

Interim Letter

2021

Dear fellow investor

The first half of 2021 has provided no shortage of 'big picture' topics to be concerned about: take your pick between the pace of vaccine-rollouts, ongoing border closures, geopolitical sabre-rattling, the risk of personal and corporate tax increases, or fears of rapidly increasing inflation requiring an offsetting rise in interest rates.

Unsurprisingly, whether the current pick-up in inflation is 'transitory' or 'structural' is the topic du jour. It remains a question that will only be answered towards the end of 2021. While we remain mindful of the risk of inflation, the AIM Global High Conviction Fund owns on your behalf a concentrated portfolio of highly cash generative businesses with pricing power, meaning we should benefit from a possible uptick in inflation. As an investment team, we remain focused on the fundamentals of the businesses we own and understanding their long-term destination, rather than trying to predict short-term macro-economic outcomes in which we have very little edge.

As an example: around this time last year, the 'shape' of the economic recovery following the COVID-induced global recession was endlessly debated. Would we have a V-, U-, L-, J-, or K-shaped recovery? (Or our favourite: the 'Nike swoosh'-shaped recovery, which is really just a J-shaped recovery with better branding!) This topic is hardly mentioned these days, despite the vast amount of energy expended on predicting it last year.

To our thinking, the lesson is not that the macro-economic backdrop does not matter, but rather that long-term investors are better served in trying to understand how the businesses they own (or might look to own, should they go on sale) are positioned to navigate periods of distress and subsequent recovery. Given that we favour well-capitalised and cash-generative businesses with deep economic moats, we believe that most of our holdings took the opportunity presented by the pandemic to a) take market share, b) allocate capital to attractive acquisition opportunities, or c) permanently reduce costs without reducing their capability to service their clients, which will lead to sustainably higher margins.

Performance to 30 June 2021

	GHCF	Benchmark
Financial Year 2021	+25.8%	+27.5%
2021 (Calendar YTD)	+14.9%	+16.2%
2020	+14.2%	+5.6%
2019 (Strategy Inception: 31 Aug. 2019)	+5.3%	+6.3%
Cumulative Since Strategy Inception	+38.2%	+30.4%
Annualized Since Strategy Inception	+19.3%	+15.6%

Total returns shown for the AIM Global High Conviction Fund have been calculated using exit prices after taking into account all the product's ongoing fees and assuming reinvestment of distributions. No allowance has been made for entry fees or taxation. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Benchmark is MSCI World Net Total Return in AUD (source: Apex Group.)

For the financial year ended 30 June 2021, the AIM Global High Conviction Fund (GHCF) delivered a return of +25.80% after all fees. This compares to a benchmark return of +27.52% over the same period.

Though we have slightly lagged the benchmark over the measured period, a deeper analysis of the drivers of our performance gives us confidence that our process in identifying and owning high-quality businesses on your behalf is functioning as desired. Since November 2020 – when vaccines were first announced – there has been a meaningful rally in sectors that we simply consider outside the bounds of our investable universe due to the businesses not meeting our minimum sustainable return on invested capital hurdle-rate. This includes the banking sector, as well as most commodity-based sectors (such as energy, mining, etc.) and real estate.

We believe that being able to keep pace with the benchmark over the financial year despite not owning businesses in the abovementioned sectors reflects positively on our stock selection and balanced portfolio construction processes.

From a risk-adjusted perspective, independently sourced data from Fundmonitors places the Fund as one of the lowest volatility global equity funds in Australia over the last two years. In our view, this is due to our aversion to compromise on the quality of the businesses we own on your behalf. We are prepared to underwrite that our businesses have far less fundamental risk than the average business traded on public equity markets, and that this quality focus should stand us in good stead if the next period proves to be more challenging for markets to navigate.

In addition, it is worth pointing out that over as short an investment horizon as one year, the vagaries of what is currently in vogue (“Value! Growth! Reflation! Deflation!”) is largely driven by narrative and sentiment. We believe that fundamentals win out over the longer term, meaning that as time goes by, the performance we aim to deliver to you will increasingly be attributable to the hard work of the management teams and staff employed by the businesses we own on your behalf. Our job is to prudently allocate your hard-earned capital to trustworthy people at an attractive price, and then to let them get on with creating value. This business-ownership perspective has served us well during the extraordinary circumstances of the past 18 months, and we believe it will do so again in future.

Conclusion

After two years of strong absolute returns (with a once-in-a-generation disruptive pandemic in the middle), it is sensible to wonder ‘what comes next?’ While we can speculate about such matters at length, the honest answer is always that no-one truly knows. There are a variety of macro-economic risks that could see markets come in for a pullback. Whether or not any of these downside scenarios materialise, we believe that the fundamental quality of the businesses we own positions us well for multiple situations. We seek to build resilience into the Fund, and not to optimize for just one potential outcome.

As mentioned above, our quality focus has seen us exhibit lower volatility than markets over the past 24 months, and we would expect such a strategy to hold up better during future periods of market volatility. However, we would highlight that market volatility is not the same as fundamental business risk. Investing is about staying the course in good businesses and allowing your wealth the time to compound.

Mathematically, markets hypothetically rising 30% next year and falling 10% the year after has the same investment return as when the order is reversed (a 10% drop followed by a 30% rally). As such, it becomes clear that the medium-term destination (i.e., us being right about the quality of our businesses) is more important than the journey (volatility) along the way... as long as we maintain the resilience to avoid the psychological error of selling out in a declining market.

Science has demonstrated that our minds perceive immediate reward differently than delayed gratification, because different parts of the brain are activated in response to either. During stressful periods, our hard-wired survival mechanism can override our ability to think analytically. Practically speaking, this means humans prefer short-term rewards over a greater long-term gain, and we absolutely despise short-term losses. This is a built-in ‘fight-or-flight’ survival reflex, and it can lead to significant behavioural risk for investors in periods of market distress. One of our key learnings from that last 18 months is that long-term investors should recognize and work to overcome this risk. Part Three of this letter details how we have designed our own investment process to account for and take advantage of these psychological pitfalls. We believe it is worth your time to read.

It is inevitable that markets will suffer a setback at some point, but whether that is tomorrow or three years from now is not accurately forecastable, and therefore has very little informational value to us as long-term business owners. We would encourage our investors to take the same view: periods of market volatility often provide opportunities for considered capital allocation rather than reasons to worry.

At the back of this letter, there is the usual addendum containing our quality scorecard, internal sector allocation, geographic revenue exposure, and the top ten holdings.

Thank you for your continued support. Please reach out to us if we can help in any way.

Kind regards,

Etienne, Les, Dan & Andrew

What makes for a good investment process?

by Etienne Vlok

To most people, the answer to this seemingly simple question is straightforward: a good outcome in the form of superior investment performance.

However, focusing only on the outcome does not fully capture what makes an investment process ‘good’. Michael Mauboussin – noted investment scholar and practitioner – writes in *More Than You Know: Finding Financial Wisdom in Unconventional Places* (Columbia University Press, 2006):

“...investors often make the critical mistake of assuming that good outcomes are the result of a good process and that bad outcomes imply a bad process. In contrast, the best long-term performers in any probabilistic field – such as investing [...] all emphasize process over outcome.”

Mauboussin is effectively pointing out that one can experience a ‘good’ outcome without necessarily following a ‘good’ process. The following table – drawn from the work done on the field of decision theory by J. Edward Russo & Paul Schoemaker in their book *Winning Decisions* (Currency, 2002) – makes the same point rather eloquently:

	Good Outcome	Bad Outcome
Good Process	Deserved Success	Bad Break
Bad Process	Dumb Luck	Poetic Justice

Source: Winning Decisions, Russo & Schoemaker, 2002

As can be seen, it is entirely possible to have a ‘good’ outcome by following a ‘bad’ process (what the authors refer to as ‘Dumb Luck’) or a ‘bad’ outcome by following a ‘good’ process (a ‘Bad Break’).

By way of example: a private investor known to the investment team was an aggressive buyer of equities during the March 2020 crash, on the premise that ‘the risk from COVID was completely overblown and the world would be back to normal by May 2020’. In hindsight, buying in March was the ‘right’ decision as it led to a good outcome, but their process for reaching this conclusion was fundamentally flawed. The key lesson of this anecdote is that without distinguishing between a ‘good’ and ‘bad’ process, rather than just a ‘good’ or ‘bad’ outcome, an investor will not know whether their success is repeatable or not.

We believe that to achieve long-term investment success – in other words, a repeated series of ‘good’ outcomes – it is critical to focus on having a ‘good’ process which can be repeated. In focusing on having a ‘good’ process and trusting it will generate good outcomes, we maximise the probability of avoiding ‘bad’ outcomes over time (while accepting we will suffer from the odd ‘Bad Break’ along the way).

The concept of ‘avoiding bad outcomes rather than pursuing good outcomes’ is not a novel idea. We are simply following Charlie Munger’s advice (which he gleaned from German mathematician Carl Jacobi): “invert, always invert.” Following this line of thought to its logical conclusion, it turns out the surest way to “win” in markets is to avoid “losing”.

Good Outcomes Start with a Good Process

To us, a good investment process is not merely about the methods used to identify new ideas, conduct research, size positions, or manage risk. All these factors will necessarily form part of a good process, but it is not sufficient to guarantee success.

We believe a ‘good’ process provides objectivity and grounding during periods of market distress by design. In so doing, the process empowers an investor to a) rationally identify and assess opportunities during periods of market dislocation, and b) overcome the natural temptation to give in to the ingrained emotional and behavioural biases that result in poor decision making during a crash.

It is worth emphasising the latter point, because we do not think it is addressed enough in our industry: we genuinely believe that a key part of a good process is that it must provide sufficient psychological resilience to the investor to help them avoid making emotionally influenced decisions. (Basically: a good process needs to have enough safeguards to keep you from panicking and selling at the bottom but be flexible enough to recognize when your investment thesis has been invalidated).

To achieve this, we believe a good process must exhibit three key characteristics: it should be **well-defined**, **account for bias**, and be **repeatable**.

Well-defined

The investment world is awash with opportunity. There are tens of thousands of listed equities trading across dozens of markets around the world. Any investor needs a methodology to whittle that down to a more manageable universe of businesses to monitor and possibly own.

Successful investment analysis involves a large component of pattern recognition. Some of these patterns are financial and can be screened for; others are purely qualitative and must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. In our quality-focused process, we use a combination of quantitative and qualitative 'building blocks' to identify opportunities that merit further work.

Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	Focus on Cash Flow	Sensible Capital Structure	Management
Economic Profit (ROIC > WACC)	Intrinsic Value = PV of Future Free Cash Flow, Not Earnings	Debt vs. Equity	Capital Allocation Track Record
Moats Underpinning the Sustainability of Excess ROIC	Earnings Ignore Reinvestment Requirements	Solvency, Liquidity & Coverage	Long-term vs. Short-term Thinking
Industry Competitive Structure	Timing	Maturity Profile	Integrity, Governance & Culture
Runway for Growth	Ownership Mindset	Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities	Dealing with Adversity

Source: Constantia Investment Partners

Several of the quantitative factors are reasonably straightforward to identify: a business with very little debt persistently earning a 20%-plus return on invested capital is clearly doing something right.

The qualitative factors can often lead to less obvious places. Long-tenured management (oftentimes owner-operators) with a history of acting with integrity towards all stakeholders and a superior capital allocation track record is a 'quality' pattern that we have found offers a rich vein of underappreciated opportunity. Improving industry competitive structures can similarly lead to qualitative insights that are not yet obviously quantifiable; the same goes for analysing shifts in the underlying business models and resulting improvements in return on capital.

By iterating through these factors (amongst others) in combination, our process can identify high-quality businesses across geographies and market capitalisation ranges. We make no secret of the fact that we look for a reasonably rare breed of business: those that are competitively advantaged to the degree that they can consistently compound in value over time, without facing an excessive amount of fundamental or financial risk.

The practical implication of adhering to this process is that the vast majority of businesses are of little interest to us; entire swathes of the equity market simply do not meet our quality criteria. At most, we plan to hold 25 businesses in the Fund at any given moment; this means we have to say 'no' a lot more frequently than "yes". Admittedly, one risk of a 'well-defined' process is that it may become too rigid to allow for new ideas to make it through the filter. We continuously work to expand our circle of competence and knowledge to counteract this risk, whilst remaining profoundly aware of not trying to get too far over our skis and into areas where we would be ill-equipped to make informed investment decisions.

Accounting for Bias

The real world is a complex place, full of unseen cause-and-effect linkages that defy the ability to easily analyse. In fact, research conducted several decades ago (Herbert Simon, *Models of Man*, Wiley & Sons, 1957) and subsequently confirmed by others suggests that due to the natural limits of the human mind, it cannot directly deal with the full complexity of the world. As such, we all construct a simplified 'mental model' of the world in our minds, and then base our decisions on this simplified model. We tend to behave rationally within the confines of our mental model, but the clear risk is that the model does not adequately reflect reality.

The primary reason our mental models fail to reflect reality is because our minds tend to favour easy narratives with clear cause-and-effect patterns. We all prefer the route of least resistance and construct a version of reality most consistent with our existing prior beliefs and recent experiences or data points. This problem is exquisitely summarised by Richards. J. Heuer in *Psychology of Intelligence Analysis* (Centre for the Study of Intelligence, 1999) in the following short statement: **"we tend to perceive what we expect to perceive."**

This leads to a whole host of problems when it comes to constructing an investment process. For example, the more work one does on a stock idea, the more one's confidence and conviction increases, without a corresponding increase in accuracy of forecast. Our minds literally talk us into liking a stock simply because of the fact that we have done work on it and expect to like it.

This is a risk we must be consistently aware of: if something makes it through our process, we are naturally disposed to believe it is of 'superior quality'. To guard against falling in love with a business, we believe a 'good' process needs to hard-wire circuit breakers into it to minimise the risk of bias. This means checklists – a lot of them.

As boring as it may seem, the good old-fashioned checklist forces an investor to structure their process in a manner that seeks to deliver answers to the same questions over and over. There are multiple benefits from this approach, in our opinion: it enforces discipline (no businesses can be purchased without considering the same set of fundamental questions – i.e., no shortcuts), enables comparability (between different businesses, as well as over different periods of time), and hammers home the fundamentals underpinning our building blocks of quality, which helps to avoid panic in periods of rapid price declines.

We also extend this approach to our portfolio construction process by quantifying the qualitative (and often highly subjective) elements of the investment process. We achieve this by evaluating every business for a range of non-financial factors (for example: strength of the moat, level of conviction and optionality, among others) and assign each a score from 1 to 5 (with 1 being 'bad' and 5 being 'good.') Investment team members undertake this scoring independently, after which the individual scores collated and interrogated. This process frequently reveals fascinating differences of opinion between a core group of people looking at the same facts and highlights how each member of the team weights information differently. We constructively question the reasons for this divergence in view before ultimately settling on a weighted 'quality score', which we can then compare both to other businesses in our monitored universe, and periodically through time.

This 'quality score' helps us avoid one good quality ("we think the moat is impenetrable") from casting a halo that overrides other qualities that don't score as well ("the range of forecastable outcomes are very wide.") Combined with our assessment of valuation (using multiple scenarios), this scoring helps set guidelines for position-sizing any individual stock to ensure a robust, balanced portfolio. As an added bonus, it also helps us ask the right questions

when reviewing the portfolio as a whole (for example: “do we own too many businesses where the value is dependent on future optionality?”, “do we own too many businesses where non-financial risks can lead to a permanent impairment of value?”, or “do we own enough businesses that can benefit from a pickup in cyclical activity?”, etc.)

Repeatability

In our view, the robustness of the process will determine its repeatability across geographies, sectors and over time. This means the fundamental factors we have chosen to focus on (our four building blocks of quality previously articulated) need to remain relevant through multiple market cycles. Repeated evaluation of the fundamental factors enhances the probability of repeatable shareholder returns generated by the businesses in the Fund.

We believe repeatability infers an element of ‘simplicity’ – again, something that can be deployed in extreme scenarios. Highly complex processes dependent on certain market conditions or relationships persisting are fragile to external shocks and unlikely to be repeatable by nature. The simplicity of our quality-focused, long-only global equity process is designed to be robust should markets go into a tailspin. It is simple, but it is not simplistic.

Concluding Thoughts on Process

It takes all sorts to make a market. We do not contend our quality-focused process is the only way to make money. We simply believe it is a proven way to compound wealth in a low-volatility manner over multi-year time periods. ‘Quality’ will not always be in vogue – and that is fine by us. When the market chases labels such as ‘value’ or ‘growth’ or tries to position for a cyclical upswing or against a cyclical downswing, ‘quality’ businesses can frequently become mispriced, providing the patient investor an opportunity to purchase an ownership stake at very attractive prices.

Thus, while we cannot promise a specific return, or even that our process will deliver outperformance on a month-by-month basis, we can promise our investors that we have structured our investment process such that it aligns with being a ‘good’ process. We believe that if we get our process right, we will over time be able to deliver what we strive to achieve: the ‘good’ outcome of compounding in value ahead of the market.

HEICO Corporation: A ticket to fly

by Daniel Gerdis

At AIM, we look to own businesses that can sustainably compound our investors' capital through economic cycles. Our investment process seeks to identify cash flow compounders that are run by management teams with the ability and skill to allocate the surplus capital the business produces into new opportunities which accelerate the organic growth profile or widen the moat of the business. A recent addition to the fund that possesses many of the qualities we look for is HEICO Corporation, an aerospace and electronics company that provides mission critical parts for aircraft.

HEICO first became a public company in 1960, though it initially focused on manufacturing laboratory equipment. The business only expanded into parts for the aerospace industry in the 1970s. The Mendelson family acquired a controlling stake in the business in the early 1990s. Since then, CEO Laurans 'Larry' Mendelson has commendably steered the group, ably assisted by his two sons, Eric and Victor, who serve as co-presidents and divisional CEOs. In 1997, Lufthansa took a 20% stake in one of HEICO's subsidiary companies, demonstrating the credibility of their reputation within the airline industry as a provider of cost-effective replacement parts, and as an alternative option to more costly OEM parts for airlines.

A Sky-High Barrier to Entry Business

A typical airline can have as many as four hundred thousand parts that they require on an ongoing basis to service their fleet, and without which they would not be able to safely transport passengers and goods around the world. HEICO is a core provider of many of these highly specialised parts, ranging from wheels, brakes, engine and power generation components, through to airplane interior solutions (such as tray tables, electric seats, etc.), all of which are essential to the safe and reliable operation of an aircraft.

In the US, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulates who can provide parts to airlines under their Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA) program, creating a significant barrier to entry into this market. In addition, the process of designing an aircraft part – from initial design, through to testing the product and then eventual FAA certification – can take several years and involve considerable upfront cash cost. HEICO has built an almost unassailable lead over their closest peers through manufacturing, design and engineering expertise at scale.

HEICO's business model is designed to benefit from ongoing technological innovation within the aerospace industry. Many years after an aircraft has first left the factory floor, more precise production methods combined with the development of cheaper and stronger composite materials create the opportunity for HEICO to redesign and re-engineer the individual parts and components that were originally installed on that aircraft. Modern production methods allow HEICO to reverse engineer parts (often at the customer's request) after gaining the PMA stamp of approval.

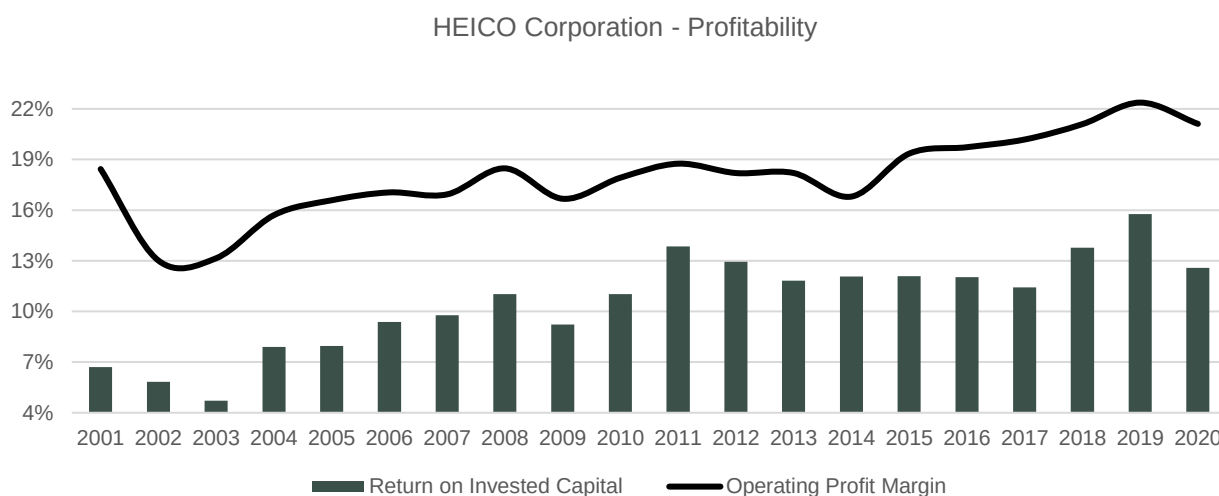
However, these barriers to entry are not sufficient to guarantee long term success; what keeps the competitive advantages intact in any business is how management responds to the ever-evolving demands of their customer. HEICO approaches this challenge by ensuring that their parts are on average 50% cheaper than the equivalent OEM parts, while delivering a similar (or better) level of quality. For customers with a long-standing relationship with the group, this discount can widen to as much as 80%. HEICO management makes a point of sharing value with the customer and offering a high-quality product at a very fair price. Any would-be competitor thinking about entering the market would find it almost impossible to compete on the basis of undercutting HEICO.

We like investing in businesses that provide mission critical products with high switching costs to their customers, which is exactly what HEICO does. As aircraft manufacturers (who have had new aircraft orders cancelled hand over fist during the past 12 months) look to make up for the lost year of 2020, one way would be to increase replacement part pricing. Should this happen, we would not be surprised to see HEICO benefit as cash-strapped airlines look to keep their own costs under control.

A Capital Allocation Machine

Over an extended period of time, the Mendelson family has collectively proven out their ability to prudently allocate shareholder capital to accelerate the growth of the group while also enhancing the competitive advantage and rewarding shareholders. HEICO has compounded revenues at 15% per annum for 30 years – more than 3x the rate of the broader aircraft components industry. Despite this incredible track record, HEICO today still only has 2% market share of their core replacement parts market, indicating the many years of growth ahead of the group.

One of HEICO's most successful capital allocation avenues has been the repeated redeployment of the group's cash generation into small acquisitions that continually expand the product set. The Mendelson's have notched up more than 80 acquisitions over a three-decade innings, paid for by internally generated cash flow. Especially noteworthy is the fact that returns on invested capital have remained solidly above any reasonable estimate of the cost of capital for decades, suggesting a strong valuation discipline underpinning the capital allocation capability.



At the same time, the business has rewarded shareholders along the way with more than 40 years of uninterrupted dividends (paid even in the annus horribilis of 2020).

HEICO makes sure that the management team of the businesses they acquire continue to run them; in turn, HEICO expands the addressable customer base for their products and accelerates their research and development pipelines. Adding niche products to HEICO's existing product basket simplifies the purchasing decisions of their customers who can buy a wider product set from one supplier, further widening their moat and supporting their operating margins.

One of the core principles of our investment process is to focus on the cash flow that a business can repeatedly generate through time, and not on accounting earnings. HEICO is one example of a business that has managed to maximise its cash generating potential, not its accounting earnings (a fact that the CEO frequently and rightly points out to investors). This is evidenced by its consistent delivery of free cash flow per share greater than earnings per share as illustrated below:

HEICO Corporation - Earnings & Free Cash Flow Per Share



Source: HEICO Corporation

The airline industry has a history of deep cyclicalities: think back to the attack on the World Trade Centre in 2001, or the Global Financial Crisis of 2008/2009 – not to mention the extraordinary circumstances introduced by the COVID-19 pandemic since last year. Viewed in isolation, any one of these events would be more than enough to dissuade a short-term investor from owning HEICO. However, when viewed over a longer time frame, each recession has provided HEICO a once-in-a-decade opportunity to deploy their extremely conservatively managed balance sheet to accelerate the acquisitive growth engine. We anticipate a repeat of this pattern as air travel returns in a post-COVID world. Winston Churchill reputedly said, “never let a good crisis go to waste”. We would be hard pressed to find a better-suited company to capitalise on the pandemic-induced recession in the aerospace industry, where financially constrained competitors look to partner as a function of their own survival, and similarly constrained customers look to cut costs by switching to cheaper replacement part providers.

We believe that AIM investors who may have read William Thorndike’s exceptional book *The Outsiders: Eight Unconventional CEOs and Their Radically Rational Blueprint for Success* would find parallels between the select group of well-known CEOs studied by Thorndike, and the Mendelson’s excellent track record of capital allocation. (In fact, were Mr. Thorndike looking to write a sequel, we would suggest that the Mendelson’s should be a contender for the headline act!)

Seatbelts Fastened: An Envious Safety Track Record

HEICO is the only supplier globally to have never caused an in-flight shutdown or malfunction of an aircraft due to one of their products. This proven safety track record is the best in the industry and speaks to the rigour inherent in their design process. The cost to an airline from a mission critical defective part that either grounds an airplane (at best) or causes a crash (at worst) can be devastating to both their reputation and bottom line. By buying HEICO products, airlines know they are obtaining the best possible product at a fraction of the price from an alternative provider, allowing maximum uptime for their fleet. Similarly, through years of experience, the HEICO brand in the eyes of the FAA is synonymous with trust and reliability, resulting in faster FAA approval times than peers.

Conclusion

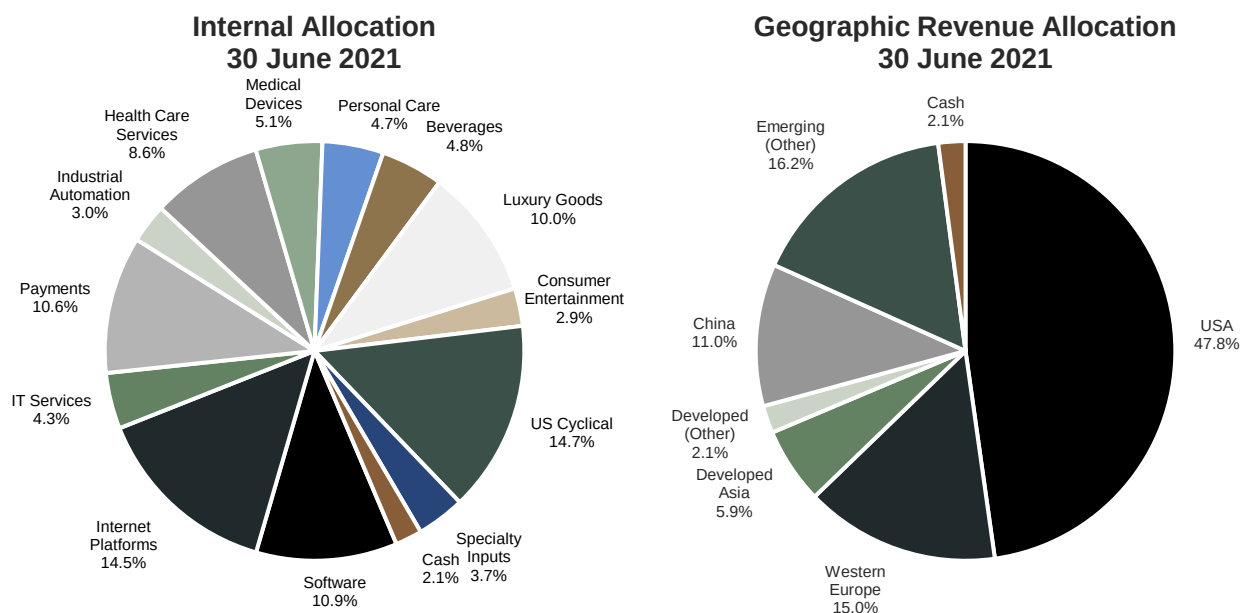
In our opinion, HEICO is one of the best companies most people would never have heard of. Operating in an obscure segment of the airline industry, it is unlikely to come up on the radar of many investors. Being a boutique manager with a focused approach for investing in businesses that compound their cash flow through cycles, we own HEICO on your behalf for the quality, diversification and differentiation it brings to the Fund. In doing so, we partner with an aligned management team that has a demonstrable track record of creating value for staff, customers and shareholders over decades.

ADDENDUM

Quality Scorecard

Portfolio Characteristic	Dec. 2019	Dec. 2020	June 2021
<i>Profitability</i>			
Gross Margin	55.7%	49.8%	51.2%
Operating Margin	23.5%	20.1%	22.4%
Free Cash Flow Margin	18.9%	17.0%	17.7%
<i>Returns on Capital</i>			
Return on Assets (ROA)	13.0%	11.9%	11.9%
Return on Equity (ROE)	28.3%	24.9%	26.0%
Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	24.0%	16.5%	17.7%
<i>Leverage</i>			
Debt/Equity	87.2%	68.6%	66.2%
Net Debt/Equity	19.3%	22.1%	18.7%
<i>Valuation</i>			
Free Cash Flow Yield	2.8%	3.2%	3.0%
12m Forward Free Cash Flow Yield	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%
24m Forward Free Cash Flow Yield	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
<i>Holdings</i>			
Number of positions	19	21	22
Active Share	86.5%	87.8%	87.9%

Internal Sector & Geographic Revenue Allocation



Source: FactSet, Constantia analysis.

Top Ten Holdings (alphabetical)

Business	Sector
Alphabet	Internet Platform
 BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC.	US Cyclical
 Coca-Cola	Consumer Staples
ESTÉE LAUDER	Personal Care
LVMH	Luxury Goods
 mastercard.	Payments
 Microsoft	Software
	Luxury Goods
 PayPal	Payments
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP®	Health Care Services

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