

Hartford International Growth Fund

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Morningstar® Category Foreign Large Growth **Inception Date** 4/30/01

Market Overview

Global equities advanced in the fourth quarter, closing 2025 on a positive note despite intermittent volatility. Markets were driven higher by robust AI-infrastructure spending, strong corporate earnings, and a liquidity boost from the US Federal Reserve (Fed). Amid a relatively positive economic backdrop, the European Central Bank left rates unchanged, while easing UK inflation led the Bank of England to lower rates in December. In Japan, Sanae Takaichi was elected prime minister as the Liberal Democratic Party formed a minority coalition with the Japan Innovation Party. The Bank of Japan raised its policy rate by 25 basis points* to 0.75%, signaling further hikes in 2026.

The MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index returned 2.56% for the quarter. Within the index, eight out of 11 sectors rose for the period. Information technology and utilities were the top performing sectors, while communication services and consumer discretionary were the bottom performing sectors for the quarter.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford International Growth Fund (I share) underperformed the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Net Index during the quarter.
- Strong selection within information technology, healthcare, and industrials was partially offset by selection in consumer discretionary and financials.
- Sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock selection process, detracted from results. An overweight allocation to communication services and not having exposure to materials detracted most, partially offset by our overweight to information technology.
- Our top two relative contributors were overweight positions in SK hynix (information technology) and Taiwan Semiconductor (information technology).
- Top relative detractors were an out-of-benchmark position in Flutter Entertainment (consumer discretionary) and overweight position in Rheinmetall (industrials).

Positioning & Outlook

- Fourth-quarter performance was shaped by a mix of supportive fundamentals and rising caution. Strength came from better-than-expected earnings, robust hyperscaler capital expenditure, Fed easing, and improving mergers and acquisitions activity. These positives were tempered by hawkish policy signals, softening labor and housing data, muted market response to earnings beats, and stretched sentiment.
- We continue to focus on companies across sectors and regions with robust fundamentals to support accelerating growth. Our conviction in the long-term opportunities for AI remains high, and we believe our stocks are well-positioned for idiosyncratic and secular growth.
- At the end of the period, our largest overweights were to information technology and communication services. We were most underweight to materials and consumer staples.

Portfolio manager from Wellington Management and years of experience

Matthew D. Hudson, CFA, 35 years

Top Ten Holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	8.94
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	4.21
ASML Holding NV	3.75
Schneider Electric SE	3.33
SK Hynix, Inc.	3.10
AstraZeneca PLC	3.09
SAP SE	2.64
Hitachi Ltd.	2.49
Advantest Corp.	2.33
Galderma Group AG	2.26
Percentage Of Portfolio	36.14

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

***Basis point** is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1% and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument. The basis point is commonly used for calculating changes in interest rates, equity indexes and the yield of a fixed-income security

Average Annual Total Returns (%)

Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Expenses ¹	
								Gross	Net
A	2.49	26.68	26.68	17.40	3.81	7.49	5.13	1.33%	1.30%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	19.71	15.21	2.64	6.88	4.88	—	—
F	2.63	27.26	27.26	17.94	4.27	7.95	5.44	0.89%	0.85%
I	2.55	27.12	27.12	17.78	4.12	7.83	5.40	1.00%	0.98%
R3	2.43	26.43	26.43	17.09	3.52	7.20	5.03	1.61%	1.57%
R4	2.48	26.78	26.78	17.45	3.83	7.52	5.29	1.31%	1.27%
R5	2.54	27.09	27.09	17.79	4.15	7.85	5.54	1.01%	1.00%
R6	2.58	27.29	27.29	17.92	4.26	7.96	5.62	0.89%	0.85%
Y	2.58	27.18	27.18	17.81	4.16	7.88	5.59	0.99%	0.95%
Benchmark	2.56	25.65	25.65	14.61	4.01	7.92	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	0.74	20.29	20.29	13.71	3.44	7.54	—	—	—

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Share Class Inception: A, Y - 4/30/01; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06; R6 - 2/28/18. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 4/30/01. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index is a free-float adjusted market-cap weighted index designed to capture large- and mid-cap securities that exhibit overall growth style characteristics across developed and emerging market countries, excluding the US MSCI index performance is shown net of dividend withholding tax. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

¹Expenses are from the Fund's most recent prospectus at the time of publication. Gross expenses do not reflect contractual expense reimbursement arrangements. Net expenses reflect such arrangements in instances when they reduce gross expenses. These arrangements remain in effect until 2/28/26 unless the Fund's Board of Directors approves an earlier termination. Without these arrangements, performance would have been lower.

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