

# **Asset Allocation Portfolios**

Strategic Allocation, Fund Selection, and Portfolio Construction by Morningstar Investment Management, LLC\*

Universal VIA Asset Allocation Portfolios

1st Quarter 2024 Commentary

Written by Morningstar Investment Management, LLC



### **Macroeconomic Overview**

- Stocks rallied to begin 2024, with the S&P 500 index up 10.6% for the first quarter. The gain marked the
  fastest first-quarter rise in five years, with every sector increasing except real estate. Investors appeared to
  shrug off news that the Federal Reserve has postponed rate cuts, as board members await additional
  cooling signs amid resilient economic activity, a strong job market, and only a slight moderation in inflation
  readings.
- Once again, it was U.S. large-cap growth stocks that enjoyed some of the best gains. Strong corporate
  earnings results helped, with Apple, Alphabet, and Amazon all reporting healthy profit growth. Chipmaker
  Nvidia posted yet another huge upside earnings surprise, as Al-related computing demand continues to
  ramp up. The company's final quarter of 2023 revealed a 265% rise in revenues year over year. Its stock
  rose more than 80% in the first quarter.
- In aggregate, non-U.S. market returns were relatively pedestrian, with the MSCI EAFE Index, which is made up of foreign developed-markets stocks, notching a 5.8% gain. However, returns were far from uniform across countries. Japanese stocks rose 11%, while U.K. equities eked out a 3.1% gain. Performance was similarly divergent across emerging markets: Chinese and Brazilian stocks endured losses, while India gained 6.1%. Broadly speaking, the U.S. dollar gained value versus most developed- and emerging-markets currencies.
- Turning to bonds, good news on the economy caused yields to inch higher, providing a headwind for fixed-income asset classes. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Index lost 0.8% in the quarter, with longer-duration bonds underperforming their short-duration counterparts. High-yield bonds were a standout winner among fixed income, with the Bloomberg US High Yield Index returning 1.5% through the end of March 31.

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# Universal VIA Asset Allocation Portfolios: Conservative



## **Portfolio Construction Manager's Commentary**

- The Universal VIA Asset Allocation—Conservative Portfolio returned 2.96% in the first quarter after expenses, compared to a 2.65% return for the blended benchmark made up of the S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond indexes.
- The volatility-control overlay allowed the portfolio to be at its full 35% equity target throughout the quarter, which was helpful as equities generally rose around the world. The two underlying core bond funds managed to slightly outperform the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index's 0.78% loss, while an overweight to emerging-markets debt injected some gains within the bond sleeve.
- On the equity side, an overweight to foreign equity once again hindered results, as the U.S. market outpaced most foreign markets in the quarter. Also, having exposure to mid-and small-cap stocks (part of the portfolio's normal diversification) was a drag, as large-cap growth stocks drove much of the U.S market's gains. However, both of the large-cap value funds owned in the portfolio outpaced their style benchmarks, while one of the two large-growth funds delivered strong gains.
- The foreign equity funds were mixed; the three foreign large-cap developed-market funds, together with the foreign small-cap fund, were positive contributors as a group. But emerging markets trailed foreign developed markets in the quarter, and the portfolio's sole emerging-markets equity fund fell a bit short of its benchmark.

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## **Investment Objective**

The portfolio seeks current income and preservation of capital.

## **Investment Strategy**

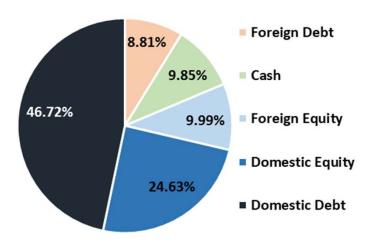
The portfolio seeks to achieve its objective by investing its assets in a diversified combination of underlying Funds. Under normal market conditions, expectations are to adjust the investments in underlying funds to achieve a mix over time of approximately 35% of assets in equities and 65% of assets in fixed income, which may include bonds, cash, cash equivalents, and other money market instruments. These percentages may vary at different times. The portfolio is subject to implied volatility guidelines. Based on these guidelines and the level of implied volatility, the portfolio construction manager may increase equity exposure to approximately 50% or may decrease equity exposure to approximately 15%. Allocation of assets among the underlying funds is based on such things as prudent diversification principles, general market outlooks (both domestic and global), historical performance, global markets' current valuations, and other global economic factors.

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AEGON Bond I2	20.20
AEGON Short Term Bond I2	11.53
Levin Capital Strategies, L.P. Large Cap Value I2	7.11
WMC US Growth I2	6.31
TDAM USA Inc. International Growth I2	4.40
Morgan Stanley Capital Growth I2	3.95
Barrow Hanley Dividend Focused I2	3.34
MetLife Emerging Markets Debt I2	3.15
PineBridge Investments, LLC Inflation Opps I2	2.91
Percentage of total portfolio	87.93%

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Conservative Asset Allocation Portfolio – 03.31.2024 Total Return Performance (%)1

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	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception¥
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	2.96%	2.96	8.93	0.30	2.27	3.27	4.77
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	2.61%	2.61	7.43	-1.08	0.76	1.54	2.56



Conservative Asset Allocation Portfolio - 03.31.2024 Calendar Year Performance (%)1

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	2.96%	9.13	-13.45	2.94	4.59	12.31	-4.16	9.59	5.00	-0.47	4.21
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	2.61%	7.61	-14.65	1.51	3.13	10.74	-5.50	8.07	3.54	-1.85	2.77

Inception Date	03/01/2007¥
Total annual portfolio expenses	1.06%1
Net Assets	\$53.405 million
Number of Holdings	20

Risk Measures <sup>†</sup>	3 year
Beta	0.65
R-Squared	94.38
Standard Deviation	8.33

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Top Fixed income Sector Weig	ghts (%)	Top Ten Equity Sector We	ights (%)
Corporate Investment Grade	29.75	Information Technology	23.32
Mortgages	26.06	Financial Services	13.36
Government	20.13	Healthcare	11.91
Foreign & Emerging Markets	15.87	Industrials	11.35
TIPS	4.95	Energy	10.31
High Yield	3.24	Consumer Cyclical	9.45
		Communication Services	7.61
		Consumer Staples	5.10
		Basic Materials	3.61
		Real Estate	2.13

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# **Universal VIA Asset Allocation Portfolios: Moderate**



## **Portfolio Construction Manager's Commentary**

- The Universal VIA Asset Allocation—Moderate Portfolio returned 4.41% in the first quarter after expenses, compared to a 4.10% return for the blended benchmark made up of the S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond indexes.
- The volatility-control overlay allowed the portfolio to be at its full 35% equity target throughout the quarter, which was helpful as equities generally rose around the world.
- Within the equity sleeve, an overweight to foreign equity once again hindered results, as the U.S. market outpaced most foreign markets in the quarter. Also, having exposure to mid-and small-cap stocks (part of the portfolio's normal diversification) was a drag, as large-cap growth stocks drove much of the U.S market's gains. However, both of the large-cap value funds owned in the portfolio outpaced their style benchmarks, while one of the two large-growth funds delivered strong gains.
- The foreign equity funds were mixed; the three foreign large-cap developed-market funds, together with
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  developed markets in the quarter, and the portfolio's sole emerging-markets equity fund fell a bit short of
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- On the bond side, the two underlying core bond funds managed to slightly outperform the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index's 0.78% loss, while an overweight to emerging-markets debt injected some gains.

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## **Investment Strategy**

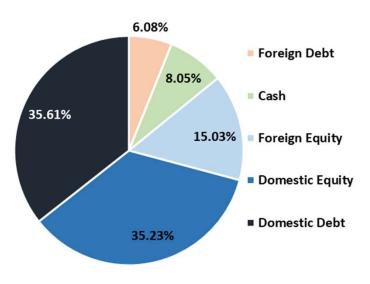
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AEGON Bond I2	14.87
WMC US Growth I2	9.10
Levin Easterly Partners LLC Large Cap Value I2	8.64
AEGON Short Term Bond I2	8.51
Barrow Hanley Dividend Focused I2	6.43
TDAM USA Inc. International Growth I2	6.38
Morgan Stanley Capital Growth I2	4.63
WMC Emerging Market Opportunities I2	4.25
Kayne Anderson MLP & Energy Income I2	3.71
Percentage of Total Portfolio	86.18%

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### Moderate Asset Allocation Portfolio – 03.31.2024 Total Return Performance at NAV (%)1

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	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception¥
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	4.41%	4.41	11.18	0.70	3.68	4.71	6.02
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	4.05%	4.05	9.65	-0.70	2.08	2.79	3.55

## Moderate Asset Allocation Portfolio-03.31.2024 Calendar Year Performance (%)1

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	4.41%	10.07	-15.16	5.20	7.69	14.88	-5.85	12.69	6.15	-0.47	4.68
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	4.05%	8.54	-16.34	3.74	6.19	13.28	-7.16	11.13	4.68	-1.86	3.23

Inception Date	03/01/2007¥
Total annual portfolio expenses	1.07%1
Net Assets	\$215.173 million
Number of Holdings	20

Risk Measures <sup>†</sup>	3 year
Beta	0.79
R-Squared	97.46
Standard Deviation	9.93

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Top Fixed income Sector Weig	Top Ten Equity Sector Weights (%)		
Corporate Investment Grade	30.18	Information Technology	22.82
Mortgages	26.75	Financial Services	13.48
Government	20.60	Healthcare	11.78
Foreign & Emerging Market	14.58	Industrials	11.74
TIPS	4.61	Energy	10.87
High Yield	3.29	Consumer Cyclical	9.24
		Communication Services	7.23
		Consumer Staples	5.20
		Basic Materials	3.62
		Real Estate	2.13
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# Universal VIA Asset Allocation Portfolios: Moderate Growth



## **Portfolio Construction Manager's Commentary**

- The Universal VIA Asset Allocation—Moderate Growth returned 6.21% in the first quarter after expenses, compared to a 6.09% return for the blended benchmark made up of the S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond indexes.
- Within the equity sleeve, an overweight to foreign equity once again hindered results, as the U.S. market outpaced most foreign markets in the quarter. Also, having exposure to mid-and small-cap stocks (part of the portfolio's normal diversification) was a drag, as large-cap growth stocks drove much of the U.S market's gains. However, both of the large-cap value funds owned in the portfolio outpaced their style benchmarks, while one of the two large-growth funds delivered strong gains. A position in energy infrastructure also contributed positively.
- The foreign equity funds were mixed; the three foreign large-cap developed-market funds, together with the foreign small-cap fund, were positive contributors as a group. But emerging markets trailed foreign developed markets in the quarter, and the portfolio's sole emerging-markets equity fund fell a bit short of its benchmark.
- On the bond side, the two underlying core bond funds managed to slightly outperform the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index's 0.78% loss, while an overweight to emerging-markets debt injected some gains.

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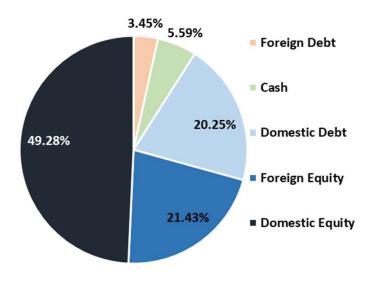
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## **Asset Allocation**



# Top 10 Underlying Funds

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Clarivest International Stock I2	3.44
Percentage of total portfolio	82.94%

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# Moderate Growth Asset Allocation Portfolio – 03.31.2024 Total Return Performance at NAV (%)1 NORNINGSTAR



	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception¥
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	6.21%	6.21	15.47	1.38	7.23	7.46	7.96
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	5.85%	5.85	13.88	-0.05	5.39	5.18	5.10

### Moderate Growth Asset Allocation Portfolio- 03.31.2024 Calendar Year Performance (%)1

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	6.21%	13.38%	-19.10	10.22	17.34	18.00	-8.42	15.99	7.11	-0.57	4.83
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	5.85%	11.81%	-20.22	8.69	15.71	16.36	-9.70	14.38	5.62	-1.95	3.37

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Number of Holdings	21
Net Assets	\$55.468 million
Total annual portfolio expenses**	1.22% 1
Inception Date	03/01/2007¥

Risk Measures <sup>†</sup>	3 year
Beta	1.09
R-Squared	97.38
Standard Deviation	13.77

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# Universal VIA Asset Allocation Portfolios: Growth



## **Portfolio Construction Manager's Commentary**

- The Universal VIA Asset Allocation—Growth returned 8.76% in the first quarter after expenses, a bit less than the 9.12% return for the 100%-equity blended benchmark made up of the S&P 500 and MSCI EAFE indices.
- An overweight to foreign equity once again hindered results, as the U.S. market outpaced most foreign markets in the quarter. Also, having exposure to mid-and small-cap stocks (part of the portfolio's normal diversification) was a drag, as large-cap growth stocks drove much of the U.S market's gains. The benchmark doesn't include small-cap stocks. The benchmark also doesn't include emerging-markets in the non-US component, and emerging markets (again part of the portfolio's standard diversification) trailed foreign developed markets.
- On the positive side, an energy-infrastructure position notched a healthy return. More important, both of the large-cap value funds owned in the portfolio outpaced their style benchmarks, while one of the two large-growth funds delivered strong gains.
- The foreign equity funds were mixed; the three foreign large-cap developed-market funds, together with the foreign small-cap fund, were positive contributors as a group. But the portfolio's sole emerging-markets fund fell a bit short of its benchmark.

# Universal VIA – Asset Allocation Portfolios: Growth



## **Investment Objective**

The portfolio seeks capital appreciation and current income as a secondary objective.

## **Investment Strategy**

This portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets in a combination of underlying mutual funds (the "underlying funds"). Under normal circumstances, it expects to invest primarily in underlying funds that invest in equities, which may include both stocks and commodity-related international securities. The portfolio may also invest directly in U.S. government securities and/or short-term commercial paper. The "Underlying Funds" section of the prospectus lists the underlying funds currently available for investment by the portfolio, provides a summary of their respective investment objectives and principal investment strategies, and identifies certain risks of the underlying funds. It is not possible to predict the extent to which the portfolio will be invested in a particular underlying fund at any time. The portfolio may be a significant shareholder in certain underlying funds. The portfolio construction manager, Morningstar Investment Management, LLC, may change the portfolio's asset allocations and underlying funds at any time without notice to shareholders and without shareholder approval. Under adverse or unstable market, economic or political conditions, the portfolio may take temporary defensive positions in cash and short-term debt securities without limit.

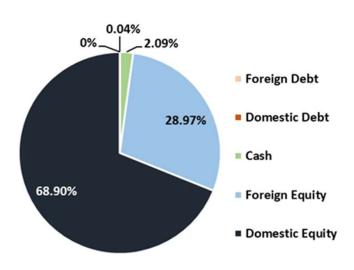
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**Top 10 Underlying Funds** 

# **Asset Allocation**



#### WMC US Growth 12 17.04% Levin Capital Strategies, L.P. Large Cap Value I2 16.62 Barrow Hanley Dividend Focused I2 13.17 TDAM USA Inc. International Growth I2 11.49 Morgan Stanley Capital Growth 12 8.86 WMC Emerging Market Opportunities I2 7.65 4.96 Kayne Anderson MLP & Energy Income I2 4.63 Clarivest International Stock 12 TS&W LLC International Equity I2 4.44

TS&W LLC Mid Cap Value Opportunities I2

**Percentage of Total Portfolio** 

2.61

91.49%

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### Growth Asset Allocation Portfolio – 03.31.2024 Total Return Performance at NAV (%)1



	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception¥
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	8.76%	8.76	2037	2.86	9.88	9.96	9.30
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	8.39%	8.39	18.71	1.37	7.86	7.36	6.15

### Growth Asset Allocation Portfolio - 03.31.2024 Calendar Year Performance (%)1

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	8.76%	15.97	-20.81	14.32	19.66	22.31	-11.55	20.84	8.27	-0.55	4.44
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	8.39%	14.36	-21.91	12.73	17.99	20.61	-12.79	19.17	6.77	-1.93	2.99

Inception Date	03/01/2007¥
Total annual portfolio expenses	1.34% 1
Net Assets	\$36.905 million
Number of Holdings	15

Risk Measures <sup>1</sup>	3 year
Beta	1.34
R-Squared	95.26
Standard Deviation	16.98

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<b>Top Country Weights</b>	(%)	Top Ten Equity Sector Weights (%)				
United States	70.24	Information Technology	23.11			
Japan	5.16	Financial Services	13.71			
United Kingdom	3.56	Healthcare	12.21			
France	2.71	Industrials	12.06			
Taiwan	2.00	Consumer Cyclical	9.31			
Canada	1.77	Energy	8.95			
Ireland	1.72	Communication Services	7.45			
Germany	1.44	Consumer Staples	5.36			
China	1.24	Basic Materials	3.70			
South Korea	1.21	Real Estate	2.16			

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# Universal VIA Asset Allocation Portfolios: International Growth



## Portfolio Construction Manager's Commentary

- Universal VIA Asset Allocation—International Growth Portfolio rose 4.65% in the fourth quarter after expenses, about even with the 4.69% return for the portfolio's benchmark (the MSCI ACWI ex-USA Index since the fund converted to an all-equity fund on October 24, 2011). T
- he portfolio's built-in emerging-markets exposure was a drag, as emerging markets as an asset class trailed developed markets in the quarter. And the portfolio's emerging-markets fund lagged its benchmark to boot.
- However, two of the three core developed-market funds owned in the portfolio outpaced the MSCI EAFE Index as well as their respective style-specific indices. The foreign small-cap fund also contributed positively.

# **Universal VIA – Asset Allocation Portfolios: International Growth**



## **Investment Objective**

The portfolio seeks long term capital appreciation.

## **Investment Strategy**

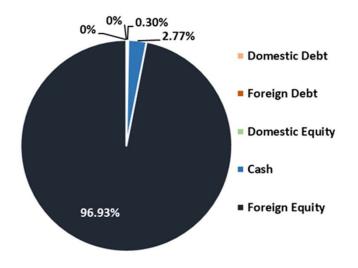
This portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing its assets in a diversified combination of underlying mutual funds (the "underlying funds"). In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the portfolio follows the following investment strategies: Under normal market conditions, the portfolio expects to invest primarily in underlying Transamerica Funds to achieve a mix over time of international (developed and emerging markets) equities. The Portfolio Construction Manager decides how much of the portfolio's assets to allocate to each underlying fund based on its outlook for the markets in which it invests. The portfolio may also invest directly in government securities and The portfolio seeks to periodically adjust its allocations to favor short-term commercial paper. investments in those underlying funds that are expected to provide the most favorable outlook for achieving its investment objective. The portfolio expects to adjust its allocations to favor investments that it believes will provide the most favorable outlook for achieving its investment objective. It is not possible to predict the extent to which the portfolio will be invested in a particular underlying fund at any time. As a consequence of its investment strategies and policies, the portfolio may be a significant shareholder in certain underlying funds. The portfolio's construction manager, Morningstar Investment Management, LLC (the "Portfolio Construction Manager"), determines the portfolio's asset allocations and periodic changes thereto, and other investments.

### **Product Profile**

A comprehensive investment solution designed to help you achieve your goals in the future

- Broad diversification in one long-term investment
- Active management with more than thirty unique investment managers
- Daily portfolio management and oversight by Morningstar Investment Management, LLC

# **Asset Allocation**



Underlying Funds*	
TDAM USA Inc. International Growth I2	32.16%
WMC Emerging Market Opportunities I2	22.58
TS&W International Small Cap Value I2	17.12
Clarivest International Stock I2	14.35
TS&W International Equity I2	13.80
Transamerica Global Allocation Liquid Trust I2	0.00
Percentage of Total Portfolio	100%

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### International Asset Allocation Portfolio – 03.31.2024 Total Return Performance at NAV (%)1

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	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Inception¥
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	4.65%	4.65	9.74	-0.96	5.49	3.59	3.76
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	4.29%	4.29	8.22	-2.29	3.77	1.81	1.76

### International Asset Allocation Portfolio- 03.31.2024 Calendar Year Performance (%)1

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup>	4.65%	11.84	-19.65	7.48	13.19	21.36	-17.33	28.43	0.66	-2.85	-5.53
Net of Costs <sup>2</sup>	4.29%	10.29	-20.77	5.99	11.61	19.67	-18.49	26.65	-0.74	-4.21	-6.84

Inception Date	03/01/2007¥
Total annual portfolio expenses	1.74% ¹
Net Assets	\$5.185 million
Number of Holdings	6

Risk Measures <sup>†</sup>	3 year
Beta	1.05
R-Squared	96.21
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	17.54

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Ireland	4.81	Healthcare	7.16	
China	4.41	Basic Materials	6.92	
South Korea	4.30	Energy	5.97	
Netherlands	4.23	Communication Services	4.63	
India	3.97	Real Estate	1.57	

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