# Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary 31 December 2023



This note highlights the results of the Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund investment portfolio for the December quarter of 2023 and calendar 2023. It is published amidst the ongoing developments with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, declining inflation rates, Mideast tensions, and upcoming elections in many countries.

The net asset value of the I shares increased by \$2.98 per share (\$27.81 to \$30.79) during the December quarter. For calendar 2023 the net asset value of the I shares increased \$4.61 (\$26.18 to \$30.79). For the December quarter, your fund's I share return of +10.72% underperformed the +11.03% return of the MSCI ACWI NTR Index. For calendar 2023 your fund's I share return of +17.61% trailed the 22.20% return of the MSCI ACWI NTR Index. Performance comparisons of Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund to its benchmark over various periods are shown elsewhere on this site.

We are now in the 12th year of managing Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund. From its inception on 30 March 2012 through 31 December 2023, Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund has outpaced the MSCI ACWI NTR Index by an average margin of more than 1.1% per year, resulting in a total cumulative return since inception of 208% (I shares) versus 173% for the MSCI ACWI NTR Index.

As of 31 December 2023 the weighted average price/earnings ratio for the equity investments of Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund was 18.5x. This compares to a weighted average multiple of 18.4x for the MSCI ACWI NTR Index on the same date. We believe that our strategy of owning a focused portfolio of firms with above average revenue growth that are value priced with respect to revenue/earnings/cash flow visà-vis the overall market has been a key ingredient to long term outperformance by Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund.

We are monitoring the abilities of your portfolio companies to manage cost inflation and maintain profit margins consistent with our expectations.

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## Average Annual Returns (%, as of 31 Dec 2023)

Net of Fees	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	ITD
Class A ACC Shares (Incep: 30 Mar 2012)	10.49	16.58	16.58	5.41	12.72	7.26	9.05
Class I ACC Shares (Incep: 30 Mar 2012)	10.72	17.61	17.61	6.35	13.73	8.22	10.04
MSCI ACWI NTR Index	11.03	22.20	22.20	5.75	11.72	7.93	8.93

## **Annual Return Performance Summary (%)**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class A ACC Shares	18.84	-1.47	4.41	17.79	-23.13	27.53	21.84	13.11	-11.18	16.58
Class I ACC Shares	19.97	-0.60	5.34	18.80	-22.40	28.68	22.96	14.10	-10.37	17.61
MSCI ACWI NTR Index	4.17	-2.37	7.86	23.97	-9.42	26.60	16.25	18.54	-18.36	22.20

ITD = Inception to Date

In US\$ terms. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Share classes are accumulating and denominated in USD. See prospectus for additional share class listings.

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Listed in **Table 1** in descending order are the 20 largest equity holdings in the fund as of 31 December 2023, along with their calendar 2023 and 2022 returns. Returns are shown in \$US, assuming reinvestment of dividends in shares of the firm. We also show the trailing 5-year average annual revenue growth rates for these businesses through the latest reported period along with the latest reported trailing 12-month revenue per share growth of each company. For rough comparison:

- The trailing 5 year weighted average revenue growth rate of firms included in the MSCI ACWI NTR Index was +2.5%/ year through 30 September 2023. The average revenue growth rate of firms included in the MSCI ACWI NTR Index was -0.4% for the trailing 12-month period ending 30 September 2023.
- The trailing 5 year weighted average annual revenue per share growth rate of the equity holdings in the Thornburg Global Opportunities portfolio was +9.5%/year through the most recent reported period, which ended 30 September 2023, for a majority of the firms listed. The weighted average 1 year revenue per share growth rate of these firms through the most recently reported 12-month period was +9.7%. The most recently reported 12-month period ended 30 September 2023, for a majority of these firms.

Together, these firms comprised approximately 69% of the fund's total assets as of 31 December 2023. Nearcash debt investments comprised 2% of fund assets, and 18 other equities comprised a total of approximately 30% of fund assets. Individual position sizes of the fund's top 20 positions range from approximately 6% (Meta Platforms) to approximately 2% for those shown near the bottom of this list.

These are not trivial businesses. Weighted average revenue growth for the Thornburg Global Opportunities portfolio exceeded global GDP growth for the most recently reported trailing 1 year and 5-year periods. Importantly, the average revenue growth rates of these businesses compare favorably to the revenue growth of the MSCI ACWI NTR Index over the trailing 1 and 5-year periods. Most of these emerged from the economic valley of the Covid period

## Table 1 | Global Opportunities Fund—Top 20 Equity Holdings

(As of 31 Dec 2024. Together, these firms comprise approximately 69% of the fund's total assets, near-cash debt comprises 2% of fund assets, and 18 other equities comprise a total of approximately 30% of fund assets.)

Name of Company	2023 Returns	2022 Year Returns	Revenue Growth Rate - Trailing 5yr*	Fiscal 2022 Growth		
Meta Platforms (Facebook)	194.1%	-64.2%	12.8%	22.3%		
Global social networking, communic	ations, internet-b	pased content, a	nd advertising			
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	41.4%	-32.2%	0.9%	-15.2%		
Manufactures consumer & industrial	electronic produ	cts; leading sem	niconductor prod	ucer		
Alphabet Inc "A" (Google)	58.3%	-39.1%	8.8%	20.1%		
Internet-based search & advertising,	content, softwar	re applications, a	and data centers			
Total Energies SE	14.0%	33.0%	-5.5%	6.2%		
Global oil & gas producer and distrib	utor and low car	bon electricity s	upplier			
<b>Charles Schwab Corporation</b>	-16.0%	0.1%	26.4%	12.5%		
U.S. centric wealth management plat	tform, securities	brokerage, and	bank			
Bank of Ireland	-2.4%	69.5%	26.3%	8.0%		
Diversified financial services provide	r serving Ireland	and U.K custom	ners			
Booking Holdings Inc.	76.0%	-16.0%	41.1%	13.8%		
Online travel agency with multiple bra	ands					
SAP SE	52.0%	-26.9%	6.6%	5.8%		
Germany-based global software dev	eloper for busine	ess applications				
Reliance Industries	11.1%	-2.8%	3.4%	9.5%		
India-based conglomerate: chemical	s, refining, #1 mo	obile telco and #	1 retailer in India			
The TJX Companies	19.7%	13.5%	8.4%	7.9%		
Leading off-price apparel & home fashion retailer with > 4,000 stores worldwide, TJ Maxx						
Barratt Developments PLC	61.2%	-47.7%	3.4%	2.6%		
UK-based property builder and developer						
NN Group	5.3%	-20.2%	73.7%	-1.0%		
Netherlands based life and casualty insurer						
Freeport-McMoran Inc.	13.7%	-7.3%	-0.8%	2.8%		
Global mining company with significant reserves of important ores						

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<sup>\* 2022,</sup> or latest fiscal year, if completed and reported during calendar 2023

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with their competitive positions intact or improved and ready to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The reader will notice a high incidence of investments in firms tied to the digital economy, in producers of critical resources, and in financial intermediaries that we believe should benefit from interest rates more determined by free market forces. For now, there appears to be subdued investor confidence in the outlook for financial and commodity sector businesses. This is evidenced by the lackluster relative or even negative share price performances of some investments from these sectors in your fund's portfolio during 2023.

Twenty one equities made positive contributions to Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund portfolio performance of at least 0.25% during calendar 2023. Leading contributors to portfolio perfor-

Table 1 (continued)

Name of Company	2023 Returns	2022 Year Returns	Revenue Growth Rate - Trailing 5yr*	Fiscal 2022 Growth			
Capital One Financial	44.3%	-34.6%	14.2%	10.2%			
U.S. based consumer bank	U.S. based consumer bank						
OCI NV	-4.3%	55.5%	-38.4%	15.1%			
Producer & distributor of natural gas-based fertilizers and industrial chemicals							
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	35.6%	-34.3%	4.1%	16.2%			
Taiwan-based designer & manufactu	rer of semicondu	uctors					
Galaxy Entertainment	-15.0%	28.5%	32.5%	-16.5%			
Operates casinos, hotels, and other entertainment facilities in Macau. Hit by Covid-19.							
Citigroup	18.9%	-22.1%	7.4%	7.2%			
Multi-national banking & financial services firm							
L3Harris Technologies, Inc.	3.7%	-0.5%	14.3%	14.3%			
Aerospace and defense technology innovator							
Vestas Wind Systems	9.3%	-4.2%	8.0%	8.6%			
Manufactures, installs, and maintains wind turbines for electricity generation							

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mance for 2023 included U.S. technology giants Meta Platforms and Alphabet; semiconductor producers Samsung Electronics and Taiwan Semiconductor; business software developer SAP, online travel agency Booking Holdings; financials BNP Paribas, Capital One, and Citigroup; retailers TJX Companies (TJ Maxx) and Tesco; miner Freeport-McMoran; multi-national telecom services provider Deutsche Telekom; and energy producers TotalEnergies and Shell.

Table 2 | Global Opportunities Fund Sector Weights (as of 31 Dec 2023)

Sector	31-Dec-2023	30-Sep-2023	31-Dec-2022	Year/Year % Change
Financials	22%	21%	24%	-2%
Communications Services	17%	16%	11%	6%
Consumer Discretionary	14%	15%	14%	0%
Energy (Diversified)	12%	13%	14%	-2%
Information Technology	12%	11%	8%	4%
Materials	9%	9%	13%	-4%
Industrials	8%	8%	7%	1%
Health Care	3%	4%	5%	-2%
Consumer Staples	3%	3%	2%	1%

May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Eight equities subtracted more than -0.25% from Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund portfolio performance during calendar 2023. The most significant detractors were pharmaceutical firm Pfizer; miner First Quantum Minerals, casino operator Galaxy Entertainment, Chinese digital commerce firm Tencent Holdings; fertilizer producer OCI NV; and Philippine broadband service provider Converge ICT Solutions. We made various position size adjustments over the course of 2023 for portfolio diversification purposes and to better balance the downside risk vs upside capital appreciation potential of individual positions.

Table 2 summarizes major sector weightings within the Global Opportunities Fund equity portfolio as of 31 December 2023 and one year earlier. The reduction in your portfolio's holdings of materials sector investments was primarily due to the sale of shares of CF Industries, which achieved our price target, and lackluster relative performance from our investments in OCI and Mineral Resources. The increase in portfolio holdings in the communications services sector mostly reflects the strong share price increases by Meta Platforms and Alphabet along with the Q4'23 addition of Spain's Zegona Communications. The increased portfolio weighting of information

## Top Ten Holdings (as of 30 Nov 2023)

Holding	Weight (%)
Meta Platforms, Inc.	5.7%
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	5.5%
TotalEnergies SE	5.0%
Alphabet, Inc.	5.0%
Bank of Ireland Group plc	4.3%
SAP SE	3.8%
The Charles Schwab Corp.	3.7%
Booking Holdings, Inc.	3.5%
Reliance Industries Ltd.	3.4%
The TJX Cos, Inc.	3.1%

technology businesses primarily reflects the strong share price performances of Samsung Electronics and Taiwan Semiconductor.

The value of the \$US vis-à-vis most developed market foreign currencies fluctuated within a relatively narrow range in 2023, finishing slightly lower from January 1 to December 31. As in prior years, we hedged a significant percentage of the foreign currency exposure of the underlying businesses of your portfolio's non-\$US investments.

Incoming economic data from around the world indicate a resilient global economy. Inflation has dropped sharply in recent months, though it remains above prior decade levels in most developed countries. Labor market conditions remain tight, contributing to ongoing inflation in services. Political developments in the U.S. and many other countries holding elections will impact financial asset prices in 2024. We are paying attention to the abilities of your portfolio companies to manage cost inflation and maintain profit margins consistent with our expectations.

# Our Investment Framework

Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund seeks capital appreciation from a focused portfolio of global equity investments. We believe the structure of the fund—built on our core investment principles of flexibility, focus, and value—provides a durable framework for value-added investing.

We urge shareholders of the fund to maintain a long-term investment perspective rather than placing too much emphasis on return figures that are available daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly. A clear example of the need to keep a longer-term investment perspective is illustrated by comparing the trailing 45-month return of Thornburg Global Opportunities Fund as of 31 December 2023 [+97.4%] with the return from the single Covid onset quarter ending 31 March 2020 [-25.1%] that preceded this 45-month period. Most businesses in your portfolio have managed well through varying economic environments across business cycles, a few have potential to be much better businesses after being "fixed up." We continue to follow our core investment principles of flexibility, focus, and value, as we have since the fund's inception back in 2006.

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