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Mirova Global Sustainable Equity Fund

QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

Market environment

After declining for three straight quarters, global equity markets ended the year on a more positive, albeit still volatile, note, performing strongly during the fourth quarter. Equities generally performed positively as inflation moderated, central bankers took on a more dovish tone, pressure was reduced on energy supplies due to Europe's mild start to the winter, investors reacted to the potential easing of Covid restrictions and reopening in China, and global supply chain constraints eased.

From a regional perspective, Asian equities were supported by easing Covid restrictions in China, while developed markets ex-US, particularly European equities, generally outperformed US markets. US equities were held back somewhat by losses in widely held large-cap tech and consumer names, while European names saw some relief as investors reacted to softer inflation data, China optimism and a mild start to the European winter. In terms of sectors, Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services and Information Technology underperformed following weaker-than-expected quarterly results and forward guidance from several large, widely held technology and consumer names such as Meta, Amazon and Alphabet. The traditional Energy sector performed the strongest for the final quarter of the year on the back of record profits for certain companies, followed by the Industrials and Materials (mainly industrial metals and mining) sectors.

Fund performance

Over the fourth quarter of 2022, the Mirova Global Sustainable Equity Fund – Class Y outperformed the MSCI World Index (Net) by 5.62%. The Fund gained 15.39% compared to 9.77% for the index.

The main driver of outperformance in the fourth quarter was stock selection. By GICS sectors, selection within Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary were the largest relative contributors, while the underweight to the Communication Services sector was also additive. Regionally, the overweight to Europe and underweight to the US contributed to relative performance. The main detractors from relative results were security selection within the Materials sector and the lack of exposure to the traditional Energy sector.

By GICS sector

By GICS sector, the strategy's outperformance was driven by security selection, primarily within Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary. This was driven by outperformance from certain holdings in our strategy as well as not having significant exposure to the widely held large-cap tech and consumer stocks that underperformed during the period after reporting weaker-than-expected quarterly results and forward guidance. The underweight to the Communication Services sector was also additive.

Within Information Technology, not owning Apple contributed to relative results, while portfolio holdings Mastercard, Roper Technologies and others outperformed the broader sector. Mastercard performed well partly due to the resilience of its business and partly due to the continued recovery of international travel. Roper Technologies performed well following solid third-quarter results and increased full-year guidance driven by continued strong demand for its niche software and product solutions. Within Consumer Discretionary, not owning Tesla and Amazon helped, while strategy holdings Mercedes-Benz and Aptiv outperformed. Mercedes-Benz published solid third-quarter results with another full year guidance upgrade, demonstrating the group's resilience and ability to drive pricing and mix despite supply chain problems and a global slowdown. Automotive technology supplier Aptiv performed well following strong third-quarter results and full-year guidance being largely reaffirmed.

The main detractors from relative results were security selection within the Materials sector and the lack of exposure to the traditional Energy sector. Within Materials, Ecolab was lower following its third-quarter report, with management expecting more moderate earnings growth improvement than previously anticipated, citing a more challenging economic environment, especially in Europe as the war and energy crisis are having an increased short-term impact on demand and costs. However, the company expects continued improvement in the fourth quarter and into 2023 on strong business momentum, accelerating pricing and further productivity gains.

Within Materials, having no exposure to the metals & mining industry also detracted as mining companies and base metals rose on investor optimism surrounding reports of China coordinating an exit from its Zero-Covid policy.

By Mirova sectors

By Mirova sector, security selection was the main driver of outperformance, driven by selection within the Information Communication & Technology (ICT) and Mobility sectors. Overweights to the Resources and Health sectors were also top contributors.

Within the ICT sector, not owning Apple contributed to relative results, as did outperformance from strategy holdings Roper Technologies, Adobe and NVIDIA. Adobe outperformed after its recent correction following its announced acquisition of Figma. NVIDIA performed strongly as the US government constraints on exports of high-end chips to China were less impactful for the company than expected and the company also expects stabilization in the gaming business.

Within Mobility, relative performance contributors included not owning Tesla and outperformance from strategy holdings Mercedes-Benz and Aptiv.

The main detractors from relative results by Mirova sector was security selection within the Resources sector as Ecolab underperformed. Not having exposure to the metals & mining industry within the Resources sector also detracted.

By position

The three best-performing stocks were Vestas Wind Systems, Intuitive Surgical and KBC Group. Vestas performed well on moderating inflation, easing supply chain constraints, and a strong order backlog and sustained price increases, which continue to pave the way toward the company's profitability target. Intuitive Surgical outperformed during the quarter due in part to a recovery in its revenue growth and on easing capex constraints of hospitals. KBC Group reported solid third-quarter results with management saying its revenue guidance is conservative, and therefore could materialize into an upgrade of future revenue guidance from a net interest income perspective; the stock also benefited from the somewhat more positive macro backdrop in Europe.

The three worst-performing stocks were SVB Financial, Signature Bank and Sunrun. SVB was lower due to deposit base pressure as its customers experienced reduced investment flow in a difficult market environment. We believe that SVB's synergistic banking franchise in the innovation tech and healthcare sectors has strengthened in this challenging environment, and that its competitive advantages including deep sector expertise, unique relationship networks, and experience managing through volatile tech cycles position it well for renewed growth. Signature Bank continued to underperform given the macro backdrop and digital asset volatility, as a portion of its customers' deposits are tied to the digital asset industry. Sunrun, which had performed strongly following the announcement of a larger than expected climate bill in the US as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, fell from its year-to-date highs in mid-September partly due to profit-taking by investors.

Positioning

The portfolio invests in companies offering solutions to and/or expected to benefit from the demographic, technological, environmental and governance-related transitions that are expected to transform the world's economies and societies during the next decade.

Geographically, the portfolio continues to have a bias to European names while being underweight US names; this bias is a result of bottom-up fundamental analysis where we have found more attractively priced securities outside of the US given the outperformance of the US markets compared to international markets since 2011. We continue to monitor the portfolio's European exposure in light of surging inflation and the potential for recession and energy shortages as we enter the winter months, focusing on individual companies to ensure that the fundamentals remain intact. While the portfolio is overweight Europe, our European exposure is diversified and the types of companies that we invest in are very global in nature with regard to their revenue exposure, supply chains and production. This diversification should help lessen the impact relative to other companies whose activities are more concentrated in Europe. Additionally, we don't have a lot of direct exposure to the consumer in Europe and almost no exposure to the lower-income consumer, which will be under increased pressure. Our portfolio also has a structural high-quality bias. Higher-quality companies are generally better positioned to weather difficult environments due to having better financial ability to manage through such periods (stronger balance sheets, lower financial leverage).

In terms of sector exposure, the portfolio currently has no exposure to the GICS Energy (oil & gas extraction) or Real Estate sectors, and it is underweight Communication Services and Financials. This is mainly driven by valuation (Real Estate) and the thematic and sustainability approach we take. As trends like the digitalization of our economy, which saw strong growth as a result of Covid-19, are

expected to continue to grow strongly, and support for the healthcare sector is expected to show solid growth as a reaction to Covid-19 in the short term, and as a result of an aging population and continued focus on health and well-being in the longer term, the portfolio remains overweight Technology and Healthcare. There is also an underweight position in the more defensive Consumer Staples sector, which to some extent is offset by an overweight position in Materials (mainly natural food ingredients). With many governments still committed to keeping global warming limited to a 2° Celsius scenario, we expect climate change to remain a driver of political debate, and the portfolio will continue to shy away from fossil fuel extraction in favor of renewables and companies focused on energy efficiency. The portfolio's overweight to the Utilities sector is driven partly part by the conviction in the transition away from fossil fuels. Our conviction in the transition away from fossil fuels, if anything, was strengthened as a result of the Russia/Ukraine conflict as the need for Europe to move toward energy independence was reinforced and alternative energy will need to be a part of that. The passing of the IRA in the US, at least in the near term, provides additional visibility on the growth of renewables and energy-efficiency solutions. We continue to prefer companies with strong balance sheets, solid management teams, and positive exposure to long-term secular trends.

During the fourth quarter of 2022, we exited our positions in Prudential and took the opportunity to trim our positions in Eli Lilly, Mastercard, and Visa, while adding to our existing positions in Nvidia, SVB Financial, and Adyen.

Sold

Prudential – We sold Prudential to finance a better opportunity, using the proceeds to add to the position in SVB Financial. Prudential plc is a leading provider of insurance products (life and health) and asset management in Asian and African markets. It has been challenged by its pivot to Asia and Africa away from the UK and US (including the demerger of Jackson National last year) and ongoing volatility in many of its markets (including Covid-related lockdowns / border closings in its key Hong Kong market). We like its products, regional diversification, and multi-channel platforms, but questions about its strategic positioning, uncertain political operating environments, and changes in top management ranks reduced our long-term conviction on the shares.

Trimmed

- Eli Lilly – We trimmed Eli Lilly following strong outperformance since we introduced it into the portfolio in the first quarter of 2021. We continue to like its unique position on diabetes, obesity, oncology and Alzheimer diseases in the long term. However, its valuation became less attractive, and we reallocated the proceeds into the NVIDIA position.

- Mastercard and Visa – We took the opportunity to trim our positions in Mastercard and Visa and allocated the proceeds to our position in payment processing company Adyen. We continue to like both Mastercard and Visa for their solid fundamentals and exposure to the secular trend related to the digitalization of finance. However, Adyen's stock price has been under pressure and its valuation had become more attractive, while Mastercard and Visa have performed relatively strongly in this environment.

Additions (existing position(s))

- NVIDIA – We used the proceeds of trimming the Eli Lilly position to add to our position in NVIDIA, which has been under pressure due to challenging macro environment and the restriction on the export of its high-end GPU to China. After an updated analysis, we believe that our long-term thesis on NVIDIA remains intact, with solid fundamentals and promising opportunities on enterprise AI, and autonomous driving. We believe NVIDIA's valuation is very attractive in our base case scenario, with limited further downside from here.

- SVB Financial – The team added to the position in SVB Financial as its valuation became more attractive after its recent pullback. We believe SVB's synergistic banking franchise in the innovation tech and healthcare sectors has strengthened in this challenging environment, and that its competitive advantages including deep sector expertise, unique relationship networks, and experience managing through volatile tech cycles position it well for renewed growth. We added to the position

at what we consider a compelling valuation, and took advantage of what we see as a disconnect between the short-term macroeconomic impacts on the company's fundamentals and the very much intact long-term value of the company.

- Adyen – Using the proceeds from trimming Mastercard and Visa, we added to our position in Adyen. We continue to have conviction in Adyen as a significant beneficiary of the secular trends toward electronic payments and ecommerce and for its solid fundamentals, including its competitive advantages around its vertically integrated platform and technological advantage. Adyen's stock has been under pressure year-to-date in a rising rate environment as it is considered a growth company, despite continuing to put forward strong fundamental numbers. We decided to increase our position in Adyen as its valuation became more attractive.

Outlook

Looking ahead to 2023, we expect continued volatility in equity markets, driven by many of the same issues markets faced in 2022. We expect a significant slowdown in economic activity in the first half of the year driven by central banks increasing interest rates to fight inflation. We continue to work under the assumption of higher inflation for longer, which is likely to lead to recession in both Europe and the US. The situation in Asia is a bit different, and the reopening of China's economy may help ease global supply chain constraints and support economic growth, though this is likely to be fragile as reopening is likely to lead to pressure on the healthcare system. We think that many central banks will continue to raise interest rates to fight inflation at least in the beginning of the year, impacting short-term interest rates. The good news is we believe we may have already seen inflation peak in the US at the end of 2022 and may be nearing the peak in Europe and other regions, meaning the probability of higher long-term interest rates is quite low. That said, we believe that inflation will be higher than it has been historically and for longer, buoyed in part by shifting supply chain practices where companies and industries as a whole are rethinking global supply chains, as companies and regions seek to reduce dependence on countries with autocratic regimes as well as those with restrictive Covid policies. After decades of globalization and outsourcing production to low-cost countries and, less visibly, social and environmental problems, bringing this closer to home will be a costly and lengthy process. Shifting global supply chains will be an in-focus theme for us in 2023, leading to more opportunities related to industrial automation and optimization of industrial processes across industries.

Energy and energy security will continue to be a big theme in 2023. In the near term, the biggest risks to the downside, in our view, include an escalation in the Russia/Ukraine conflict and the potential for Russia to leverage its oil and gas supplies to apply political pressure as the impact on the European economy would be immense. While short-term solutions such as importing liquid natural gas from other countries will be used, renewable energy is the only solution for Europe's energy security in the long term and can make the region truly energy independent. This should have a positive effect on wind, solar, and large-scale energy storage solutions such as hydrogen. It could take a few years, however, before this translates into higher earnings, but we will see much more research and development in the space. High energy prices are also expected to have a positive impact on energy-efficient solutions for both the private and the corporate market. The passing of the IRA in the US to some extent reinforces our conviction in the environmental transition, as the path ahead for the US seems clearer for the time being. Our portfolios are already well positioned within this context.

The final big theme for 2023 that we are watching closely is on biodiversity and our food systems. We see the focus on these themes strengthening in 2023 and beyond, driven by the increasing impact of Gen Z and awareness of the impact our food systems and human activities more broadly have on climate and biodiversity. For example, we see more opportunities emerging in companies offering solutions for sustainable land management and food production, ingredients and bioscience, water technology and sustainable packaging.

While volatility may remain high and we may see a recession in Europe and in the US in the first half of the year, valuations have become much more attractive in many parts of the market and are already reflecting much of the near-term risk we see, and we believe we could see a recovery in the second half of the year. Our global portfolio is well positioned with this in mind given our overweight in European equities and underweight to the US, positioning which has been driven by our bottom-up valuation discipline where we have been able to identify attractive valuation opportunities outside the US. We believe the portfolios are well positioned for both a recession and subsequent recovery. Our approach to security selection has led to our portfolios being overweight areas like utilities, healthcare, and food and beverages, sectors that tend to be more defensive in recessionary environments. We also know that due to trends like population growth and generational shifts, these sectors tend to do well also in a normal economic environment. However, if we do get a recovery, we also believe that renewable energy and the digitalization of our economy will also lead to many investment opportunities, areas that we have strong exposure to in the portfolios.

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Equity valuations have been impacted significantly in 2022 by rising interest rates, with that impact the highest on companies, sectors and themes with long-term visibility of cashflow generation. Because we expect that inflation will peak around end-of-2022 levels, we believe that those are the areas that are the most attractive from a valuation perspective now. We're looking at companies within themes such as renewable energy and healthcare, but also at digitalization of our economy, and may find opportunities to add names or add to existing holdings that have been hit hard already, but selectivity will continue to be key. In general, we like high-quality companies and, especially when interest rates are high, know that companies with larger amounts of debt on their balance sheets and those that may need to refinance that debt will find it more difficult to generate strong earnings growth. Therefore, we continue to focus the portfolio as a whole on high-quality companies with strong balance sheets.

Maintaining a long-term perspective and a focus on fundamentals is key in difficult environments. If we look beyond the short term, nothing has changed regarding the long-term demographic, environmental, technological and governance trends shifting the economy we focus on, such as aging population, climate change and digitalization. These trends are secular in nature. We continue to focus on individual company fundamentals to ensure that the fundamentals or the long-term theses on the companies have not changed. Overall, while our portfolios may have to endure a challenging environment in the short term, we believe that the portfolios are well positioned with high-quality companies addressing long-term thematic (secular) growth trends, believe that underlying fundamentals remain strong, and will continue to take advantage of disconnects between current stock prices and long-term value of companies.

Average annualized total returns (%) † as of 12/31/2022

	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Life of class (3/31/16)
Class Y	15.39	-22.33	-22.33	6.68	8.63	10.51
Class A at NAV	15.30	-22.56	-22.56	6.41	8.35	10.24
Class A with 5.75% maximum sales charge	8.66	-27.00	-27.00	4.33	7.08	9.28
MSCI World Index (Net)	9.77	-18.14	-18.14	4.94	6.14	8.88

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Definitions

MSCI World Index (Net) is an unmanaged index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. It is composed of common stocks of companies representative of the market structure of developed market countries in North America, Europe, and the Asia/Pacific Region. The index is calculated without dividends, with net or with gross dividends reinvested, in both US dollars and local currencies. You may not invest directly in an index.

Disclosure

Top 10 Holdings (as of 12/31/2022)

Security Description	% of Portfolio
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	4.97
Mastercard, Inc. Class A	4.75
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	4.73
Microsoft Corp.	4.42
Roper Technologies, Inc.	3.41
Iberdrola S.A.	3.41
eBay, Inc.	3.24
Ecolab, Inc.	3.20
Visa, Inc. Class A	2.89
AIA Group Ltd.	2.88

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