

# KOPERNIK GLOBAL ALL-CAP FUND

Dear Kopernik Investor,

Fourth Quarter 2024

Below, please find the mutual fund performance of the Kopernik Global All-Cap Fund (“GAC” or “Fund”) as of December 31, 2024.

Class	Q4 2024	YTD	1 Year	3 Year <sup>1</sup>	5 Year <sup>1</sup>	10 Year <sup>1</sup>	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Class I	-7.59%	-0.30%	-0.30%	0.95%	10.53%	8.91%	5.75%
Class A (NAV)	-7.64%	-0.47%	-0.47%	0.71%	10.27%	8.65%	5.50%
Class A (max sales charge)	-12.95%	-6.23%	-6.23%	-1.27%	8.97%	8.01%	4.94%
MSCI ACWI (Net)	-0.99%	17.49%	17.49%	5.44%	10.06%	9.23%	8.96%

<sup>1</sup>Annualized

Class A and Class I inception date: 11/1/13.

MSCI ACWI Since Inception period in the table above begins on inception date 11/1/13.

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Maximum sales charge for the Class A shares is 5.75%.

Expense Ratios: 1.26% (Class A), 1.01% (Class I).

## WHY KOPERNIK?

Philosophically, we view ourselves as owners of businesses. Our job is to appraise these businesses and take advantage at times when an inefficient, emotional marketplace offers securities at a price that is significantly different from our appraisal. Like our namesake, Kopernik (better known by his Latin name – Copernicus), we trust the results of our own analysis even when (especially when) it generates vastly different conclusions from those of the crowd and/or those taught by many academics. Similarly, we commonly question the data issued by governments, central bankers, and companies themselves. We understand that bargains appear often because people focus on fear or panic, and other forms of risk that are not relevant to the investment portfolio. High tracking error, bad headlines or unpopular stocks/countries/regions/industries can present a degree of risk to a manager's career, while often lowering the potential of permanent loss of capital (due to lower initiation prices and higher potential upside) to the portfolio. Similarly, Kopernik believes volatility and other measures of past price movements are not relevant to long-term investors' assessment of risk. It can be indicative of potential risk to short-term speculators or to highly levered players but can often present opportunity for true long-term investors.



## QUARTER REVIEW

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the NAV of Class I Shares of the Kopernik Global All-Cap Fund (the “Fund”) decreased 7.59%, compared to a 0.99% decrease for the MSCI All Country World Index<sup>1</sup> (the “Index”). The fourth quarter capped an extremely manic year where value underperformed growth, small capitalizations underperformed large, and the breadth continued to narrow (the Magnificent 7 were up 6.0% in December while the S&P 500 was down, for example). Kopernik has a history of lagging extremely manic markets, and that extreme was especially pronounced in 2024. As money poured into already overvalued stocks in the U.S., it’s understandable that many investors would be concerned that value is, perhaps, obsolete. In our opinion, however, value investing can never be obsolete. Buying good companies for less than they are worth has historically portended strong returns over the long term, especially following periods of underperformance. While we are disappointed with the Fund’s returns, especially in December and the fourth quarter as a whole, the fundamentals of the portfolio remain strong.

The materials sector was the Fund’s largest detractor for the quarter, detracting 3.9% from total Fund returns. The gold price hit its all-time high in October before pulling back and finished the quarter roughly flat. Many of the Fund’s gold mining holdings contributed negatively. Newmont Corp (“Newmont”), the world’s largest gold producer and one of the Fund’s top positions, had a total return of -31.4%; Barrick Gold Corp (“Barrick”), another major gold producer, had a total return of -21.6%; Equinox Mining Corp (“Equinox”), a Canada-based miner with long-lived reserves, had a total return of -17.8%; and Aris Mining Corp (“Aris”), another Canada-based company that owns assets in Colombia, Guyana, and Canada, had a total return of -24.5%. Newmont detracted 0.8%, while Equinox detracted 0.4%. Barrick and Aris each detracted 0.3%. While we have seen all-time highs in the gold price, both Newmont and Barrick experienced higher than expected costs and lower than expected gold production based on company guidance. Most investors expected margin increase with the increase in gold prices. We trimmed Newmont early in the quarter before adding back on lower prices, and we added to Barrick, Equinox, and Aris.

The Fund’s two platinum producers, Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd (“Impala”) and Anglo American Platinum Ltd (“Anglo American”) had total returns of -17.2% and -16.3%, respectively. Each company detracted 0.5% from total Fund returns. These two companies are the largest PGM producers in the world, together accounting for 26% of global reserves and 47% of global production. As we have discussed elsewhere, current prices are unsustainable, in our opinion. They are below the cost needed to incentivize new production, which Kopernik estimates at \$2,000/oz. Some miners are already shutting down supply: Sibanye Stillwater Ltd, a new initiation during the fourth quarter, has cut production at its Stillwater mine in Montana by 45%, and Impala has deferred phase 2 of their Merula project and lowered their forecasted production from 2026 onwards. We believe the supply/demand dynamic for platinum is favorable. Also in materials, German potash producer K+S AG (“K+S”) had a total return of -15.4%, a 0.4% deduction. Potash is a key component in many fertilizers. We sold Anglo American for tax loss purposes, rolling those proceeds into Impala before unwinding the trade and adding to Anglo American late in the quarter. We also sold K+S for tax loss purposes.

The Fund’s positions in South Korean companies detracted 1.7% from total Fund returns during the quarter. Most of this negative return occurred during December as markets responded to the political turmoil there. The story of President Yoon’s declaration of martial law, subsequent impeachment, and then the impeachment of the acting president has been well-reported in international media. We continue to monitor the situation. LG Corp, a conglomerate with multiple business segments, had a total return of -19.1%, a 0.3% deduction from total Fund returns. LG Uplus Corp (“LG Uplus”), a member of the triopoly of South Korean telecom companies and one of the Fund’s largest positions had a total return of -6.4%, a 0.4% deduction. (The Fund also owns KT Corp, another member of the South Korean telecom triopoly; while the total return of the stock was -1.6% during the quarter, KT contributed 0.2% to total Fund returns due to timely trades. We sold LG Uplus for tax loss purposes, rolling those proceeds into KT Corp, before unwinding the trade.) In addition, Korea Electric Power Corp (“Kepeco”), the country’s dominant electric utility, had a total return of -13.2%, while Lotte Chemical Corp (“Lotte Chem”), a dominant South Korean petrochemicals company, had a total return of -47.6%.



Kepco and Lotte Chem each detracted 0.2% from total Fund returns. We reversed tax loss trades in both Kepco and Lotte Chem during the quarter and added to Kepco in December.

As we have seen numerous times around the globe, political uncertainty frequently (although not always) lends itself to market volatility. While many investors see volatility as risk, we believe that risk is the prospect of a permanent loss of capital or purchasing power. Indeed, the volatility wrought by political instability has frequently provided buying opportunities, which likely could be the case now, as the KOSPI was down 21% in USD terms in 2024 (while the NASDAQ was up 29%!). This was entirely due to multiples contracting as earnings increased, as did GDP. See our [whitepaper](#) on South Korea for more of our thoughts. While the portfolio's Korean holdings were a drag on performance for the year, they did much better than the KOSPI's aforementioned -21%, with a total return of -6.0% (a 0.7% deduction from total Fund returns). We attribute this to the benefits of our approach of utilizing aforementioned volatility, in addition to our fundamentals-based stock selection.

The Fund's put option on the S&P 500 Index<sup>2</sup> detracted 0.6% from total Fund returns during the quarter. The S&P 500 Index was up over 25% in 2024, building on 2023's 26% increase. As we have previously discussed, the put option was re-initiated in January 2023 and rolled as risk/reward remained compelling. The Fund currently has options with expiry dates through the end of February.

Other detractors were spread across multiple sectors and geographies. France-based Carrefour SA ("Carrefour") and Euroapi SA ("EuroAPI") each detracted 0.2%. Carrefour, a French grocery store with international operations, had a total return of -16.8%, while EuroAPI, which manufactures active pharmaceutical ingredients, had a total return of -29.5%. EuroAPI is restructuring, and it replaced its CEO for the fourth time in 18 months (the company had three CFOs in 2024 alone). While the company does have troubles, we believe that their assets give them time to execute their plan to turn things around, and the stock appears to have much more than adequately priced in the challenges. We added to Carrefour on weakness.

In Brazil, Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras SA ("Eletrobras"), the country's dominant electric utility and a major source of hydroelectric power, had a total return of -21.6%, a 0.2% deduction. In Asia, Golden Agri-Resources Ltd, a palm oil producer with plantations in Indonesia, had a total return of -11.1%; Kasikornbank PCL, one of the largest publicly held banks in Thailand, had a total return of -38.8%, each detracting 0.3% from total Fund returns. We added to Eletrobras.

The energy sector was the largest contributor on a sector basis, contributing 0.4% to total Fund returns. U.S.-based natural gas producers Range Resources Corp ("Range Resources") and Expand Energy Corp ("Expand Energy") had total returns of 17.2% and 22.3%, respectively. Range Resources contributed 0.3%, while Expand Energy contributed 0.5%. The Fund has owned Range Resources for many years; Expand Energy was a new position during the quarter as a result of the merger of Southwestern Energy Corp ("Southwestern"), historically a significant portfolio position, with Chesapeake Energy Corp. As we have discussed previously, while we saw more upside in Southwestern as a standalone entity, the combined company provides an opportunity to own large natural gas resources trading at a substantial discount to their risk-adjusted intrinsic value. We trimmed Expand Energy and added to Range on lower prices early in the quarter before trimming on strength.

Other positive contributors included two agriculture companies, Cresud SACIF y A ("Cresud"), an Argentinian agricultural producer that also owns desirable real estate properties, and MHP SE ("MHP"), a Ukrainian poultry producer. Cresud and MHP had total returns of 53.3% and 24.5%, respectively; each company contributed 0.2% to total Fund returns. In materials, Arcadium Lithium PLC, a low-cost lithium producer with assets in South America, Canada, and Australia, had a total return of 80.0% and was the Fund's largest contributor, contributing 0.7% to total Fund returns. The stock price soared after Rio Tinto announced early in October that they would acquire the company, and we trimmed the position on strength. Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd ("Northern Dynasty") had a total return of 67.8% and contributed 0.4% to total Fund returns. Northern Dynasty stock has responded to suggestions



by the Trump administration that they favor resource development in Alaska. Finally, Shanghai Electric Group Co Ltd (“Shanghai Electric”), one of the largest power and industrial equipment manufacturers in China, had a total return of 58.8%, a 0.2% contribution. We trimmed MHP to realize tax losses.

The strong performance of the Magnificent 7 has hidden the fact that many stocks are sharply off of their highs, providing excellent opportunities to invest. The Fund initiated multiple new positions during the quarter: Schroders PLC, a UK-based asset manager with a broad range of investment styles and a global client base; Ashmore Group PLC, another London-based asset manager specializing in Emerging Markets; Electric Power Development Co Ltd which generates, transmits, and distributes electric power in Japan; Media Nusantara, a leading television media company in Indonesia with a 40% audience share and a 45% ad revenue share; Pan Ocean Co., a Korean shipping company with a mixed fleet of 268 vessels; Korean Airlines Co Ltd, South Korea’s flagship airline; Siam Cement, a Thai conglomerate operating primarily in cement, chemicals, and paper/packaging; Amentum Holdings Inc, a U.S. government services and critical infrastructure contractor with large contracts with the U.S. Department of Defense and other government agencies; and Sibanye Stillwater Ltd, a large platinum group metals producer. The Fund also re-initiated a position in BrasilAgro – Co Brasileira de Propriedades Agricolas, which acquires and develops rural agricultural properties in Brazil. All of these companies trade at a significant discount on multiple metrics and to Kopernik’s estimates of their risk-adjusted intrinsic values.

The Fund eliminated positions in Shanghai Electric, Dundee Corp, Indofoods, Pan American Silver Corp, and Sinopharm Group Co Ltd as prices appreciated.

In closing, we continue to be focused on appraising businesses and mitigating risk through diversification across sectors and countries. Our investment process is centered on buying and holding companies trading at significant discounts to their risk-adjusted intrinsic value, and we view volatility as an opportunity to add and trim. You can count on us to employ our disciplined, fundamentals-based, long-term approach that has produced a proven track record throughout full market cycles. We are encouraged that valuations in the market have never been this bifurcated. We are grateful to our long-term investors who understand the art and science of value investing and adhering to its discipline. As always, thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

Kopernik Global Investors, LLC

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*The value of local Russian security holdings and Russian GDR/ADR holdings as of 12/31/2024 reflect fair value pricing. During the fourth quarter, Russian securities represented approximately 3.2% of the portfolio and overall detracted 0.6% from returns. We remain unable to trade any Russian securities due to decisions by both the U.S. and Russian governments. We continue to actively monitor events and any new developments or changing requirements.*

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<sup>1</sup>The MSCI All Country World Index is a broad-based securities market index that captures over 2,000 primarily large and mid-cap companies across 23 developed and 24 emerging market countries as of December 31, 2024.

<sup>2</sup>The S&P 500 Index is a broad-based securities market index that captures 500 large-cap companies in the United States as of December 31, 2024.



## Important Information

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The top ten holdings of the Kopernik Global All-Cap Fund as of December 31, 2024, are as follows: 1. LG Uplus Corp (4.1%), 2. Anglo American Platinum Ltd (3.3%), 3. KT Corp (3.2%), 4. CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd (3.0%), 5. NAC Kazatomprom JSC (2.9%), 6. Golden Agri-Resources (2.8%), 7. K+S AG (2.7%), 8. Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd (2.7%), 9. Range Resources Corp (2.3%), 10. Newmont Corp (2.3%).

Please consider all risks carefully before investing. An investment in a Kopernik Fund, or any other vehicle using the same strategy, is subject to many risks including sudden changes in general market valuations and market liquidity. Investments in small and mid-capitalization companies also tend to involve greater risk and portfolio price volatility than investments in larger capitalization stocks. Further, investing in non-U.S. markets, including emerging and frontier markets, involves certain additional risks, including potential currency fluctuations and capital controls, restrictions on foreign investments, less governmental supervision and regulation, less liquidity, less disclosure, and the potential for higher market volatility, share expropriation, confiscatory taxation, and social, economic and political instability. Further, investments in energy and other natural resources companies tend to be greatly impacted by developments in global commodities markets, which can be more volatile than equity markets.

The Fund may purchase or sell options, which involve the payment or receipt of a premium by the investor and the corresponding right or obligation, as the case may be, to either purchase or sell the underlying security for a specific price at a certain time or during a certain period. Purchasing options involves the risk that the underlying instrument will not change price in the manner expected, so that the investor loses its premium. Selling options involves potentially greater risk because the investor is exposed to the extent of the actual price movement in the underlying security rather than only the premium payment received (which could result in a potentially unlimited loss). Over-the-counter options also involve counterparty solvency risk. For instance, a long put position would ordinarily realize a gain if, during the option period, the value of the underlying securities decreased below the exercise price sufficiently to cover the premium and transaction costs. However, if the price of the underlying instrument does not fall enough to offset the cost of purchasing the option, a put buyer would lose the premium and related transaction costs.

### **Past performance herein should not be construed as an accurate indication of future returns.**

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