# AZRIELI CAMBRIDGE GLOBAL EQUITY STRATEGY



## Q2-2025 Commentary

FUND	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	S.I.*
Azrieli Cambridge Global Equity Strategy	12.4%	21.6%	14.8%	N/A	11.0%
Benchmark: 10% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 50% Russell 1000 Index Total Return, 40% MSCI EAFE Net Total Return Index	17.6%	20.2%	14.4%	N/A	12.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Inception date of Azrieli Cambridge Global Equity Strategy: July 21, 2016. Source: CI Global Asset Management, as at June 30, 2025.

#### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

- Over the second quarter of 2025, Azrieli Cambridge Global Equity Strategy (the Fund) returned 5.5% compared to its benchmark (10% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 50% Russell 1000 Index Total Return, 40% MSCI EAFE Net Total Return Index), which returned 6.3%.
- The Fund underperformed its benchmark during the period owing to security selection within the information technology sector and an underweight allocation to that sector.

#### **CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE**

A holding in Netflix Inc. contributed to the Fund's performance amid positive subscription growth trends and a pricing increase.

Dollarama Inc. also contributed to the Fund's performance as the company reported solid results in a challenging retail environment.

#### **DETRACTORS FROM PERFORMANCE**

A holding in UnitedHealth Group Inc. was a detractor from the Fund's given a combination of internal challenges, pricing pressures and political backlash.

The Fund's position in Apple Inc. also detracted from the Fund's performance based on slowing order activity and challenges from China and from tariff activities.

#### **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

We added a position in Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. to the Fund. This Canadian gold producer is benefiting from rising gold prices.

A holding in Berkshire Hathaway Inc. was eliminated from the Fund in favour of The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

### **MARKET OVERVIEW**

Recent headlines suggested that trade frictions will remain, but tariff uncertainties are well down from early April. The general easing of trade policy, combined with continued focus on tax cuts, fiscal spending, deregulation and business-friendly reforms in the United States, is helping to foster a more positive outlook for equity and corporate bond markets. However, with U.S. equities (as measured by the S&P 500 Index) testing new highs, valuation concerns are again rising in the face of slower economic growth. Debt concerns after the passing of the U.S. budget bill are also keeping the U.S. Treasury market under pressure.

While survey-based indicators have shown improvement, the road ahead remains bumpy as hard data begins to catch down to weaker investor sentiment. This lag underscores ongoing uncertainty about the economy's path, especially as policy and inflation dynamics remain in flux. The U.S. budget bill that passed in early July removed a number of uncertainties, but the positive growth impact might not be felt immediately.

Growth in Europe has shown improvement but remains subdued and faces challenges from trade frictions. Despite these external challenges, there is optimism as Germany's recently approved a 500 billion euro infrastructure fund, coupled with the increase to defence spending and more accommodative fiscal rules, provides strong support for domestic economic growth.

Source: CI Global Asset Management



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