

# International Growth Fund

## Fourth quarter 2017 Report

# CALAMOS<sup>®</sup>

## INVESTMENTS

### OVERVIEW

The fund invests in non-U.S. growth companies. We seek firms demonstrating key growth characteristics, including increasing profit margins and high returns on invested capital.

### KEY FEATURES

- » **Focuses on growth** in an asset class that is mostly defined by core and value offerings
- » **Stresses company fundamentals**, including global presence and strong and/or accelerating earnings growth
- » **Emphasizes investments driven by international sources of revenue**, not location of company headquarters

### PORTFOLIO FIT

Investors tend to underinvest in growth outside the U.S. The fund stands as a potential growth-focused addition to a mostly core or value-intensive international allocation.

### FUND TICKER SYMBOLS

A Shares	C Shares	I Shares
CIGRX	CIGCX	CIGIX

### Key Drivers of Performance

- » The fund delivered a strong return and outperformed in the quarter, returning 6.94% (A-shares at NAV) versus the 5.81% return of the MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Growth index. Fund performance benefited from sector positioning and leading relative security selection as markets rewarded companies with stronger earnings growth and capital-efficiency characteristics.
- » An overweight and security selection in information technology (data processing and outsourced services) lifted return, as did selection in consumer discretionary (apparel, accessories & luxury goods).
- » Security selection within health care (biotech and pharmaceuticals) weighed down performance, as did selection in energy (oil & gas equipment and services).

### Market and Portfolio Overview

- » Global equities delivered broad-based gains for the quarter and full year as markets responded to positive data on the global economy and corporate earnings.
- » In Europe, shares were somewhat mixed across countries, but the region reflected generally positive economic data, solid earnings growth, and the effects of relatively accommodative monetary policy.
- » Japan's recent PMI data revealed continued strength in the manufacturing and services sectors, while more sluggish retail sales pointed to lackluster consumer demand and wage growth.
- » Emerging market equities produced leading returns for the full year and benefited from strong earnings growth, appreciating currencies, upbeat investor sentiment and capital inflows.

AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS	QTD	YTD	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (3/16/05)
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I shares – at NAV	7.03%	39.57%	39.57%	10.57%	7.75%	4.41%	8.20%
A shares – at NAV	6.94	39.19	39.19	10.32	7.48	4.14	7.93
A shares – Load adjusted	1.84	32.55	32.55	8.54	6.44	3.64	7.52
MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Growth Index	5.81	32.47	32.47	9.68	8.35	2.76	6.55
MSCI EAFE Growth Index	5.27	29.34	29.34	9.56	9.18	3.05	6.17
Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category	4.33	30.87	30.87	9.04	8.51	2.75	5.90

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. You can obtain performance data current to the most recent month end by visiting [www.calamos.com](http://www.calamos.com).

*The principal value and return of an investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance reflected at NAV does not include the Fund's maximum front-end sales load of 4.75%. Had it been included, the Fund's return would have been lower.*

Returns for periods greater than 12 months are annualized. Calendar year returns measure net investment income and capital gain or loss from portfolio investments for each period specified. Average annual total return measures net investment income and capital gain or loss from portfolio investments as an annualized average. All performance shown assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. The Fund also offers Class C shares, the performance of which may vary. As of the prospectus dated 2/28/17, the Fund's gross expense ratio for Class A shares is 1.39% and Class I shares is 1.14%. In calculating net investment income, all applicable fees and expenses are deducted from the returns. The offering price for Class I shares is the NAV per share with no initial sales charge. There are no contingent deferred sales charges or distribution or service fees with respect to Class I shares. The minimum initial investment required to purchase each Fund's Class I shares is \$1 million. Class I shares are offered primarily for direct investment by investors through certain tax-exempt retirement plans (including 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans, defined benefit plans and non-qualified deferred compensation plans) and by institutional clients, provided such plans or clients have assets of at least \$1 million. Class I shares may also be offered to certain other entities or programs, including, but not limited to, investment companies, under certain circumstances. All returns are in USD terms unless otherwise indicated.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

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**FUND HOLDINGS – CONTRIBUTORS**

FIRM NAME	% OF FUND	FIRM PROFILE	ANALYSIS
Vakrangee Ltd.*	1.1%*	Based in India, Vakrangee develops computer software and services for corporations and government uses.	Shares notably outperformed in the quarter in response to continued strong financial results, as the company delivered excellent growth in revenue and cash flow versus the prior year.
Komatsu, Ltd.	1.9%	Komatsu manufactures construction and mining equipment, including excavators, bulldozers, and wheel loaders. The company is based in Japan and operates globally.	The stock performed well due to strong financial results. Equipment sales increased across global regions and Komatsu's operating profit rose 75% year-over-year, exceeding estimates.

**FUND HOLDINGS – DETRACTORS**

FIRM NAME	% OF FUND	FIRM PROFILE	ANALYSIS
KION Group, AG	2.0%	KION provides material handling solutions, including forklifts, warehouse equipment and industrial trucks. The company is headquartered in Wiesbaden, Germany.	The stock underperformed fourth quarter, as financial results trailed estimates and the company reduced full-year guidance due to slowing orders in the supply-chain solutions business. We trimmed KION shares but believe the company's market position and long-term prospects remain attractive.
FLSmidth & Co., A/S	0.6%*	FLSmidth & Co. is a machinery manufacturer based in Denmark. The Company designs, manufactures and supplies production plants, equipment, single machinery, and parts primarily to the cement and minerals industries.	Shares declined due to disappointing financial results as orders and revenues declined more than expected, with weakness in the cement segment in particular. We exited the position in the period.

\*as of 11/30/17

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## Positioning

The fund's regional and country positioning reflects the combined inputs from our top-down global framework and our bottom-up security analysis. Our investment team dynamically evaluates macroeconomic factors and growth opportunities and actively integrates these into the investment decision-making process.

We take a positive stance in Europe based on improving economic data, reasonable valuations, favorable liquidity and an upside in corporate margins. We own select multinationals domiciled in Europe with greater global revenue exposure, in addition to more cyclical continental opportunities.

The fund holds an overweight position in Japan, with our exposure focused on companies more levered to global growth than domestic demand. Security selection was beneficial in the quarter as holdings delivered strong gains and outpaced those of the index. Liquidity conditions continue to be highly accommodative, with the BOJ being the only major central bank not discussing reduced accommodation in the medium-term, which should continue to limit the appreciation of the yen and benefit exporters.

The fund's investments in emerging markets added value in the period as our positions generated strong returns. Holdings in Emerging Asia contributed the most due to leading earnings growth and strategic positioning in key industries, while holdings in Emerging Europe and Latin America also advanced. Emerging markets are benefiting from a pickup in global demand, stabilization in many currencies, and favorable valuations. We own a combination of secular growth-oriented and cyclical companies benefiting from economic tailwinds.

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SECTOR POSITIONING	SECTOR WEIGHTINGS AS OF 12/31/17	OVER/UNDERWEIGHT VS. MSCI ACWI EX-U.S. GROWTH INDEX	QUARTER TO QUARTER CHANGE
Information Technology	21.7	2.7	-3.9
Industrials	16.9	1.6	1.9
Financials	15.4	5.1	0.2
Consumer Discretionary	13.6	0.5	3.0
Consumer Staples	9.3	-6.4	-2.3
Health Care	7.7	-2.4	-2.3
Materials	6.0	-2.7	0.9
Energy	3.8	1.0	0.4
Real Estate	1.7	-0.3	0.6
Telecom Services	1.0	-0.8	-0.3
Utilities	0.0	-1.1	0.0

Sector weightings exclude cash or cash equivalents, any government/sovereign bonds or instruments on broad indexes the portfolio may hold. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily. You can obtain a complete list of holdings by visiting [www.calamos.com](http://www.calamos.com). Please see additional disclosures on last page.

With respect to portfolio shifts, allocations across sectors remained relatively stable during the quarter, with changes driven primarily by bottom-up factors. We modestly increased the weights in consumer discretionary and industrials, reflecting a combination of secular growth and cyclical opportunities. We slightly reduced the exposure to technology, consumer staples and health care, driven primarily by security-specific rationale.

## Outlook

Global corporate and macroeconomic data points to continued synchronized growth across regions. Global monetary policy remains accommodative overall, though multiple central banks are edging toward policy tightening and we are seeing a pivot toward fiscal stimulus. We see continued opportunities in global equities, reflective of positive fundamentals, benign inflation and relatively attractive valuations. In terms of broad positioning, we favor a blend of investments in secular and cyclical growth companies, with a relative underweight positioning in defensives overall. We see significant opportunities in companies with earnings growth catalysts, solid cash flow generation and improving to strong balance sheets. From a thematic and sector perspective, we see opportunities in the information technology sector, consumer companies with targeted areas of demand, and a set of cyclical companies in the financials and industrials sectors with improving fundamentals and multiple catalysts. Our active investment approach and long-term perspective positions us to take advantage of the opportunities in international equities.

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## Fund Quarterly Attribution

	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	CONSUMER STAPLES	ENERGY	FINANCIALS	HEALTH CARE	INDUSTRIALS	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MATERIALS	REAL ESTATE	TELECOM SERVICES	UTILITIES
INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND VERSUS MSCI ACWI EX-U.S. GROWTH INDEX (%)											
Value Added from Sector	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.11	-0.03	-0.02	0.24	-0.03	0.00	0.03	0.08
Value Added from Selection & Interaction	0.75	-0.01	-0.14	-0.24	-0.63	0.46	1.24	0.09	0.06	-0.04	0.00
Total Added Value	0.76	0.00	-0.10	-0.12	-0.67	0.45	1.48	0.07	0.06	-0.01	0.08
SECTOR WEIGHTS (AVERAGE % WEIGHT DURING THE QUARTER)											
International Growth Fund	11.81	9.85	3.42	14.65	9.03	16.27	25.37	4.91	1.45	1.22	0.00
MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Growth Index	13.84	16.09	3.28	9.33	9.91	14.87	18.39	8.65	2.07	2.31	1.25
Over/underweight	-2.04	-6.23	0.14	5.32	-0.88	1.40	6.98	-3.74	-0.62	-1.09	-1.25
SECTOR RETURNS (%)											
International Growth Fund	13.32	5.38	1.67	6.57	-2.38	7.68	11.47	8.75	10.62	-1.87	0.00
MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Growth Index	6.69	5.41	5.32	8.06	4.48	4.80	6.77	7.26	6.67	2.24	-0.31
Relative Return	6.62	-0.03	-3.66	-1.49	-6.86	2.88	4.70	1.49	3.95	-4.10	0.31

Calculations may be subject to rounding.

Portfolios are managed according to their respective strategies which may differ significantly in terms of security holdings, industry weightings and asset allocation from those of the benchmark(s). Portfolio performance, characteristics and volatility may differ from the benchmark(s) shown.

### Index Definitions

Funds in the Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category seek capital appreciation by investing in large international stocks that are growth-oriented. Large cap foreign stocks have market capitalizations greater than \$5 billion. Growth is defined based on high price/book and price/cash-flow ratios, relative to the MSCI EAFE Index. These funds typically will have less than 20% of assets invested in U.S. stocks. The MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Growth Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the growth equity stock market performance of developed markets, excluding the United States, and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI 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 EAFE Growth Index captures large- and midcap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index. It includes market indexes of Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech

Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. The MSCI Europe Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in Europe. The MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to track the equity market performance of Japanese securities. The MSCI Pacific Index captures large- and midcap representation across five Developed Markets (DM) countries in the Pacific region.

Unmanaged index returns assume reinvestment of any and all distributions and, unlike fund returns, do not reflect fees, expenses or sales charges. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

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### Additional Information

Past performance does not indicate future results. No investment strategy or objective is guaranteed and a client's account value can fluctuate over time and be worth more or less than the original investment.

**Important Risk Information.** An investment in the Fund(s) is subject to risks, and you could lose money on your investment in the Fund(s). There can be no assurance that the Fund(s) will achieve its investment objective. Your investment in the Fund(s) is not a deposit in a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or any other government agency. The risks associated with an investment in the Fund(s) can increase during times of significant market volatility. The Fund(s) also has specific principal risks, which are described below. More detailed information regarding these risks can be found in the Fund's prospectus.

The principal risks of investing in the Calamos International Growth Fund include: equity securities risk consisting of market prices declining in general, growth stock risk consisting of potential increased volatility due to securities trading at higher multiples, foreign securities risk, emerging markets risk, small and mid-sized company risk and portfolio selection risk.

As a result of political or economic instability in foreign countries, there can be special risks associated with investing in foreign securities, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates, increased price volatility and difficulty obtaining information. In addition, emerging markets may present additional risk due to potential for greater economic and political instability in less developed countries.

*Before investing carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Please see the prospectus and summary prospectus containing this and other information or call 1-800-582-6959. Read it carefully before investing.*

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