Impax Global Opportunities Fund
Quarterly Commentary
All data as of 9/30/2023

Performance

• The Impax Global Opportunities Fund underperformed the MSCI ACWI during the third quarter.

Market review

• Equity markets finished lower over the quarter, as expectations of a soft economic landing began to fade and the “higher for longer” interest rates scenario prevailed. Central banks continued to raise interest rates, with the Federal Reserve indicating there may yet be another rate hike this year. Rising bond yields and a surge in the oil price (driven by production curtailments) has resulted in more value and cyclical parts of the market such as energy, financials and commodities, outperforming. Higher rates and persistent inflation are creating uncertainty about growth due to the potential for a lagged impact on consumers and corporations. Recent sentiment surveys have shown a deterioration in the services sectors, and while the manufacturing sector is showing signs of stability, it is not yet recovering.

• Corporate earnings were generally better than expected, albeit after negative revisions earlier in the year. Destocking of some inventory channels has been a feature, with lower volumes and weaker pricing impacting margins in some sectors. Against this backdrop, the investment teams are closely monitoring the quality of the earnings to affirm that the long-term drivers remain intact, but overall expect earnings growth of sustainable and environmental markets to be better than the broader market. There has also been support for sustainable investment coming out of Climate Week with California stepping up climate disclosures and policymakers in both the US and Europe addressing some of the bottlenecks in the wind industry. In addition, the current rise in energy prices should act as a tailwind for companies providing energy and resource efficiency solutions.

• While the effects of higher interest rates on consumer and corporate activity remain uncertain, these worries are increasingly being priced into valuations. The investment teams view some of the current individual

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Performance as of 9/30/2023

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Performance data quoted represent past performance, which does not guarantee 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 data quoted. For most recent month-end performance information, visit www.impaxam.com.

Figures include reinvested dividends, capital gains distributions, and changes in principal value.

1. The inception date for the Impax Global Opportunities Fund Institutional Class and the Investor Class is June 27, 2018.
2. Total annual Global Opportunities Fund operating expenses, gross of any fee waivers or reimbursements, for Institutional Class and Investor Class are 1.08% and 1.33%, respectively, as of 5/1/2023 prospectus. Total annual Global Opportunities Fund operating expenses, net of any fee waivers, reimbursements and acquired fund fees and expenses, for Institutional Class and Investor Class, shares were 0.98% and 1.23%, respectively.
Market review, continued

disruptions such as inventory destocking as largely temporary. They are taking opportunities in the market to add to quality companies while constructing portfolios that should benefit from a recovery in 2024 and beyond. Evident in certain sectors, with lower volumes and weaker pricing impacting margins.

Key performance drivers (absolute basis)

- The Fund fell in absolute terms over the quarter against a backdrop of weaker equity markets. Most sectors fell, with Energy the only area of real strength, however the Fund has no exposure to energy stocks, as it is fossil fuel free. Information Technology was the largest detractor to performance. The sector overall was weak, and some investee holdings suffered from rotation and expectations of slower momentum in capital spending and semiconductor production. Healthcare holdings also detracted. While most holdings in the sector behaved relatively defensively, the outsourcing companies came under pressure due to less visibility in early-stage Biopharma spending.

- Positive contribution came from Communications. The sector was one of the better performers in the market, and the holding benefitted from speculation of M&A activity and from its very defensive earnings stream.

Key performance drivers (relative basis)

- The Fund underperformed the MSCI ACWI. The sharp rise in oil and bond yields has resulted in a shift towards more value and cyclical parts of the market, such as energy, commodities, and interest rate sensitive financials. Sector allocation was a small headwind, as the Fund, which is fossil fuel free, has no exposure to Energy, which was the top performing sector. This offset the benefits from being underweight Utilities, Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary.

- Stock selection was the main detractor. Although the overweight to Healthcare was a small positive, stock selection detracted as the portfolio had a focus on companies enabling more efficacious and lower cost drug discover and did not hold the large pharmaceutical companies. In addition, the outsourcing companies in the portfolio came under pressure due to less visibility early-stage Biopharma spending at customers. Stock selection in Financials was also weak on a relative basis as some holdings experienced some temporary business disruptions. In addition, the portfolio focusses on insurance and payment companies that increase access to finance and does not hold the highly interest rate sensitive commercial banks. Currency was also a detractor as the portfolio is underweight the dollar, which was stronger over the period.

- This offset positive relative performance in Industrials, where companies with good inflation resilience across the sharing economy and software services performed better than the sector.

Contributors (absolute basis)

- The strategy rose in absolute terms over the quarter with positive contributions coming from several opportunities arising from the transition to a more sustainable economy, such as digitalisation of economies, and improved resource efficiency. Contributors came from a variety of sectors but were characterised by good earnings delivery and positive outlooks.

- Mastercard (Transaction & Payment Processing Services, US) has benefitted from better spending trends over recent month, buoyed by high margin cross border travel spending. Mastercard also recently upgraded their Q3 revenue guidance slightly, with combined organic and new card acquisitions driving double digit growth.

- Partners Group (Asset Management & Custody Banks, Switzerland), a private markets asset manager, rose after beating 1H estimates and guiding for even higher performance fees in the second half. The company is benefitting from greater diversification of assets, with the infrastructure business now starting to contribute to performance fee generation.

- Hannover RE (Reinsurance, Germany) has been rising in anticipation of a better pricing environment as contracts are renewed in January. As the frequency and severity of natural catastrophes increases, the opportunities for reinsurers also increases. The company is also expected to benefit from a renewed focus on man-made risks, such as cyber-security attacks.

Detractors (absolute basis)

- Financials were also among the bottom detractors. Although both companies are in emerging markets, the reasons for underperformance were stock specific and viewed as temporary disruptions to their businesses.

- AIA Group (Life & Health Insurance, Hong Kong)

AIA has been delivering good new business growth since the re-opening of economies post COVID-19 and the Hong Kong business continues to benefit from a recovery of Mainland Chinese visitors. The new business margin has been below expectations, however, as their product mix has skewed more towards the
saving products, which are lower margin than complex health care products. The investment team sees this as temporary, and the company is maintaining a strong focus on agency and protection business. AIA is a pan Asian franchise and key markets in Southeast Asia and India continue to perform well. The current valuation is significantly below the long-term average and looks very compelling.

- **HDFC Bank (Diversified Banks, India)** has trailed the market despite solid results due to a short-term technical merger related to merging with the HDFC Corporation. As a result of the merger, growth and margins could be below trend in the short-term, however over the long-term the investment team believes the growth and return profile of the bank will be greater as merger synergies are realised.

- **Lonza (Life Sciences Tools & Services, Switzerland)** reacted negatively to the resignation of the CEO and to weaker growth and margin guidance. The company noted that lower bio-tech spending at customers could impact over the near-term, though expectations are still for low, double-digit growth.

**Outlook**

- Against this backdrop of uncertainty, the investment team remains focused on companies demonstrating consistent growth, strong pricing and lower debt levels as these companies may be better equipped to navigate through a period of more challenging growth. Impax believes that high quality companies with structural growth drivers benefitting from the transition to a more sustainable economy continue to present attractive investment opportunities. Areas of interest for the Fund include beneficiaries of increased spending on drug discovery and testing, the accelerating digital transformation of enterprises and companies providing access to finance and businesses that enable the rise of the sharing and circular economy.

- There continues to be uncertainty about the macroeconomic outlook. While interest rates are likely nearing a pivot point, central banks remain focussed on inflationary expectations and interest rates are likely to stay higher than markets expect. The investment team believes we could enter a period of moderate growth and delayed deleveraging, as the lagged impact of higher costs impacts consumers and corporations. There are, however, also opportunities heading into the new year. COVID-19 related inventory destocking has been a feature across several industries, but there are early indicators that inventory levels may be normalising. This could create an environment for companies across industries such as nutritional ingredients, healthcare and auto components.
### Portfolio characteristics as of 9/30/2023

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### Performance attribution 6/30/2023 – 9/30/2023

#### Sectors: Average active weights (%)

- Communication Services
- Consumer Discretionary
- Consumer Staples
- Energy
- Financials
- Health Care
- Industrials
- Information Technology
- Materials
- Real Estate
- Utilities
- Other

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**Other:** ETFs (for short-term cash mgmt. purposes) and Cash & Equivalents.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
Definitions

Weighted Average is an average in which each quantity to be averaged is assigned a weight. These weightings determine the relative importance of each quantity on the average.

Forward Price-Earnings Ratio or P/E FY1 ratio is a ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its per-share earnings over the next 12 months.

Return on Equity: The amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders’ equity. Return on equity measures a corporation’s profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.

An Ex-Ante Beta is used for Funds with less than two years of performance history under its new mandate. The Ex-Ante Beta is calculated using a multi-factor risk model. Beta explains common variations in stock returns due to different stock sensitivities to the market relative to its underlying benchmark for the current period, not historical. A beta for a benchmark is 1.00: A beta greater than 1.00 indicates above average volatility and risk.

Top 10 holdings as of 9/30/2023

Microsoft Corp. 4.8%, MasterCard, Inc., Class A 4.5%, Linde PLC 4.3%, Cintas Corporation 3.7%, Alcon AG 3.5%, Schneider Electric SE 3.5%, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. 3.3%, HDFC Bank, Ltd. 3.3%, Hannover Rueck SE 3.3% and Wolters Kluwer NV 3.3%. Holdings are subject to change.

Disclosures

2 The MSCI ACWI (Net) Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI consists of 50 country indexes comprising 23 developed and 27 emerging market country indexes. The developed market country indexes included are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States. The emerging market country indexes included are: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. Performance for the MSCI ACWI Index is shown “net,” which includes dividend reinvestments after deduction of foreign withholding tax.

3 The Lipper Global Multi-Cap Growth Funds Index tracks the results of funds that invest in a variety of market capitalization ranges without concentrating 75% of their equity assets in any one market capitalization range over an extended period of time. Multi-cap funds typically have 25% to 75% of their assets invested in companies both inside and outside of the US with market capitalizations (on a three-year weighted basis) above 400% of the 75th market capitalization percentile of the S&P/Citigroup World Broad Market Index. Multi-cap growth funds typically have an above-average price-to-cash flow ratio, price-to-book ratio, and three-year sales-per-share growth value compared to the S&P/Citigroup BMI. The Lipper Global Multi-Cap Growth Funds Index is not what is typically considered to be an “index” because it tracks the performance of other mutual funds rather than changes in the value of a group of securities, a securities index or some other traditional economic indicator.

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