

# Mackenzie Ivy European Class

Series F Monthly Commentary As of: January 31, 2018

#### One-month Attribution and Weight

| Top Sector<br>Contributors | %<br>Contrib. | %<br>Wgt. |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Industrials                | 0.81          | 9.7       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Staples           | 0.27          | 16.9      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Top Sector Detractors      |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer Discretionary     | -0.81         | 21.2      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Financials                 | -0.28         | 5.4       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Top Security Contributors  |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rotork plc                 | 0.59          | 4.4       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aggreko plc                | 0.21          | 5.3       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nokian Renkaat Oyj         | 0.20          | 2.3       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Top Security Detractors    |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| H&M Hennes & Mauritz AB    | -1.04         | 6.1       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Admiral Group plc          | -0.28         | 5.4       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nestle S.A.                | -0.03         | 2.0       |  |  |  |  |  |
| FX Attribution             |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.2%                       |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Position              |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39.9%                      |               |           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Major Currency             | %             | %         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exposures                  | Gross         | Net       |  |  |  |  |  |
| EUR                        | 37.1          | 28.0      |  |  |  |  |  |
| GBP                        | 32.4          | 22.9      |  |  |  |  |  |
| CAD                        | 15.6          | 42.5      |  |  |  |  |  |

## **Key Takeaways**

- The Fund underperformed the benchmark due to stock selection in Consumer Discretionary and underweight exposure to Financials.
- Stock selection in Consumer Staples and Industrials contributed to relative performance.
- One of the top security contributors was W.W. Grainger. It operates as a distributor of maintenance, repair and operating products (MRO).
- On the other hand, Hennes & Mauritz, a Swedish based company better known as H&M, continues to be top security detractor from performance this month.

#### **Performance Results**

|  | 1 mo | YTD  | 1 yr  | 3 yr | 5 yr  | 10 yr |
|--|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Mackenzie Ivy European Class<br>Sr F           | 0.1% | 0.1% | 5.4%  | 3.4% | 8.4%  | 6.6%  |
| MSCI Europe Index Total Return<br>(CAD)        | 3.2% | 3.2% | 22.0% | 7.4% | 11.8% | 5.1%  |
| Morningstar Canada European<br>Equity Category | 2.3% | 2.3% | 17.9% | 5.9% | 9.8%  | 4.4%  |
| % Peers Beaten                                 | 11   | 11   | 8     | 18   | 30    | 92    |

#### **Fund and Market Insights**

- The MSCI Europe Index returned 3.2% (CAD) while Mackenzie Ivy European Class Series F returned 0.1%. The Fund underperformed the benchmark due to stock selection in Consumer Discretionary and underweight exposure to Financials. High cash allocation also detracted from relative performance this month.
- Stock selection in Consumer Staples and Industrials contributed to relative performance.
- W.W. Grainger operates as a distributor of maintenance, repair and operating products (MRO). The company offers a broad selection of
  MRO supplies and other related products and services through local branches, catalogs and the Internet. It offers a combination of product
  breadth, local availability, speed of delivery, detailed product information and competitively priced products and services. It also provides
  inventory management and energy efficiency solutions.
- Hennes & Mauritz, a Swedish based company better known as H&M. The Company operates in the fast fashion industry with clothing stores in over 50 countries. Their business concept is to offer fashion and quality at the best price. With over 100 designers on staff, H&M is able to quickly adapt to changing trends and fashion.
- H&M faced a backlash for a photo that many people deemed to be racist. While we believe this was an error and clearly poor judgment, we
  don't believe there was ill intent on the part of the company. It is always difficult to gauge the severity of the backlash when things like this
  happen, but we can evaluate the company's response and analyze what facts we have.
  - When the issue first surfaced, H&M was apologetic, but the official response was probably not forceful enough. As the intensity of the controversy increased, H&M posted an official apology on social media, which attracted tens of thousands of comments (mostly quite negative). Soon after, they posted another "fuller" apology, accompanied by a news release. This apology also attracted tens of thousands of comments, but far fewer than the first one, and the tone of the comments was more mixed instead of entirely negative. There were relatively few social media comments over the weekend, suggesting the intensity has reduced considerably. While H&M has no doubt lost some customers over this, it is not obvious by analyzing the number of Instagram followers they have (the most relevant platform for fashion brands). They continued to add thousands of followers on a net basis during every day of the controversy, and their pace of addition did not slow from pre-controversy levels. Incidentally, H&M has more followers than any other fashion brand in the world, aside from Nike and Victoria's Secret. So while this was an unfortunate incident on many levels, the initial data do not suggest a material impact in terms of lost customers or an intensification of the backlash. We continue to watch this closely.

# **Fund Codes and Management Fees**

## **Corporate Class**

| Series CAD |           |          |            |            | Management | Management     |  |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|--|
| Julius     | Front-End | Back-End | Low Load 2 | Low Load 3 | Fee        | Expense Ratio* |  |
| Α          | 1565      | 1808     | 7107       | 2165       | 2.00 %     | 2.52 %         |  |
| F          | 1900      |          |            |            | 1.00 %     | 1.32 %         |  |
| PW         | 6103      |          |            |            | 1.90 %     | 2.28 %         |  |
| PWF        | 6177      |          |            |            | 0.90 %     | 1.12 %         |  |

<sup>\*</sup>MERs as of September 30, 2017.

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