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A sub-fund of Standard Chartered Funds VCC

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Fund overview						
Investment manager	Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited					
Sub-investment manager	GQG Partners LLC					
Benchmark ¹	MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index (USD)					
Total fund size	401.8 M (USD)					
Fund inception date ²	28 June 2024					
Base currency	USD					
Available currencies	USD, HKD, SGD					
Subscription / Redemption	Every business day					

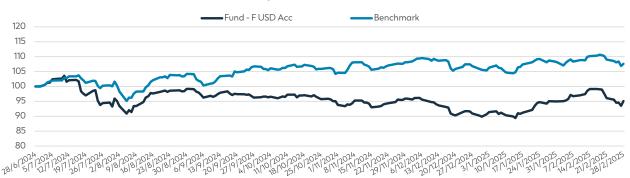
Investment objective and strategy

Standard Chartered Funds VCC – Signature Select Global Equity Core seeks to outperform the benchmark¹ over a full market cycle with relatively lower volatility by investing in high-quality companies with sustainable businesses at reasonable prices.

Signature Select Global Equity Core is an actively managed, concentrated global equity strategy representing GQG Partners' most compelling ideas.

Fund performance

Cumulative performance (Re-based to 100)³



	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Inception ⁴
A USD Acc	0.1%	-1.0%	-4.3%	5.8%	-	-	-	-5.4%
A HKD Acc	-0.1%	-1.0%	-4.5%	5.9%	-	-	-	-6.8%
A SGD Acc	-0.4%	-0.4%	-1.0%	4.6%	-	-	-	-6.1%
F USD Acc	0.1%	-0.9%	-4.1%	5.8%	-	-	-	-4.9%
F HKD Acc	-0.1%	-1.0%	-4.4%	5.9%	-	-	-	-5.4%
F SGD Acc	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.8%	4.7%	-	-	-	-5.3%
I USD Acc	0.2%	-0.8%	-4.0%	5.9%	-	-	-	-4.8%
I HKD Acc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I SGD Acc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benchmark ¹	-0.6%	0.3%	4.1%	2.7%	-	-	-	8.4%

Source: Standard Chartered. Performance and returns are annualised for periods longer than one year. Performance are presented on net of fees basis (full details of fees payable are available within the offering document), rounded to one decimal points in respective currencies with dividends re-invested.

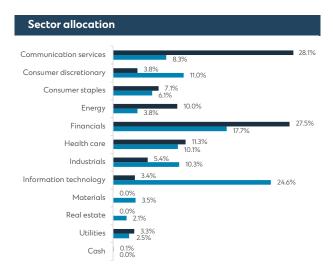
¹Benchmark is MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index (USD). MSCI ACWI refers to MSCI All Country World Index. Benchmark is for comparative purpose only. ²Fund Inception Date refers to Share Class F. ³Performance is re-based to 100 (normal value) on the fund's inception date. ⁴Please refer to "Share Class Information" for the inception dates of the other respective share classes.

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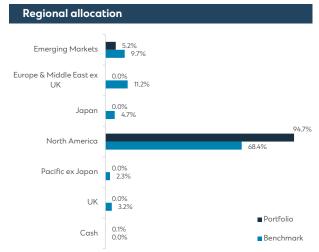
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Signature Select Global Equity Core



Top 10 holdings	%
Meta Platforms Inc	9.2
Eli Lilly & Co	7.8
Philip Morris International Inc	7.1
AT&T Inc	6.6
JPMorgan Chase & Co	5.9
General Electric Co	5.4
Visa Inc	5.4
Netflix Inc.	5.3
Petroleo Brasileiro S.A-ADR	5.2
Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The	5.2



Portfolio statistics							
	Portfolio	Benchmark					
Number of holdings ³	20	2,645					
Average weighted market cap (US \$bn)	575.3	683.4					
Price / Earnings (US \$)	22.3	21.8					
Price / Book (US \$)	4.2	3.3					
Active share (%)	89.3	-					

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Share class	Minimum investment amount (US \$'000) ²	Incept date	NAV (US\$)	Annual management	Upfront	Switching	Annual operating and admin	Redemption	ISIN	Bloomberg ticker
A USD Acc	Initial: 50 Subsequent: 1	01 Jul 2024	85,649,024	1.55%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ93053460	SCGECAU SP
A HKD Acc	Initial: 50 Subsequent: 1	04 Jul 2024	2,447,054	1.55%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ62226550	SCGECAH SP
A SGD Acc	Initial: 50 Subsequent: 1	01 Jul 2024	11,743,643	1.55%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ93802262	SCGECAS SP
F USD Acc ¹	Initial: 50 Subsequent: -	28 Jun 2024	217,788,584	1.15%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ13072848	SCGECFU SP
F HKD Acc ¹	Initial: 50 Subsequent: -	28 Jun 2024	21,352,782	1.15%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ64563414	SCGECFH SP
F SGD Acc ¹	Initial: 50 Subsequent: -	28 Jun 2024	19,901,623	1.15%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ32458390	SCGECFS SP
I USD Acc	Initial: 5,000 Subsequent: 1	28 Jun 2024	24,551,089	1.05%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ62011614	SCGECIU SP
I HKD Acc	Initial: 5,000 Subsequent: 1	Tbc	-	1.05%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ21747753	SCGECIH SP
I SGD Acc	Initial: 5,000 Subsequent: 1	Tbc	-	1.05%	5%	1%	~0.2% Max 0.5%	None	SGXZ43222959	SCGECIS SP

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Commentary

The commentary below is provided by the Sub-Investment Manager.

Market Review

In February, the MSCI ACWI fell 0.60% despite increases in seven of the 11 sectors. The largest drivers of the benchmark's loss were Consumer Discretionary (-4.9%, detracting 55 bps from the performance of the ACWI index), Information Technology (-2.0%, -50 bps), and Communication Services (-3.6%, -31 bps). From a country perspective, 12 of the 20 largest ACWI index constituents were positive during the period but losses in the US (MSCI US -1.6%, detracting 102 bps to the performance of the ACWI index) and India (-8.0%, -14 bps) drove the ACWI return into negative territory. China was the largest positive contributor to the ACWI in February (+12.5%, +30 bps).

Stylistically, MSCI ACWI Value (\pm 1.53%) outperformed MSCI ACWI Growth (\pm 2.57%). Regarding the other primary equity benchmarks for January, the MSCI ACWI Ex USA, MSCI Emerging Markets, and S&P 500 posted mixed returns of \pm 1.39%, \pm 0.48%, and \pm 1.30%, respectively.

The divergent paths of the equity markets in China and India merit further discussion. The MSCI China Index has rallied in the wake of creative software engineering driving new artificial intelligence models that appear to be competitive with global leaders but use significantly less computing power. In addition, there was a public meeting between President Xi and various private sector entrepreneurs as trade tension increases with the US. Xi endorsed the private sector as "crucial for economic revival" while pledging more supportive policy and positive interaction.

We believe the fundamental drivers of the India economy remain intact. For the quarter ending in December 2024, EPS for the MSCI India Index increased 13% versus expectations of an 11% gain prior to earnings season. The country is still in the early innings, in our opinion, of upgrading its infrastructure to service the world's largest population and compete for new manufacturing operations as multi-national companies seek to diversify their supply chains. However, MSCI India's forward P/E has contracted almost 20% since September 2024 as foreign institutional investors have rotated to countries like China with less expensive valuations but also lower expected earnings growth.

In the US, S&P 500 companies demonstrated healthy fundamentals in February as the reporting of 4Q24 earnings concluded with EPS increasing 12%, exceeding the consensus expectation of an 8% gain. Yet investor sentiment appeared to wane during the month, reflecting concern about the impact of new tariffs on economic growth. Uncertainty on the size and timing of certain tariffs complicated the analysis as various levies were announced during the month only to be modified or delayed shortly thereafter.

The US 10-year Treasury yield entered February at 4.54% and peaked mid-month at 4.63% before ending the period at 4.22% as investors appeared to seek safety in government bonds. Investment grade credit spreads in the US widened 6 bps in February to 88 bps, while high yield spreads increased by 19 bps to 287 bps. The US dollar index (DXY) declined 0.7% for the month on the concern of a slowdown in economic growth and the Federal Reserve reverting to a less restrictive monetary policy.

The Bloomberg Commodity Index increased 0.5% in February as gains in natural gas (+28.0%) and copper (+6.3%) were only partially offset by lower crude oil prices (WTI and Brent were both down 3.8%). We believe the spike in natural gas reflected LNG exports to Europe due to low temperatures and a lack of wind that lowered renewable energy production. Oil fell on concern that higher tariffs may threaten global growth and negatively impact demand. In addition, the Trump administration floated the possibility that sanctions on Russian oil may be lifted, which could increase supply.

Sources: Bloomberg, CME Group, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, S&P Global and WSJ.com

Portfolio Performance

From a sector perspective, during the period the portfolio was helped on a relative basis by stock selection in Communication Services, Consumer Staples and Health Care. Relative performance was negatively impacted by stock selection in Financials, an overweight to Communication Services, and stock selection in Energy.

From a country perspective, the portfolio was helped on a relative basis by stock selection in the United States and an underweight to India and Taiwan. Relative performance was negatively impacted by an underweight to China and an overweight to Brazil and the United States.

Top contributor was Philip Morris International, Inc. The company delivered a solid 4Q24 financial report with a 3% beat on both revenue and EPS versus the consensus estimates, driven in part by growth in its Zyn nicotine pouches business. Management also increased its EPS guidance for 1Q25 to 7% above the prevailing sell-side forecast.

Top detractor was Alphabet Inc. The shares declined in the wake of the company's 4Q24 earnings release. While revenue and EPS were in-line with the consensus forecasts, investors appeared to be disappointed by the 30% sales growth in Alphabet's cloud business, which missed expectations by 2% and decelerated from 35% growth in 3Q24. Sentiment also waned after the company increased its guidance for cap ex spending in 2025 by 30%.

Portfolio Positioning

The Communication Services, Financials and Energy sectors are the largest overweights in the portfolio while the Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary, and Industrials sectors are the largest underweights. During the month, our exposure increased within the Financials, Communication Services and Consumer Staples sectors while our exposure decreased to the Health Care, Information Technology and Utilities sectors.

On a country basis, the United States, Brazil, and Canada are the largest overweights while Japan, United Kingdom, and China are the largest underweights. During the month, our exposure increased to the United States while our exposure decreased to Denmark, Canada and Brazil.





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