	11.73	10.72	5.93	1.01%	0.95%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index	-3.62	2.66	16.95	11.94	11.22	9.32	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	-1.52	5.36	20.30	13.07	12.18	10.50	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	-1.91	5.51	21.15	12.00	10.95	9.32	—	—	—

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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.

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 U.S. MSCI index performance is shown net of dividend withholding tax. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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¹Expenses as shown in the Fund's most recent prospectus. Gross expenses do not reflect contractual expense reimbursement arrangements. Net expenses reflect such arrangements in instances when they reduce gross expenses. These arrangements remain in effect until 2/28/22 unless the Fund's Board of Directors approves an earlier termination.

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