# Lazard Global Equity Advantage

# Composite Report

Benchmark:MSCI World IndexReporting Date:31 December 2024Composite Inception Date:01 January 2008Reporting Currency:Canadian Dollar

## **Composite Description**

The composite returns represent the total returns of all fully discretionary portfolios with a Lazard Global Equity Advantage investment mandate. Prior to October 2021, the composite minimum was \$2 million. Lazard Global Equity Advantage is a diversified global equity strategy whose objective is to seek to outperform the MSCI World index over a market cycle using a proprietary, quantitatively driven bottom-up stock selection process. Each stock is evaluated daily according to four independent measures: growth, value, sentiment, and quality. The strategy typically invests in securities of companies all of which are domiciled in the developed market countries contained in the benchmark. The portfolio is constructed to closely resemble the characteristics of the MSCI benchmark including sectors, geography, and market capitalization.

#### **Calculation of Performance Returns**

The composite and benchmark returns are reported net of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains. The composite returns presented represent past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, which may vary.

#### Fee Schedule

Lazard's standard fee schedule for Lazard Global Equity Advantage accounts is 0.65% on the first \$50 million of assets, 0.55% on the next \$50 million of assets and 0.45% on the balance. (This fee schedule may be presented in non-U.S. local currency equivalents based on prevailing exchange rates.) The management fee schedule and total expense ratio for the collective trust is 0.30% and 0.40%, respectively. Composite net-of-fees returns are calculated by reducing monthly composite returns by the 12th root of the stated strategy fee's highest tier.

#### **Benchmark Information**

The MSCI World Index is an arithmetic, market value-weighted average, net of withholding taxes index, which is derived from equities of EAFE Index countries plus equities from Canada and the United States. The Index is compiled by MSCI Inc.

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|   | Calendar |       |        |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | 2024     | 2023  | 2022   | 2021  | 2020   | 2019  | 2018  | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  |
| Lazard Rate of Return (%; Gross of Fees)          | 33.35    | 22.11 | -9.52  | 25.62 | 11.44  | 19.52 | 0.20  | 16.59 | 3.31  | 21.21 |
| Lazard Rate of Return (%; Net of Fees)            | 32.49    | 21.32 | -10.11 | 24.80 | 10.72  | 18.74 | -0.45 | 15.84 | 2.64  | 20.42 |
| Benchmark (%; Rate of Return)                     | 29.43    | 20.47 | -12.19 | 20.78 | 13.87  | 21.22 | -0.49 | 14.36 | 3.79  | 18.89 |
| Composite Standard Deviation Gross (3-yr. Ann.)   | 12.31    | 12.16 | 14.66  | 12.19 | 12.49  | 9.43  | 10.00 | 10.88 | 9.96  | 8.51  |
| Benchmark Standard Deviation (3-yr. Ann.)         | 12.97    | 12.82 | 15.36  | 12.34 | 12.97  | 9.28  | 9.62  | 10.93 | 10.09 | 8.88  |
| # of Portfolios                                   | 7        | 5     | 4      | 2     | 3      | 2     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| Composite Dispersion Gross (Asset Wtd. Std. Dev.) | 0.63     | 0.06  | 0.03   | 0.02  | 0.03   | N/A   | N/A   | N/A   | N/A   | N/A   |
| Composite Assets (CAD Millions)                   | 1738.3   | 934.3 | 642.3  | 634.9 | 2487.0 | 453.8 | 260.4 | 259.8 | 2.9   | 2.8   |
| Total Firm Assets (CAD Billions)                  | 241.0    | 251.4 | 228.9  | 280.6 | 271.4  | 266.4 | 242.0 | 258.9 | 225.2 | 222.4 |