

# Truth or Dare (to be different)

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# you have to be different



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# Rise of the tech giants exposes the problem of index distortions

Investors need to check whether passive investment vehicles deliver the diversification they want

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Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet, Nvidia, Meta and Tesla account for about 29 per cent of the market cap of the S&P 500 and 60 per cent of the Nasdaq 100 © Carlo Allegri/Reuters

# Global dominance of biggest stocks rises to highest in decades

US equities, led by 'Magnificent Seven', now account for more than 70% of global developed markets



Microsoft alone accounts for more than 4 % of the global MSCI ACWI index, leading the trend towards greater market concentration © AFP via Getty Images

## Concentration in "growth" defensive is near record highs

#### The "growth" defensive quadrant as a proportion of the FTSE World Index



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## The largest stocks are widely held by our peers...



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Top 10 companies in the FTSE World Index and the proportion of peers that own them



#### Peers = eVestment 'Global All Cap Core Equity' universe

#### Companies in the "growth" defensive quadrant

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# Dare to be different now



## 'Magnificent 7' vs 'Foreign 5': same market value, half the profits

#### Contribution of market value and profit\* to MSCI World Index



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## Orbis Global Equity: idiosyncratic exposures drove returns



#### Total return (in USD) for the 12 months to 31 March 2024



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## Dare to be different now

Expect change

Look outside areas of biggest concentration

Now is the time to be different



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#### **Funds and Share Classes**

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Base Fee: Calculated and accrued daily at a rate of 1.1% per annum of the Class' net asset value.

Refundable Performance Fee: When the performance of the class (after deducting the base fee) beats the performance fee benchmark of the class over the period from one dealing day to the next, 25% of the value of the outperformance is paid into a reserve and reinvested into the respective fund. If the value of the reserve is positive on any dealing day, the Investment Manager is entitled to a performance fee in an amount capped at the lesser of an annualised rate of a) one-third of the reserve's net asset value; and b) 2.5% of the net asset value of the respective share class. Fees paid from the reserve to the Investment Manager are not available to be refunded as described below.

When the performance of the class (after deducting the base fee) trails the performance fee benchmark of the class over the period from one dealing day to the next, 25% of the value of the underperformance is refunded from the reserve to the respective class. If at any time sufficient value does not exist in the reserve to provide the refund, a reserve recovery mark is set, and subsequent underperformance is tracked. Such relative losses must be recovered before any outperformance results in any payment to the reserve.



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Refundable Performance Fee: When the performance of the class (after deducting the base fee and an additional 0.3% per annum, which is deemed to be representative of the aforementioned administrative fee) beats the performance fee benchmark of the class over the period from one dealing day to the next, 25% of the value of the outperformance is paid into a reserve and reinvested into the respective fund. If the value of the reserve is positive on any dealing day, the Investment Manager is entitled to a performance fee in an amount capped at the lesser of an annualised rate of a) one-third of the reserve's net asset value; and b) 2.5% of the net asset value of the reserve to the Investment Manager are not available to be refunded as described below.

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AG Base Fee Share Classes of Orbis Global Equity Fund and of the Orbis SICAV Funds (Global Balanced, Emerging Markets Equity and Japan Equity): 1.1% per annum, adjustable up to a maximum of 2.5% or down to a minimum of 0.5% based on 25% of annualised outperformance or underperformance of the Class versus the Performance Fee Benchmark (calculated geometrically) over a 2-year rolling period.

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