

# Alger International Focus Fund

4th Quarter 2021 As of December 31, 2021

## Ticker Symbols

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|---------|--------------|
| Class A | <b>ALGAX</b> |
| Class I | <b>AIGIX</b> |
| Class Z | <b>ALCZX</b> |

## Investment Strategy

Primarily invests in a focused portfolio of approximately 50 holdings of non-U.S. growth equity securities that are identified through our fundamental research as demonstrating promising growth potential.

## Portfolio Managers



**Gregory Jones, CFA**  
Senior Vice President  
Portfolio Manager  
36 Years Investment Experience



**Pragna Shere, CFA**  
Senior Vice President  
Portfolio Manager  
31 Years Investment Experience

## Benchmark

MSCI ACWI ex USA

## Morningstar

**Category:** Foreign Large Growth

## Morningstar Style Box™

reveals a fund's investment strategy by showing its investment style and market capitalization based on the portfolio holdings. As of 10/31/2021



**Overall Rating:**  
(Class A, among 386 Foreign Large Growth funds, based on Risk adjusted Returns)



## Who We Are

Fred Alger Management, LLC is widely recognized as a pioneer of growth-style investment management. We have been an independent, privately owned firm since our founding in 1964. For more than 50 years, we have had **three leaders with one vision**: Maintaining the legacy and continuity of the Alger Investment Philosophy.

## Philosophy

### Experienced Global Investing Team

- The portfolio managers have been investing in global and international equities for an average of 30 years. Their approach emphasizes evaluating stocks from different and complementary perspectives through a collaborative dialogue.

### Focused Portfolio with High Active Share

- This focused portfolio typically invests in fewer than 50 stocks. It is a "best ideas," high conviction portfolio with high active share, generally above 90%.

### Opportunistic Growth Investors

- The portfolio managers are opportunistic investors who seek to find growth across the globe—both in international developed and emerging market countries—regardless of sector or market capitalization.

## Process

### NEW IDEAS

New ideas come from three sources and are then ranked based on quality and growth criteria for the EVQ Ranking: Earnings revisions (both positive and negative), Valuation, and Quality (Return on Equity).

### ANALYSIS

In-depth analysis is performed to develop a view that differs from consensus. Each company is evaluated for its competitive advantage, growth prospects, growth catalysts, management team, valuation, and risks.

### DIALOGUE

The portfolio managers have shared company research responsibilities. They regularly meet to review current holdings, evaluate the EVQ Ranking, and prioritize research.

### CONSTRUCTION

The portfolios are constructed through a bottom-up, fundamentally driven approach within a macro country/sector/industry framework. The portfolios are made up of our highest conviction, best ideas.

### MONITORING

Individual holdings and the collective portfolios are monitored to ensure the risk characteristics are consistent with our tolerance expectations.



**Average Annual Total Returns (%) (as of 12/31/21)**

|   | QTR             | YTD      | 1Year          | 3Years       | 5Years        | 10 Years | Since Inception   |
|---|-----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------|---|
| <b>Class A</b> (Incepted 12/31/96)  |                 |          |                |              |               |          |   |
| Without Sales Charge  | 3.09            | 8.82     | 8.82           | 25.76        | 14.79         | 9.55     | 6.74  |
| With Sales Charge   | -2.33           | 3.09     | 3.09           | 23.53        | 13.55         | 8.96     | 6.51  |
| <b>Class I</b> (Incepted 5/31/13)   | 3.08            | 8.79     | 8.79           | 25.97        | 14.98         | —        | 9.12  |
| <b>Class Z</b> (Incepted 12/29/10)  | 3.17            | 9.14     | 9.14           | 26.26        | 15.28         | 10.02    | 9.01  |
| <b>Morningstar Category Average</b> (Foreign Large Growth)                          | 2.01            | 7.69     | 7.69           | 20.03        | 14.11         | 10.16    | —   |
| <b>MSCI ACWI ex USA Index</b>   | 1.88            | 8.29     | 8.29           | 13.70        | 10.12         | 7.78     | (Since 12/31/1996) 5.96<br>(Since 05/31/2013) 6.52<br>(Since 12/29/2010) 5.71 |
| <b>Morningstar Percentile Rank</b> (Foreign Large Growth)<br>Based on Total Returns |                 |          |                |              |               |          |   |
| <b>Class A</b>  | —               | —        | 54%<br>221/450 | 9%<br>33/386 | 32%<br>99/332 | —        | —   |
| <b>Class I</b>  | —               | —        | 54%<br>222/450 | 8%<br>27/386 | 31%<br>93/332 | —        | —   |
| <b>Class Z</b>  | —               | —        | 51%<br>203/450 | 7%<br>25/386 | 29%<br>88/332 | —        | —   |
| <b>Total Annual Operating Expenses by Class</b><br>(Prospectus Dated 3/1/21)        | Without Waiver: | A: 1.34% | I: 1.34%       | Z: 1.02%     |               |          |   |
|   | With Waiver:    | —        | 1.25%          | 0.89%        |               |          |   |

Fred Alger Management, LLC has contractually agreed to waive fees or to reimburse Fund expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, dividend expense on short sales, borrowing costs, interest, taxes, brokerage and extraordinary expenses) through February 28, 2023 to the extent necessary to limit the annual operating expenses of Class I to 1.25% and Class Z to 0.89% of the class's average daily net assets. This expense reimbursement may only be amended or terminated prior to its expiration date by agreement between Fred Alger Management, LLC and the Fund's Board of Trustees, and will terminate automatically in the event of termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement. Fred Alger Management, LLC may, during the term of the contract, recoup any fees waived or expenses reimbursed pursuant to the contract to the extent that such recoupment would not cause the expense ratio to exceed the stated limitation in effect at the time of (i) the waiver or reimbursement and (ii) the recoupment by Fred Alger Management, LLC, after repayment of the recoupment is taken into account.

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

Prior to August 15, 2018, the Fund followed its current investment strategy, with the same portfolio managers, under the name "Alger International Growth Fund," and prior to March 28, 2018, the Fund followed the prior investment strategy and was managed by a different portfolio manager, and prior to May 31, 2013 the Fund followed a different strategy under the name "Alger Large Cap Growth Fund."

**The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is not an indication or a guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance figures assume all distributions are reinvested. Returns with sales charges reflect a maximum front-end sales charge on Class A Shares of 5.25%. For performance current to the most recent month end, visit [www.alger.com](http://www.alger.com) or call 800.992.3863.**

**Calendar Year Returns (%) (as of 12/31/21)**

|             | Fund (Class A) | Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category Average | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index |
|-------------|----------------|---|------------------------|
| <b>2021</b> | 8.82           | 7.69  | 8.29                   |
| <b>2020</b> | 43.05          | 25.48   | 11.13                  |
| <b>2019</b> | 27.78          | 27.83   | 22.13                  |
| <b>2018</b> | -20.92         | -14.08  | -13.77                 |
| <b>2017</b> | 26.70          | 30.87   | 27.77                  |

**Characteristics (as of 12/31/21)**

|   | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Equity Holdings</b>                    | 45                             | 2336                   |
| <b>Active Share (%)</b>                   | 95.23                          | —                      |
| <b>Market Cap (Median—\$Bn)</b>           | \$26.18                        | \$10.30                |
| <b>Market Cap (Wtd Average—\$Bn)</b>      | \$74.12                        | \$100.31               |
| <b>P/E Ratio</b>                          | 33.37                          | 13.89                  |
| <b>EPS Growth (1 Yr Forecasted) (%)</b>   | 18.66                          | 11.01                  |
| <b>EPS Growth (3-5 Yr Forecasted) (%)</b> | 20.26                          | 13.27                  |

**Portfolio Statistics (3 Years as of 12/31/21 for Class A)**

|                             | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Alpha</b>                | 11.07                          | —                      |
| <b>Beta</b>                 | 0.95                           | 1.00                   |
| <b>Standard Deviation</b>   | 17.77                          | 17.01                  |
| <b>Sharpe Ratio</b>         | 1.34                           | 0.79                   |
| <b>Information Ratio</b>    | 1.39                           | —                      |
| <b>Upside Capture (%)</b>   | 114.48                         | —                      |
| <b>Downside Capture (%)</b> | 65.85                          | —                      |

## Top 10 Holdings (%) (as of 12/31/21)

|  | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index | Active Weight |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| ASML Holding NV                        | 3.98                           | 1.22                   | 2.76          |
| Sika AG                                | 3.29                           | 0.22                   | 3.07          |
| Moncler SpA                            | 3.24                           | 0.06                   | 3.19          |
| CHUNBO CO.,LTD.                        | 3.16                           | 0.00                   | 3.16          |
| Eurofins Scientific Societe Europeenne | 2.88                           | 0.06                   | 2.82          |
| LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE    | 2.83                           | 0.84                   | 1.99          |
| Fanuc Corporation                      | 2.81                           | 0.15                   | 2.66          |
| Ferrari NV                             | 2.71                           | 0.00                   | 2.71          |
| Teleperformance SA                     | 2.64                           | 0.10                   | 2.55          |
| Schneider Electric SE                  | 2.55                           | 0.39                   | 2.16          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>30.10</b>                   | <b>3.04</b>            | <b>27.06</b>  |

## Geographic Allocation (%) (as of 12/31/21)

| Country        | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index | Active Weight |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Netherlands    | 11.25                          | 3.12                   | 8.14          |
| France         | 11.11                          | 7.45                   | 3.66          |
| China          | 8.66                           | 9.43                   | -0.77         |
| Japan          | 8.58                           | 14.32                  | -5.74         |
| Italy          | 8.01                           | 1.58                   | 6.43          |
| Switzerland    | 7.65                           | 6.66                   | 0.99          |
| Australia      | 5.61                           | 4.40                   | 1.21          |
| Germany        | 4.90                           | 5.64                   | -0.74         |
| Hong Kong      | 4.85                           | 1.69                   | 3.16          |
| Norway         | 4.36                           | 0.00                   | 4.36          |
| United States  | 3.96                           | 0.00                   | 3.96          |
| South Korea    | 3.22                           | 3.70                   | -0.49         |
| India          | 3.15                           | 3.60                   | -0.45         |
| Taiwan         | 2.41                           | 4.65                   | -2.24         |
| Sweden         | 2.31                           | 2.52                   | -0.21         |
| Ireland        | 2.09                           | 0.44                   | 1.65          |
| United Kingdom | 2.04                           | 9.27                   | -7.23         |
| Argentina      | 1.75                           | 0.00                   | 1.75          |
| Other          | 4.06                           | 21.52                  | -17.45        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.00</b>                  | <b>100.00</b>          | <b>-</b>      |

## Top 10 Active Holdings (%) (as of 10/31/21)

|  | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index | Active Weight |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Moncler SpA                            | 3.18                           | 0.05                   | 3.12          |
| VERBIO Vereinigte BioEnergie AG        | 2.98                           | 0.00                   | 2.98          |
| BYD Company Limited Class H            | 3.02                           | 0.11                   | 2.91          |
| Ferrari NV                             | 2.85                           | 0.00                   | 2.85          |
| Ebara Corporation                      | 2.82                           | 0.00                   | 2.82          |
| ASML Holding NV                        | 3.98                           | 1.25                   | 2.73          |
| Eurofins Scientific Societe Europeenne | 2.72                           | 0.06                   | 2.66          |
| EQT AB                                 | 2.72                           | 0.06                   | 2.66          |
| Samsonite International S.A.           | 2.66                           | 0.00                   | 2.66          |
| Aker Carbon Capture ASA                | 2.62                           | 0.00                   | 2.62          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>29.56</b>                   | <b>1.53</b>            | <b>28.03</b>  |

## Market Capitalization (as of 12/31/21)

| Market Capitalization | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| >\$50B                | 36.06                          | 49.10                  |
| \$15B-\$50B           | 34.16                          | 30.95                  |
| \$7.5B-\$15B          | 4.61                           | 13.40                  |
| \$1.5B-\$7.5B         | 22.83                          | 6.53                   |
| \$750M-\$1.5B         | 1.53                           | 0.02                   |
| <\$750M               | 0.81                           | 0.00                   |

## Sector Allocation (as of 12/31/21)

| Sector                 | Alger International Focus Fund | MSCI ACWI ex USA Index | Active Weight |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 12.53                          |                        | 12.53         |
| Industrials            | 9.56                           |                        | 9.56          |
| Information Technology | 1.69                           |                        | 1.69          |
| Health Care            | 2.55                           |                        | 2.55          |
| Financials             | -8.08                          |                        | -8.08         |
| Materials              | -1.51                          |                        | -1.51         |
| Energy                 | -0.33                          |                        | -0.33         |
| Consumer Staples       | -6.47                          |                        | -6.47         |
| Communication Services | -4.43                          |                        | -4.43         |
| Utilities              | -3.09                          |                        | -3.09         |
| Real Estate            | -2.40                          |                        | -2.40         |

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