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# Lazard International Strategic Equity Portfolio

Morningstar Rating<sup>1</sup> ★★★★★

(Overall Rating out of 673 Funds in the Morningstar Foreign Large Blend Category)  
3-Year Rank: 3 Stars, out of 673 Funds, 5-Year Rank: 3 Stars, out of 579 Funds, 10-Year Rank: 5 Stars, out of 385 Funds

Morningstar Rating based on risk-adjusted returns as of June 30, 2021 for the Portfolio's Institutional Shares. Ratings and Performance for other share classes may vary.

The Lazard International Strategic Equity Portfolio actively invests across the market capitalization spectrum, unconstrained by a benchmark. The Portfolio seeks long-term capital appreciation over a full market cycle, through bottom-up security selection.

|                  | Institutional   | Open  | R6    |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Ticker           | LISIX           | LISOX | RLITX |
| Benchmark        | MSCI EAFE Index |       |       |
| Total Net Assets | \$6.5 Billion   |       |       |

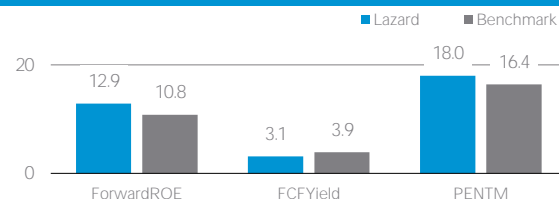
## Performance Review (%; net of fees. As of June 30, 2021)

|               | Annualized |      |       |      |       |      |                           |                          |                           |
|---------------|------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|               | 3 M        | YTD  | 1 Y   | 3 Y  | 5 Y   | 10 Y | Since Inception 11/1/2005 | Since Inception 2/6/2006 | Since Inception 1/19/2015 |
| Institutional | 4.57       | 7.49 | 34.42 | 8.94 | 9.79  | 7.29 | 7.02                      | -                        | -                         |
| Open          | 4.53       | 7.30 | 34.02 | 8.65 | 9.51  | 7.01 | -                         | 5.87                     | -                         |
| R6            | 4.62       | 7.48 | 34.37 | 8.95 | 9.80  | -    | -                         | -                        | 6.96                      |
| Benchmark     | 5.17       | 8.83 | 32.35 | 8.27 | 10.28 | 5.89 | 5.32                      | 4.53                     | 7.29                      |

## Calendar Year

|               | 2020  | 2019  | 2018   | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014  | 2013  | 2012  | 2011   |
|---------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Institutional | 10.58 | 21.55 | -10.35 | 27.85 | -5.17 | -1.70 | -1.48 | 25.02 | 25.00 | -9.70  |
| Benchmark     | 7.82  | 22.01 | -13.79 | 25.03 | 1.00  | -0.81 | -4.90 | 22.78 | 17.32 | -12.14 |

## Characteristics



|                                | Lazard        | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| No. of Holdings                | 70            | 845       |
| Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$B) | 57.0          | 81.4      |
| Beta (3 Yrs)                   | Institutional | 1.04      |
|                                | Open          | 1.04      |
| Sharpe Ratio (3 Yrs)           | Institutional | 18.48     |
|                                | Open          | 17.49     |
| Active Share (%)               | Institutional | 0.41      |
|                                | Open          | 0.40      |
| Turnover - 12 Months (%)       | 92.3          | N/A       |
|                                | 26.9          | N/A       |

Please see "Important Information" for definitions.

The performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. An investor may obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end online at [www.lazardassetmanagement.com](http://www.lazardassetmanagement.com). The investment return and principal value of the Portfolio will fluctuate; an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns of certain share classes reflect reimbursement of expenses as described in the prospectus. Had expenses not been reimbursed, returns would have been lower and the expense ratio would have been higher.

## Allocations

| Sector                 | Lazard (%) | Benchmark (%) | Region             | Lazard (%) | Benchmark (%) |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| Industrials            | 21.5       | 15.5          | Continental Europe | 50.0       | 50.1          |
| Financials             | 17.5       | 17.0          | Japan              | 13.6       | 23.2          |
| Consumer Discretionary | 15.1       | 13.0          | United Kingdom     | 12.5       | 14.4          |
| Consumer Staples       | 9.8        | 10.5          | Emerging Markets   | 8.8        | -             |
| Health Care            | 6.8        | 12.4          | North America      | 8.0        | -             |
| Communication Services | 6.8        | 4.9           | Asia ex-Japan      | 2.8        | 11.7          |
| Utilities              | 5.5        | 3.4           | Middle East        | 1.8        | 0.6           |
| Information Technology | 5.2        | 9.1           | Cash & Equivalents | 2.5        | -             |
| Materials              | 5.1        | 7.9           |                    |            |               |
| Real Estate            | 2.5        | 3.0           |                    |            |               |
| Energy                 | 1.7        | 3.2           |                    |            |               |
| Cash & Equivalents     | 2.5        | -             |                    |            |               |

As of 30 June 2021  
Source: Lazard, FactSet, MSCI

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## Top Ten Holdings

|                       | Lazard (%) | Sector                 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Volkswagen            | 3.3        | Consumer Discretionary |
| RELX                  | 3.3        | Industrials            |
| CAE                   | 2.9        | Industrials            |
| Rio Tinto             | 2.9        | Materials              |
| Sanofi                | 2.8        | Health Care            |
| Coca-Cola Europacific | 2.7        | Consumer Staples       |
| Aon                   | 2.7        | Financials             |
| ABB                   | 2.5        | Industrials            |
| Medtronic             | 2.4        | Health Care            |
| Makita                | 2.4        | Industrials            |

For a complete list of holdings, please visit [www.lazardassetmanagement.com](http://www.lazardassetmanagement.com)

## Expenses

| Minimum Initial Investment | Total Expense Ratio  | Net Expense Ratio*   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Institutional: \$10,000    | Institutional: 0.80% | Institutional: 0.80% |
| Open: \$2,500              | Open: 1.06%          | Open: 1.06%          |
| R6: \$1,000,000            | R6: 0.81%            | R6: 0.80%            |

## Notes

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## Portfolio Management Team

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 Portfolio Manager/Analyst  
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**Managing Director**  
 Portfolio Manager/Analyst  
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**John R. Reinsberg**  
**Deputy Chairman**  
 Head of International and Global Strategies  
 40 years of investment experience

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