



GLOBAL EQUITY FUND BUFN 758Z / BUSI 758F



The Global Equity Fund

- The Global Equity Fund (GEF) was established in 2009 as a student-managed investment fund managed by M-Fin, MQF, and Flex MBA students
- The GEF invests in common stocks of US and foreign companies (via ADRs)
- The Robert H. Smith School Foundation allocated about \$600,000 for the Fund



Goals & Objectives

- This competitive-enrollment fund provides Smith M-Fin, MQF, and Flex MBA students the opportunity to perform fundamental investment research on US & foreign companies and actively manage a portfolio allocated from the Robert H. Smith School Foundation
- The goal is to outperform a custom global benchmark primarily through security selection, although it is equally important that each member of the team learns the processes by which investment decisions are made in a professional asset management setting

Investment Process

- The GEF team is limited to 20 students; all students participate as investment analysts, and there are 1-2 students in leadership roles
- Collaborate through weekly meetings during a (typically) two-semester (full academic-year) commitment
- Investment research presented during class meetings uses a top-down ("EIC") approach, including both DCF models and other valuation techniques. Students apply concepts and models from previous coursework, and utilize tools from Maryland Smith's extensive suite of financial databases and information systems.

Program Benefits

- Highly attractive student experience to potential employers
- Actively apply methods from M-Fin/MQF/MBA coursework
- Utilize and improve financial modeling skills
- Improve communication & presentation skills
- Participate in an actual asset management environment
- Collaborate with other student/investors in a collegial setting
- Opportunities to network

- Six (6) credits (3 in Fall, 3 in Spring) for Flex MBA students
- Four (4) credits (2 in Fall, 2 in Spring) for M-Fin & MQF students

Requirements

- Successful completion of BUFN620 (or BUFN741) and BUFN630, or BUSI640
- Take BUFN730 (Applied Equity Analysis) or BUSI641
- Attend weekly GEF meetings (Tues evenings)
- Commit 2 semesters to the Fund class (Fall & Spring)
 - Participate in the year-end presentation to the Board
 - Begin oversight of the Fund in May and continue during the summer prior to the beginning of formal classes
 - *Two semester requirement flexible with shorter M-Fin program*



Recruiting Timeline

- Information Session: Mid-Jan
- Applications Due: Mid-Feb
- First Round Selections: Candidates invited to interview
- Interviews: Hosted either in-person or via Zoom
- Decisions: Typically by mid-April

Top 10 Holdings of GEF

(As of 30 Sept '23)

- HSBC Holdings plc (UK)
- L’Oreal SA (France)
- Lululemon Athletica (Canada)
- LVMH SA (France)
- Nestle SA (Switzerland)
- Nippon Telegraph & Telephone (Japan)
- Relx plc (UK)
- Stellantis NV (Netherlands)
- TotalEnergies SE (France)
- iShares Global Financials ETF

Additional Information

- Website: www.rhsmith.umd.edu/funds/global-equity-fund
- GEF email: rhsmith-GlobalEquityFund@umd.edu

