

Evermore Global Value Fund

Portfolio Commentary: 4th Quarter 2020

Dear Shareholder,

Before I get started with our review of the fourth quarter, I would like to wish you all the best for a happy, safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year. We have all experienced one of the most challenging periods of our lives and I am certain you will join me in looking forward to 2021 bringing improved health and financial security to all, but especially to those individuals who are most vulnerable.

News of multiple COVID-19 vaccines showing high efficacy and receiving emergency regulatory approval was the main driving force behind global stock market gains in the fourth quarter. In addition, central banks continued their support for maintaining low interest rates and quantitative easing measures, and governments across the globe were either implementing or considering additional stimulus packages for their citizens. The S&P 500 once again showed a strong gain for the fourth quarter (up 12.2%), and European equities fared even better with the MSCI Europe Index gaining 15.6% for the same period.

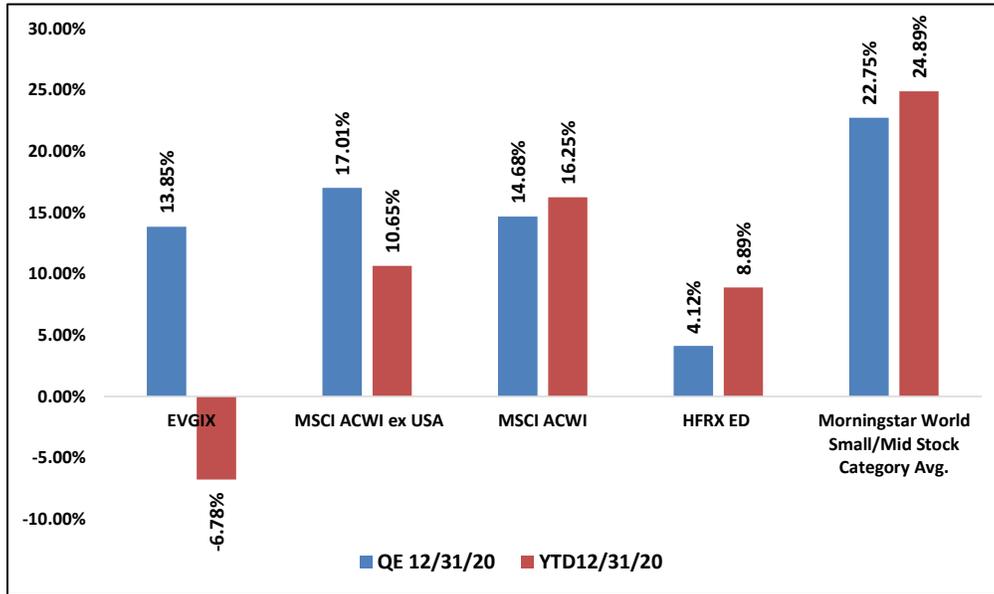
Although 2020 was a difficult year for the Evermore Global Value Fund (the “Fund”), we go into the New Year with extreme confidence in our current portfolio, which is the result of the important portfolio construction changes we made throughout the year to address the impact of the pandemic. Moreover, I feel it is important to reiterate our thoughts that were presented in our Q3 2020 commentary regarding the compelling opportunities we see in Europe. We believe the European business climate over the next five years will be unlike any period investors have witnessed in decades. The economic response by the European Union (“EU”) to the COVID-19 pandemic is the biggest-ever effort of cross-border solidarity and sends a strong signal of internal cohesion. While so many institutional investors have given up on Europe in recent years, we believe the significant EU stimulus package combined with the increased restructuring and M&A activity (not to mention American-style entrepreneurialism) we are seeing across the region will create compelling investment opportunities for many years to come. For these reasons, we continue to maintain a significant concentration in European investments within the Fund, especially in the Scandinavian region.

Portfolio Review – Investment Performance

Institutional Class shares of the Evermore Global Value Fund (“EVGIX”) were up 13.85% and down 6.78% for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2020, respectively. As shown in the chart below, although the Fund’s had solid fourth quarter performance it did lag several benchmark indices and its peer group for both the quarter and full year.

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Quarter and Year Ended December 31, 2020

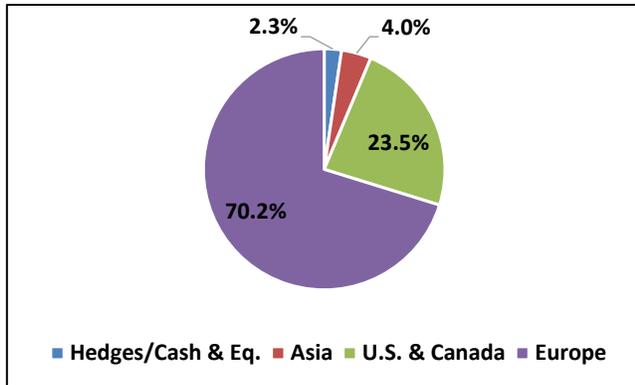


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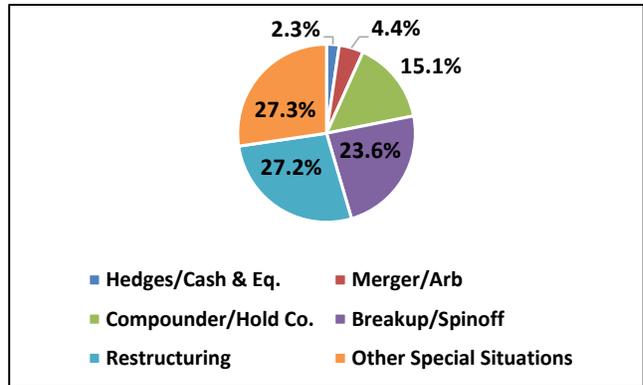
Portfolio Review – Characteristics

The Fund ended the quarter and year with \$282 million in net assets and 35 issuer positions. As of year-end, **66.2%** of the Fund’s net assets were in micro- and small- capitalization (up to \$2 billion) companies; **16.9%** were in mid- capitalization (between \$2 billion and \$10 billion) companies; and **14.6%** were in large- capitalization (> \$10 billion) companies. Set forth below please find the following geographic and strategy classification breakdowns (shown as a % of Fund net assets) as of year-end.

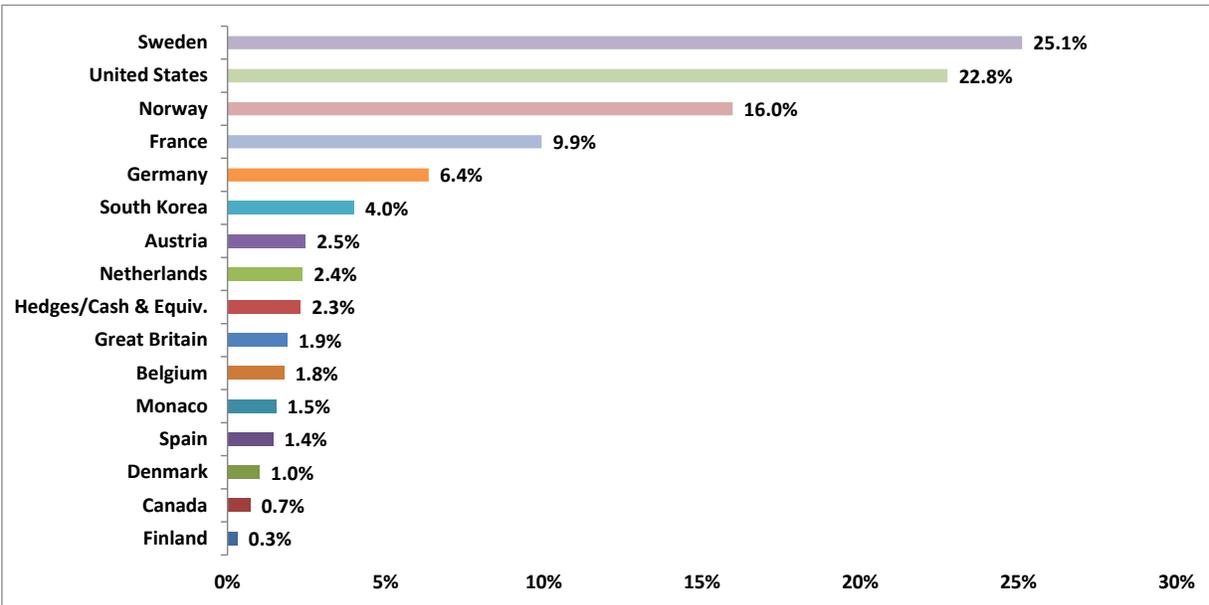
Region Exposure



Strategy Classification



Country Exposure



Portfolio Review – Exited Positions and New Investments

The Fund exited two positions, Net 1 International Holdings AS and Star Bulk Carriers Corp. in order to redeploy the proceeds into new investments that had comparatively more compelling risk-adjusted return profiles. During the quarter, the Fund initiated two new positions, which, as described in the summaries below, both have a focus on renewal energy and the positive environmental impacts that result.

CADELER A/S (Country: Norway; Ticker: CADLR NO) is a \$330 million market cap operator of offshore wind farm transportation and an installation contractor. The company also provides wind farm maintenance, construction, decommissioning, and other tasks within the offshore wind industry. Over the past few months, we have spent a lot of time with management during the pre-IPO phase to provide our constructive thoughts around the IPO pricing, valuation approach and our views about the players in this industry.

Headquartered in Denmark, Cadeler is one of the few pure play offshore wind installation vessel operators with a fleet of two installation vessels currently on the water and one modern newbuild. Since 2010, the company has installed over 280 wind turbines and 400 foundations, making it the largest preeminent offshore wind installation company with over 50% global market share. Founded in 2008, Cadeler was 100% acquired in 2010 by the Swire Pacific Group, a Hong Kong-listed holding company and was formerly named Swire Blue Ocean. As a result of liquidity needs by Swire Pacific Group (to address financial issues in its underlying companies), Cadeler was publicly listed this past November on the Oslo Bors. Swire Pacific now owns 47% and a new strategic partner, BW Group, came in as a cornerstone investor on the IPO at the same terms. The BW Group is a well-regarded maritime and green-related holding company managed by the long-term oriented value creator, Andreas Sohmen-Pao.

With wind turbines getting larger and the European Union’s strong stance on the renewables and green initiatives (see Evermore’s recent white paper regarding the EU/EC stimulus plans), we believe that the need

for bigger wind turbine capacity will grow substantially over the next 5 to 10 years. The majority of the offshore wind farms being installed today have turbines of 8-to-10-megawatt capacity with the next generation turbines from Vestas and Siemens increasing to 10-to-12-megawatt capacity. By 2030, it is likely that turbines will need to be substantially larger, at 20 megawatts or more, in order to meet the EU requirements for carbon footprint reduction. The offshore wind capacity is expected to increase by a factor of 6 times by 2030.

Given the limited supply of modern vessels to handle such increased capacity, Cadeler is extremely well positioned to be the beneficiary of this global structural shift to green initiatives. At the IPO price of NOK (Norwegian krone) 23.50 per share, we initiated our position in Cadeler at below 4x our estimate of 2021 EBITDA. The company has already secured over \$330 million in backlog for the next five years with good visibility for the next two years.

Eos Energy Enterprises, Inc. (Country: U.S.; Ticker: EOSE US) is a \$1.2 billion market capitalization (on a fully diluted share count basis) designer and manufacturer of stationary, large-scale, and modular zinc-based battery systems sold to electric utilities, power producers, and industrial energy end users. Its batteries are predominantly used to store renewable power generated during low demand “off-peak” hours, and discharge at times of higher demand and/or elevated spot electricity prices. Secondly, in areas with unreliable grids or grids that are prone to rolling brownouts (as California has been experiencing), Eos solutions can provide uninterrupted backup power supply for industrial customers. Based in Edison, New Jersey, the company came to market in November 2020 via its merger into a special purpose acquisition company (or “SPAC”), B. Riley Principal Merger Corp. II (old ticker: BMRG US), in a deal that left Eos with approximately \$130 million of net cash.

Until now, the small installed base of grid storage battery capacity in the U.S. has utilized lithium-ion batteries, with technology largely piggybacking off developments made for electric vehicle applications. But given the risks of fire in high temperature climates among other drawbacks (including supply chain fragility/complexity, and difficulty in end-of-life battery recyclability), lithium-ion has proven to be technologically challenging for grid storage applications, keeping a lid on the pace of deployments. Zinc-based chemistry on the other hand, like that found in the Eos Aurora solution, can operate in much wider temperature ranges than lithium-ion, with no practical risk of fire. Eos also offers a fully domestic supply chain, better recyclability, and a slower discharge rate. As a result, despite lithium-ion’s clear advantages in certain important metrics like density and round-trip-efficiency, its specific drawbacks mean that in a number of applications (or regions) Eos’ offerings ultimately yield a lower total cost of ownership to its customers.

Eos has a solid first-to-commercialize advantage within its zinc chemistry niche. We expect this, along with an extremely efficient “build as we need it” approach to manufacturing capacity, has potential to translate to a leading market share within a rapidly growing field. Global energy consultancy, Wood Mackenzie, for instance, projects 31% annual growth in deployed battery storage systems over the next decade, reaching 740 GWh installed capacity globally by 2030. While the company is in the very early stages of its revenue ramp, its sales pipeline and backlog are growing steadily. With over 130 active engagements on potential projects, Eos has disclosed that at the end of 2020 it had an opportunity pipeline of over \$3 billion. At the

time of its merger into the SPAC, Eos projected it would generate \$50 million and \$269 million in revenue for 2021 and 2022, respectively. We believe the company will comfortably exceed these levels given the pace of revenue conversion and pipeline growth it has experienced since the completion of the merger. Grid storage batteries are sold with multi-year warranties. Thus, we believe the very act of going public (complete with a bolstered balance sheet, audited financials, and a “brand name”) has helped assuage concerns of customers that might otherwise be reluctant to enter into long term agreements.

Shares of Eos have been a phenomenal performer in the short period the Fund has owned them, having appreciated by more than 100% at year-end. With such high rates of revenue growth (management expects annual topline growth of nearly 400% through 2024 in its Base Case projection), admittedly it is difficult to value the business with a high degree of precision. However, based on our expectations, the Fund paid no more than 3x 2024 projected EBITDA for what we expect to be a fast-growing, and politically popular industry.

Portfolio Review – Top Contributors & Detractors

The chart below shows the largest contributors to and detractors from Fund investment performance during the fourth quarter.

Top Contributors	Top Detractors
Modern Times Group MTG AB (Sweden)	Emergent Capital Inc. (U.S.)
Nordic Entertainment Group (Sweden)	PharmaSGP Holding SE (Germany)
Atlantic Sapphire AS (Norway)	ICE Group ASA (Norway)

Modern Times Group MTG AB (Country: Sweden; Ticker: MTGB SS) is a \$1.2 billion market cap, Sweden-based holding company with Esports competition and gaming assets. As mentioned in the previous quarterly commentary, we surmised the management changes (Maria Redin as new CEO and Lars Torstensson as new CFO) that occurred last September may lead to an acceleration of strategic initiatives. In November, MTG announced that it concluded its strategic process. The company will focus on growing both the Esports and gaming verticals organically and through acquisitions. The negative overhang has now been removed as investors were concerned that management would prematurely sell gaming assets to focus solely on Esports (or vice versa) before maximizing total value creation for shareholders.

In early December, MTG announced the acquisition of Hutch Games, a U.K.-based leading developer of free-to-play mobile racing games focused in the very attractive midcore gaming segment. Hutch holds a diversified game portfolio (F1 Manager, Top Drives and Rebel Racing), intellectual property licenses that will complement MTG’s current portfolio, and a strong pipeline of new titles planned for launch in 2021 and 2022. MTG is paying \$275 million with another \$100 million earnout based on reaching certain financial thresholds over the next few years. We view the implied purchase price multiple to be attractive at 11x 2021 EBITDA estimates and provides MTG with an immediate 20% EBITDA uplift for the gaming segment. The transaction will be funded by a rights issue which has already received strong support from MTG’s largest shareholders including Evermore.

Similar to the clean-up of the Esports segment by merging ESL and Dreamhack into a newly combined entity (ESL Gaming), MTG has restructured the gaming assets. Ahead of the Hutch acquisition, MTG first increased its ownership in Innogames from 51% to 68% by exercising its call option and then transferred 100% of Innogames and Kongregate into a new holding company called MTG Gaming. MTG will own approximately 72% of MTG Gaming, which will be the new platform for future acquisitions in gaming. We believe the Hutch acquisition underscores MTG's clear strategy to drive value creation through organic growth and strategic acquisitions under the new management.

Another large contributor during the quarter was **Atlantic Sapphire AS (Country: Norway; Ticker: ASA NO)** with its shares appreciating by approximately 9.1%. The big story for Atlantic Sapphire since late 2020 has been the company's maiden U.S. salmon harvest, which transformed the business from largely a pre-revenue concept to what is now a set of assets generating significant and growing cash flows.

During the quarter, investors could see firsthand the growing U.S. grocery channel footprint Atlantic Sapphire is building, along with the premium price points its fresh, safe, and eco-friendly salmon is commanding at retail. As harvests have become more continual in nature, fish from Atlantic Sapphire's Homestead, Florida *Bluehouse* facility can now be found in over 1,000 grocery stores across the country. And, at its recent market update, management disclosed that during the quarter, Sapphire achieved a whopping 145% price premium for its 3 plus kilogram fish over commodity pricing. While detailed cost information was not provided — it would not be very relevant given Atlantic Sapphire's processing line only went live after yearend — the company's price achievement to date and the biomass growth key performance indicators it shared with investors are both very supportive of viable farm economics.

Turning towards the future, the company should continue to work its operational costs down as the U.S. Bluehouse facility scales to full production. Further, Atlantic Sapphire's success with its first phase should allow the company to soon announce detailed plans for, and begin construction on, its next 10,000 tons of annual U.S. capacity.

Emergent Capital Inc. (Country: U.S.; Ticker: EMGCQ), a minority owner of a pool of life settlements, was the top detractor to Fund performance in the fourth quarter. The Fund's investment in Emergent common shares fell by approximately 25.7% in the period, while its larger investment in the company's Senior Notes generally held steady. The fourth quarter marked a turning point in the trajectory of this 3+ year investment. Specifically, on October 15, 2020, Emergent and a wholly owned subsidiary filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code to effect a restructuring of the Company.

Evermore has been supportive of such a filing, as bankruptcy protection affords Emergent the unique flexibility required to address its looming July 2021 debt maturity and strip additional costs from the business. Upon emergence from chapter 11, Emergent will be liquidated, and all its U.S. operations will cease to exist. Current investors in Emergent (across both equity and debt securities) will see their securities exchanged for similar securities in Lamington Road Designated Activity Company ("Lamington"), an Irish Section 110 company. Lamington is an existing subsidiary of Emergent and indirectly holds its 27.5% stake in a pool of

approximately 500 life settlements. It is the intention of Lamington to list its securities on a Viennese exchange operated by the Wiener Börse AG sometime during the first quarter of 2021.

Given the complexity of the bankruptcy case, mixed with some current investors' inability or trepidation to hold non-U.S. securities, we are not surprised that Emergent's shares have been under pressure. With that said, we remain optimistic that the actions taken are the most effective means to unlock the significant and latent value within this unique portfolio. We note that Emergent's Plan of Reorganization was confirmed on December 30, 2020, and the Plan is expected to become effective in early Q1 2021.

PharmaSGP Holding SE (**Country: Germany; Ticker: PSG GY**), a \$381 million market cap leading pure-play pharmaceutical and OTC healthcare products company based in Germany, was another detractor to Fund performance in the fourth quarter. During the initial flareup of COVID-19 and the first phase of lockdowns that followed during the first half of 2020, the company successfully expanded to new product extensions, entered into new indication areas and expanded into international markets. During the fourth quarter, PharmaSGP was not so fortunate and was unable to emerge unscathed during the second phase of lockdowns that impacted its core European markets. The company started to face headwinds in November with new product launches falling short of revenue expectations, logistics delays and slower restocking with its wholesalers. Management is reassessing its marketing spend for the next quarter and has put a moratorium on new product launches and expansion initiatives until the COVID-19 second wave has abated. We have had an in-depth discussion with management, and we believe the investment thesis continues to be intact as recent events are exogenous and truly one off in nature.

Closing Thoughts

After a difficult 2020 on many fronts, I am cautiously optimistic about what 2021 will bring. First and foremost, will be the roll-out of several FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccinations that will help us all get a little closer to "normal". With respect to the Fund, I continue to be confident that many of the portfolio construction changes we made in 2020 to address the impact of the pandemic will bear fruit in the New Year. As mentioned above, we believe the opportunity in European special situations, which make up over 70% of the Fund's net assets, is unprecedented given the confluence of macro and micro developments in the region. We continue to find compelling opportunities in the U.S. as well, as is exemplified by our recent investment in Eos Energy, which is discussed in detail above.

We wish you and your families a safe, healthy and prosperous 2021.

Please feel free to contact me or Adam Ermanis (aermanis@evermoreglobal.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Portfolio Manager

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