

Latest grading issued October 2013

Fund profile

Launch date	November 2007
Manager location	Naperville, Illinois
Sector	Global equities
Peer group	Global equities
Fund benchmark	MSCI ACWI World index
Fund size	US\$194.4m (1 July 2013)

Fund owner: Calamos Investments

Fund manager/adviser: Calamos Advisors LLC

Named portfolio manager/adviser(s): Jeff Scudieri (since November 2007), Nick Niziolek (since January 2013) / Team

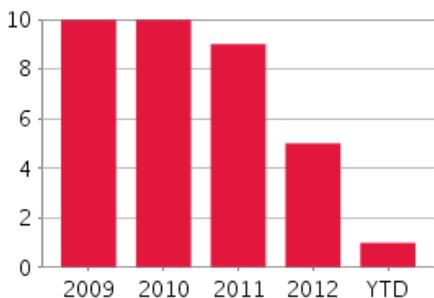
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Review period 12 months to end-June 2013

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Calendar-year decile ranks



Decile ranking in discrete annual periods. First decile (highest returns) shown as rank 10, second decile as rank nine with tenth decile (lowest returns) as rank one.

Fund Research opinion (September 2013)

Gary Black's arrival as Global co-CIO at Calamos in Q3 2012 was part of a longer-term strategic plan involving a reappraisal of the group's capabilities and needs as it faces changing capital markets. Although this family-run asset management house based in Naperville has enjoyed significant success, managing (at our review point) over \$27bn in assets, it had identified a need for greater resource to manage its range of mandates and to facilitate greater internationalisation of, and specialisation in, stock analysis and selection.

To that end, external recruitment (mostly at senior level) has taken the number of investment professionals from 51 to 71 within a year, and there has been a re-definition of roles.

Below Global co-CIO level, Jeff Scudieri and Jon Vacko (19 and 21 years' investment experience respectively) remain as co-portfolio managers and co-heads of research, joined by newly promoted Nick Niziolek (11 years), who has been closely involved with this fund for some time. His main brief is to deepen coverage of emerging markets-domiciled smid-caps.

There is now a greater distinction between portfolio construction and sector/stock analysis. The former senior strategists are now co-portfolio managers, focusing primarily on portfolio construction; crucially, designated managers have primary responsibility for stock buy and sell decisions on individual funds (though Calamos has stopped short of officially naming managers for specific funds). On this fund, primary responsibility rests with Niziolek and Scudieri. The team includes a further nine co-managers (against five senior strategists previously). The aim is to leave the sector heads (now six as against three previously, with two additions planned) time to focus on sector and stock analysis.

The new structure looks more stratified and formal; it is tricky to balance greater manager accountability with the traditionally highly collegial Calamos decision-making process. Also, of these 17 key roles (nine co-managers, eight sector heads), 10 have been/are to be filled by external hires. This influx of personnel (albeit experienced) in influential positions may create a dynamic of its own; they will need time to establish effective communication with the longer-serving Calamos research analysts.

That said, we are reassured to see that the house approach to stock selection - a vital distinguishing feature - is unchanged, with the whole capital structure of a company analysed so as to identify opportunities and assess risk. We applaud Black's broadening of the investment committee (which formulates macro views, and monitors portfolio risk and positioning) and welcome the intensified focus on aggregated and unintended risk analysis under new risk head John McClenahan.

Calamos insists that change has not been a distraction, and cites the fund's cautious stance as the main reason for lagging returns over the last 12 months. At the end of H1 2012, the fund was ahead of peers, but the sudden swing to risk-on, macro-driven sentiment in H2 hurt, given its presence in gold stocks and low exposure to Japan and banks. However, its relatively high US weighting against some peers should have helped more in H1 2013. We suspect both factors have had an influence.

We hold Calamos in very high regard but cannot know at this stage how the scale of expansion will influence the group's effectiveness and, crucially, performance.

We have shaded the fund back to an S&P Capital IQ Silver grading.

Cumulative returns

	3 years	5 years
Fund share class	35.3%	18.6%
S&P Capital IQ peer median	33.4%	1.2%
Index**	48.5%	17.7%
Fund share class rank	2268/5075	503/3992
Volatility-adjusted ranking	2440/5075	557/3992

** S&P Global 1200

Calamos Global Equity Fund

Management style

This fund looks for good-quality companies positioned to benefit from long-term secular growth trends and trading at a significant discount to fair value, such as those offering a return above 20% a year. The MSCI AC World benchmark is used for performance reference only. In the Calamos approach, the whole capital structure of a company is analysed so as to identify opportunities and assess risk.

Quantitative screens identify high relative earnings growth and/or accelerating ROIC or revenues. From then, the process is almost wholly qualitative. Highlighted companies undergo detailed analysis of their earnings expectations, balance sheet strength and cashflows to determine the quality and sustainability of growth. Management interviews focus on business planning and corporate governance. The companies may come from across the market-capitalisation spectrum and from any sector, country or region. Fair value is calculated using cashflow measures under various risk/reward scenarios. The companies are then ranked on a relative and an absolute basis.

The selection of the highest-conviction ideas occurs within a top-down framework defined by the investment committee. This committee looks at macroeconomics, establishes top-down themes and evaluates sector, regional and thematic positioning of funds. Themes may be secular in nature (ie, long-term drivers of company growth) or shorter, more cyclical and opportunistic. Portfolio construction is index-aware, not driven. Sales are driven by deteriorating fundamentals and/or by valuation. After collegial debate, co-managers Jeff Scudieri and Nick Niziolek bear the primary responsibility for buy and sell decisions.

Risk is managed through detailed knowledge of the 80-100 stocks; none is more than a 5% holding. The fund must be exposed to at least 10 markets, with 33-66% in the US. Emerging markets are capped at twice index weight. Options may be used. There is growing focus on the analysis of aggregated and unintended risks.

Fund manager & team

Calamos Investments, based in Naperville, Illinois, is a Nasdaq-listed, family-controlled business. It manages around \$27bn, mainly in equities. After recent recruitment, the investment team numbers over 70. John Calamos remains Global co-CIO with Gary Black, who joined Calamos in Q3 2012. Below them are three co-heads of research/co-portfolio managers - Jeff Scudieri (19 years' experience), Jon Vacko (21) and Nick Niziolek (11). There are a further nine co-portfolio managers, six sector heads and 23 research associates. The expanded investment committee comprises the two Global co-CIOs, the three co-heads of research, two co-portfolio managers, one sector head, one trader and one portfolio specialist. John McClenahan has recently joined as head of risk management. Scudieri and Niziolek have primary buy/sell responsibility on this fund.

Jeff Scudieri - MBA finance (DePaul University), BA finance (Northern Illinois University), CFA, joined Calamos in 1997. Before this, he worked in shareholder services at Zurich Kemper Investments.

Nick Niziolek - BS finance (DePaul University), CFA, joined Calamos in 2005 and was recently promoted from senior sector analyst to co-portfolio manager/co-head of research. Prior to 2005, he worked as an internal auditor at ABN AMRO and as a risk analyst at BancOne.

Gary Black - MBA (Harvard Business School), BS economics (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania), became joint Global CIO in Q3 2012 when his own company, Black Capital (founded 2009), was acquired by Calamos. Prior to this, he was at Janus as CEO from 2006 to 2009 and CIO from 2004 to 2006. His over 20 years' investment experience includes roles at Goldman Sachs and Alliance Bernstein.

John Calamos - MBA finance (Illinois Institute of Technology), is chairman, CEO and Global co-CIO of Calamos Investments, which he founded in 1977.

Calendar-year performance

	2009		2010		2011		2012		Year to 28/06/2013	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank
Fund share class	51.0	332/4327	23.5	135/4787	-4.6	917/5313	13.6	3346/5841	-1.6	5794/6421
Index**	31.7		11.9		-5.1		16.8		7.9	
Median	33.4		10.5		-10.4		14.3		5.3	

** S&P Global 1200

Fund benchmark: MSCI ACWI World index

Share class screened: IE00B28VTX42 (A USD Acc)

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Investment style

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large-cap			
Mid-cap			
Small-cap			

Portfolio characteristics (1 July 2013)

No. of holdings	85
% in top 10	30
Turnover ratio (%)	71

Source: Calamos Advisors LLC

Risk characteristics

	3 years	5 years
Worst month (%)	-12.1	-19.5
Volatility	18.2	22.3
Correlation vs index	0.9	0.9
Beta vs index	1.1	1.0

Sector allocation (%)

Consumer discretionary	16.2
Consumer goods	6.7
Energy	8.5
Financials	11.1
Healthcare	12.9
Industrials	4.5
Information technology	30.2
Materials	1.0
Telecoms	0.6
Utilities	0.0
Cash	8.3

Source: Calamos Advisors LLC

Grading Process

To qualify for an interview and potential grading, a fund must have a minimum two-year performance track record (three years for funds-of-hedge-funds). New funds, funds with less than two years' performance record and specialist funds can be analysed and included providing independent verifiable performance data is supplied.

The starting point for a grading is an initial quantitative screen based on performance data obtained from Lipper Inc or elsewhere. For long-only funds, discrete annual performance comparisons are made, as opposed to cumulative returns over a three-year period. Relative performance of funds within each sector is ranked by decile.

This quantitative screen captures approximately the top 20% of funds in each sector, depending on the size of the sector. For funds-of-hedge-funds the screen is based on the fund's risk/reward objective.

For more information on the fund grading process please visit our website at www.funds-info.standardandpoors.com.

Symbols and Definitions

Active funds

Grading bands for long-only funds

Platinum	The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and management's consistency of performance as compared to funds with similar objectives.
Gold	The fund demonstrates very high standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and management's consistency of performance as compared to funds with similar objectives.
Silver	The fund demonstrates high standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and management's consistency of performance as compared to funds with similar objectives.

Grading bands for Fund-of-hedge-funds / Absolute return / Specialist funds

Platinum	The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency of performance relative to its own objectives.
Gold	The fund demonstrates very high standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency of performance relative to its own objectives.
Silver	The fund demonstrates high standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency of performance relative to its own objectives.

Grading bands for Ucits III flexible beta funds

Platinum	The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency relative to its own objectives and relative to comparable flexible beta funds.
Gold	The fund demonstrates very high standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency relative to its own objectives and relative to comparable flexible beta funds.
Silver	The fund demonstrates high standards of quality based on its investment process, risk awareness and consistency relative to its own objectives and relative to comparable flexible beta funds.

Bond gradings

V	Bond fund volatility gradings of V1 to V6 reflect S&P Capital IQ's current opinion of a fund's sensitivity to changing market conditions. A volatility grading evaluates a fund's sensitivity to interest rate movement, credit risk, investment diversification or concentration, liquidity, leverage and other factors. For the V1 to V4 categories, risk is considered relative to a portfolio composed of government securities denominated in the base currency of the fund.
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Absolute return gradings

N	The N grading is S&P Capital IQ's indication of a fund's potential capital stability in normal markets. It is a qualitative grading but is based on annualised weekly downside deviation. N1 is the most stable, and N9 the least stable grading.
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Symbols and Definitions (continued)

Passive funds

Platinum	The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality based on its investment process, risk management and consistency of performance as compared to its benchmark index and other passive funds with a similar benchmark.
Gold	The fund demonstrates very high standards of quality based on its investment process, risk management and consistency of performance as compared to its benchmark index and other passive funds with a similar benchmark.
Silver	The fund demonstrates high standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process, risk management and consistency of performance as compared to its benchmark index and other passive funds with a similar benchmark.

Applicable to both active and passive funds

Bronze	A previously graded fund where a newly appointed fund manager or team does not yet have the required 12 months' relevant investment management experience to achieve a Silver grading or higher.
Grading On Hold	A grading is placed On Hold when a significant change occurs at the fund manager or fund management team level and S&P Capital IQ has not yet had the opportunity to evaluate the impact on the qualitative appraisal.
Grading Removed	A previously graded fund is classified Grading Removed when a significant change occurs at the fund manager or fund management team level sufficient for the fund to no longer meet the standards to achieve a grading.
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