

# MARSICO INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND (MIOFX)



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*Co-Portfolio Managers Tom Marsico and Rob Susman share their insights about the International Opportunities Fund.*

## Q1 Would you please discuss the type of companies found in the portfolio and how secular themes inform your decision-making?

Sector and country agnostic, the Fund features a portfolio of high-quality, industry-leading companies that embrace innovation to expand their market share. These growth-oriented companies feature strong fundamentals, excellent management teams, strong brand franchises, and possess extensive distribution capabilities on a global scale. These companies also stand to benefit from a number of attractive secular growth themes that help guide our stock selection.

More recently, we have reassessed our view on China's growth potential and have pared back our weighting on various companies with significant Chinese exposure. The uncertainty surrounding the Chinese conglomerate Evergrande<sup>1</sup>, one of China's largest real estate developers, reinforced our view of a slowing Chinese economy. Although the portfolio does not have any direct exposure to Chinese real estate, the overall Chinese economy indirectly has been affected. Over the quarter, we reduced positions in two Chinese stocks: the Chinese e-commerce giant, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Spon. ADR and the Chinese multinational technology conglomerate holding company, Tencent Holdings Ltd. and eliminated our position in Sands China, a resorts and casino operator. We also reduced our position in the German multinational automotive manufacturing corporation, Volkswagen A.G. Preference Shares, as China represents one of their key markets.

While we are bullish on these companies over the long-term, we wanted to reduce the overall level of potential portfolio volatility from these holdings until there becomes greater clarity on Chinese economic growth rates.

## Q2 Would you please provide an example or two of secular themes that influence your stock selection?

Advances in technology and demographics has substantially boosted the pace of change in the international marketplace. Two of our global secular themes, Digital Transformation and the Global Emerging Middle Class, are rapidly unfolding.

Within the Digital Transformation theme, the ongoing digitization of business processes, along with consumer demand to engage on digital platforms, has allowed companies to create new business models and disrupt traditional ones. For example, this theme includes e-commerce, payment systems, mobile gaming, and even electric vehicles.

### Overall Rating

MORNINGSTAR®



3 Stars out of 383 Foreign Large Growth funds as of 9/30/21 based on risk-adjusted return.

### Portfolio Management



#### Tom Marsico

- » Founder, CEO, CIO, and Portfolio Manager
- » Over 40 years experience



#### Rob Susman

- » Portfolio Manager
- » Over 15 years experience

Wealth on a global basis is rising and the spending power of consumers around the world is fueling demand for goods and services ranging from travel and luxury goods to housing and financial services and is fueling our Global Emerging Middle Class theme. As a by-product of rising global wealth, we are in the early stages of witnessing increased activity in global stock exchanges and the capital markets. These financial platforms are facilitating an accelerated pace of company growth and overall economic activity.

**Q3** **What additions have you made to the portfolio over the past quarter?**

During this past quarter we added two compelling positions that fit into our ongoing digital transformation theme. These are innovative companies that are expanding their reach in both new and existing markets.

- 1. Nordic Entertainment Group A.B.** – A pan-Nordic media and entertainment company headquartered in Stockholm that is reinventing itself as the “Netflix of the Nordics.” This legacy media company is evolving to a streaming over-the-top (OTT) service with a quickly growing subscriber base.
- 2. S4 Capital PLC** – A United Kingdom-based advertising agency company that provides digital advertising and marketing services. This rapidly growing company is benefiting from the rise of social media advertising as they partner with some of the largest technology companies around the world.

Both companies offer cutting edge technology to guide their business lines and reinforce our stock selection criteria based on high quality, strong fundamentals and attractive growth potential.

**About Marsico Funds**

Founded in 1997, Marsico Capital Management employs a high-conviction approach to the management of a select suite of growth-oriented domestic and international equity portfolios. Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, the firm managed approximately \$3.8 billion in assets as of September 30, 2021.

Founder, Tom Marsico, has over 40 years of experience in the investment management industry and is one of the industry’s first managers to successfully implement high-conviction, concentrated portfolios.

**Fund Performance (As of 9/30/21)<sup>2</sup>**

	Average Annualized Returns				
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (6/30/2000)
<b>Marsico International Opportunities Fund</b>	<b>18.48%</b>	<b>11.09%</b>	<b>12.14%</b>	<b>10.16%</b>	<b>6.17%</b>
MSCI EAFE Index <sup>3,4</sup>	25.73	7.62	8.81	8.10	4.08
MSCI All Country World ex USA Index <sup>3,4</sup>	23.92	8.03	8.94	7.48	4.54

Fund Expense Ratio: 1.81% gross, 1.50% net<sup>5</sup>

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Investment return and principal will fluctuate, so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted. To obtain the Fund’s performance current to the most recent month-end, please visit [www.marsicofunds.com](http://www.marsicofunds.com) or call 888-860-8686. A Fund’s performance, especially for short time periods, should not be the sole factor in making an investment decision.

## Disclosure

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<sup>1</sup> Of the companies mentioned, the International Opportunities Fund's holdings as a percentage of net assets as of 9/30/21 were as follows: Evergrande 0.00%, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Spon. ADR 2.01%, Tencent Holdings 2.22%, Sands China 0.00%, Volkswagen A.G. Preference Shares 1.18%, Nordic Entertainment Group A.B. 0.50%, S4 Capital PLC 0.80%. Please keep in mind that our views on investments discussed herein are subject to change at any time, and the holdings represented here do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended by Marsico Capital Management, LLC. References to specific securities mentioned herein, which may change due to ongoing management of your portfolio, are not to be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell those securities, and should not be assumed to be or have been profitable investments, and are not guaranteed to be in portfolios today.

<sup>2</sup> Source for Fund and Index returns: UMB Fund Services Inc.

<sup>3</sup> The MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The MSCI All Country World ex USA Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the Fund and the benchmarks. The indexes described above are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. For comparison purposes, it should be noted that the indexes described above do not charge fees and have no expenses.

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<sup>5</sup> As of the Fund's 2/1/2021 prospectus; 1.81% gross, 1.50% net. Marsico Capital Management, LLC, the investment adviser to the Fund (the "Adviser"), has entered into a written expense limitation and fee waiver agreement under which it has agreed to limit the total expenses of the International Opportunities Fund (excluding taxes, interest, acquired fund fees and expenses, litigation, extraordinary expenses, and brokerage and other transaction expenses relating to the purchase or sale of portfolio investments) to an annual rate of 1.50% of the Fund's average net assets until January 31, 2022. This expense limitation and fee waiver agreement may be terminated by the Adviser at any time after January 31, 2022 upon 15 days prior notice to the Fund and its administrator, provided that no such modification will be made in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the current prospectus. The Adviser may recoup from the Fund fees previously waived or expenses previously reimbursed by the Adviser with respect to the Fund pursuant to this agreement (or a previous expense limitation agreement) if: (1) such recoupment by the Adviser does not cause the Fund, at the time of recoupment, to exceed the lesser of (a) the expense limitation in effect at the time the relevant amount was waived and/or reimbursed, or (b) the expense limitation in effect at the time of the proposed recoupment, and (2) the recoupment is made within three years after the fiscal year end date as of which the amount to be waived or reimbursed was determined and the waiver or reimbursement occurred.

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