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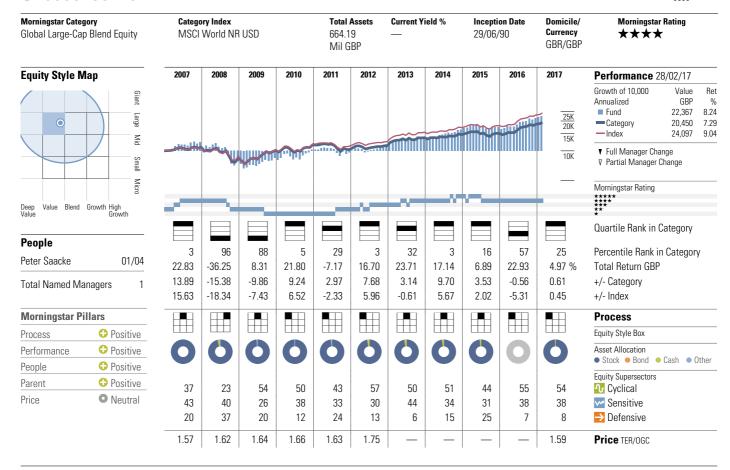
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Analyst View

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This fund remains a strong choice for investors who are aware of its risks.

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10 Sep, 2015 | This fund is a higher-risk option for core global-equity exposure, but one that has rewarded investors well. Peter Saacke has been in charge of Artemis Global Growth since January 2004 when he was brought in to turn performance around at the firm's flagship global product. Saacke implemented a new quant-led process that had been developed for Artemis Europe. As comanager of the European fund, Saacke tailored the process to fit the global universe.

The approach is based on SmartGARP, an in-house model that ranks companies based on top-down factors like fund manager sentiment and bottom-up data, with the highest-weighted factor being earnings revisions. The highest-ranking stocks make the portfolio, with position size being a function of the SmartGARP score. The manager has an element of discretion over stock picks and may exclude a stock if there is news that the model will not pick up, such as merger and acquisition activity.

As with many quant-led strategies, the fund can struggle during market inflection points when the model fails to recognise a secular shift. The most obvious example here was in 2008 and 2009, a period characterised by a deep downturn and consequent sharp rebound. The fund fared

better amid the turbulent environment of 2011, however, posting calendar-year returns ahead of its average Morningstar Category peer.

Another feature of SmartGARP is its propensity to produce distinctive portfolios relative to its index. The portfolio has continued to exhibit a value tilt in recent times and has been running a P/E ratio at a large discount to the index's since mid-2010. The value is currently shown through the fund's large overweighting in emerging markets and in financials.

The fund's positioning makes this one of the higher-risk options for core global-equity exposure. However, the long-term record with Saacke in charge remains top-decile within its category, and the fund has been better at dealing with volatility in recent years following the poor showing in 2008 and 2009. The fund's Silver Morningstar Analyst Rating is reaffirmed.



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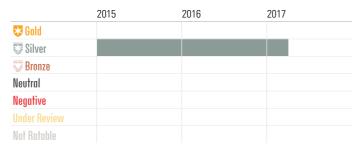
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We look for funds with a performance objective and investment process (for both security selection and portfolio construction) that is sensible, clearly defined, and repeatable. In addition, the portfolio should be constructed in a manner that is consistent with the investment process and performance objective.

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