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# The Right to Win

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## Slow and Steady - Just Seven Additions in Fourteen Years

Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC

LT Global Portfolio - Launched March 2011
Average turnover 4% p.a.
Seven new names
Six complete sales - excluding takeovers

Brown-Forman	Heineken	Nintendo	Thermo Fisher
Celtic	Intuit	PayPal	Unilever
Diageo	Ito En	PepsiCo	Walt Disney
еВау	Juventus	Prada	TKO
FICO	LSE	RELX	UMG
HL	Mondelez	Shiseido	

**UMG** LT Global Equity 5.3.x MSCI World 4.6x FICO PRADA **HARGREAVES LANSDOWN PEPSICO JHIJEIDO** 2013 2015 2017 2019 2021 2023 2025

Total returns in GBP from March 2011 portfolio inception to end March 2025.

## **Enduring Portfolio Characteristics**

Weighted Average Return on Equity %



	Lindsell Train Global Strategy	MSCI World Index
14yr mean weighted average ROE	22%	12%
14yr mean weighted average dividend yield	1.9%	2.4%
14yr mean weighted average historic P/E	25x	19x

**Source**: Lindsell Train, Morningstar Direct and Bloomberg as of end March 2025. Weighted average 13 years trailing ROE data based upon fiscal year end data points and Lindsell Train estimates. For securities that have not yet reported fiscal year 2024 data, representative point-in-time figures as of 31st December 2024 have been used instead. Lindsell Train Global Equity strategy year end portfolio weightings utilised to calculate weighted average. ROE values below -90 will be excluded and values above 75 will be capped as 75 in the calculation of the average of the fund. The data is provided for information purposes only as an example of the investment strategy and characteristics of Lindsell Train's Global Equity strategy. This is not a solicitation, recommendation or an offer to buy or sell any security, fund or financial instrument. Past performance is not a guide or guarantee to future performance. Investments carry a degree of risk and the value of investments and income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back the original amount invested.

"Over the long term, it's hard for a stock to earn a much better return than the business which underlies it earns".

- Charlie Munger, 1994

## Sustainable Compounding Should Drive Future Returns

ROE	Starting PE	Ending PE	Projected 20 Year CAGR
22%	25X	19X	+12% p.a.
11%	19X	19X	+9% p.a.

The example above is designed to illustrate a mathematical concept and does not reflect the current or future performance of the Global Equity strategy. Projected Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) calculation assumes Return on Equity (ROE) is sustained for 20 years, that the PE falls to the 'ending PE' and that 50% of earnings are reinvested (at the same rates of return), with the rest paid out as dividends and used to buy more shares. Figures based on own assumptions, calculations, methodology and estimates.

The compounding
effect of a sustained
high Return on Equity
is a more important
factor in determining
future returns than
the PE ratio or the
starting price

# Where do we find Great Companies?

	Often	Sometimes	Almost Never	
	Application Software	Advertising	Agricultural Products	
	Asset Management	Banks	Automobiles	
	Beverages	Consumer Durables & Apparel	Broadcasting	
	Commercial & Professional Services	Consumer Services	Cable & Satellite	
	Data Processing & Outsourced Services	Diversified Capital Markets	Capital Goods	
	Financial Exchanges & Data	Food & Staples Retailing	Consumer Finance	
	Home Entertainment Software	Health Care Equipment & Services	Energy	
	Household & Personal Services	Interactive Media & Services	Insurance	
	Interactive Home Entertainment	Investment Banking & Brokerage	Materials	
	Internet Software & Services	IT Consulting & Other Services	Multi-Sector Holdings	
	Movies & Entertainment	Other Diversified Financial Services	Real Estate	
	Packaged Foods	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	
	Publishing	Retailing	Technology Hardware & Equipment	
		Systems Software	Telecommunication Services	
			Tobacco	
			Transportation	
			Utilities	
				Total
Lindsell Train Universe	89 (63%)	46 (33%)	7(4%)	141
MSCI World Universe	238 (17%)	418 (30%)	739 (53%)	1,395

# Pace of change

### Major LLM Milestones (2023 – present)

Date	OpenAl	Google	Meta	DeepSeek	Anthropic	Mistral 🗇
Mar 2023	GPT-4 (via waitlist)	_	_	_	Claude 1	_
Jul 2023	GPT-4 API access	_	_	DeepSeek-LLM & DeepSeek-Coder	Claude 2	_
Sep 2023	_	_	_	_	_	Mixtral 7B (MoE)
Dec 2023	_	Gemini 1 (Nano, Pro, Ultra)	-	DeepSeek-MoE	Claude 2.1	Mixtral 8x7B
Jan 2024	ChatGPT Store (custom GPTs)	_	-	-	_	_
Feb 2024	Introduced Sora (text-to-video)	Released Gemma open-source models	Meta Al assistant launched	_	_	Le Chat (beta)
Mar 2024	-	Gemini March Core Update	_	_	Claude 3 (Opus, Sonnet, Haiku)	_
Apr 2024	_	Gemini 1.5 Flash & Al Overviews	LLaMA 3 (8B & 70B) released	DeepSeek-Math	_	_
May 2024	GPT-4o (multimodal)	Gemini 1.5 Pro & Flash updates	_	DeepSeek-V2	_	_
Jul 2024	_	_	LLaMA 3.1 (8B, 70B, 405B) released	_	_	_
Sep 2024	_	Gemini 1.5 Flash becomes default	_	_	_	_
Dec 2024	_	Gemini 2.0 Flash Experimental	_	DeepSeek-V3	Claude 3.5 Haiku released	_
Jan 2025	_	Gemini 2.0 Flash rollout	_	_	_	_
Feb 2025	GPT-4.5 (Orion) preview	Gemini 2.0 Pro released	-	_	Claude 3.7 Sonnet released	_
Mar 2025	_	Gemini 2.5 Pro Experimental	_	-	_	_
Apr 2025	GPT-4o becomes ChatGPT default	_	_	_	_	_

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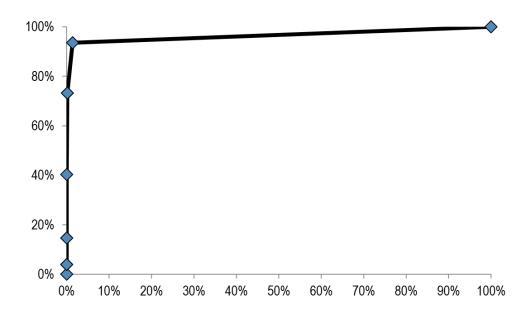
## **Power laws**

#### IFPI Top 10 Global Artists – UMG Representation



Universal Music Group's Artist roster continues to enjoy outsized dominance of the IFPI Top 10 Chart

#### Catalogue Penetration vs. Share of Streams



>90% of streams come from c. 1% of songs across major Digital Service Providers (DSP)

## Picks & Shovels

# Pfizer ends development of weight-loss pill danuglipron

By Deena Beasley

April 14, 2025 4:46 PM GMT+1 · Updated 2 days ago



#### Merck's KEYTRUDA Wins Expanded Approval in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

January 27, 2023



# Pfizer Discontinues Gene Therapy Program for Duchenne Following Negative Phase 3 Results

Author(s): Marco Meglio
News | Article | July 31, 2024

*NeurologyLive* 

### Eisai, Biogen's Alzheimer's drug Leqembi authorised in EU



Vidya Sagar Maddela April 16, 2025

# Thermo Fisher S C L E N T L F L C









## Walled Garden









151m 1.36B games



129m
Annual Playing
Users

34m Nintendo Switch Online members





## **Objects of Desire**



## **WWE Raw TV Rights**

\$28m p.a. in 2000 with Viacom \$500m p.a. in 2025 with Netflix

**12%** CAGR over 25 years

#### **Historic Takeover Valuations**

USA	Price (EV)		EV/Revenues
UFC	\$4bn	6.6x	(WME / IMG 2016)
LA Lakers (NBA)	\$5bn	12.5x	(Boehly / Walter 2021)
Phoenix Suns (NBA)	\$4bn	13.3x	(Ishbia 2022)
Washington Commanders (NFL)	\$6bn	11.1x	(Harris 2023)
Boston Celtics (NBA)	\$6bn	12.4x	(Chisolm 2025)

Europe	Price (EV)		EV/Revenues
Arsenal	£1.8bn	4.6x	(KSE 2018)
Formula One	\$8bn	4.4x	(Liberty Media 2016)
Manchester City	\$4bn	7.3x	(Silver Lake 2019)
Chelsea	£4bn	9.6x	(Boehly / Clearlake 2022)



£1bn ev

2.5x EV / Sales



£88m EV

0.7x EV / Sales

# **Legal Mandate**

Regulators

100%

of mortgages guaranteed by Freddie Mac & Fannie Mae must have a FICO score

**Investors** 

95%+

of total dollars in U.S. Securitizations solely cited FICO Scores as credit risk measure

Lenders

90%

of top U.S. lenders and credit unions use FICO scores

Consumers

300M+

Consumer accounts have free access to FICO scores

## **Network Effects**



Active Buyers

134m

Listings

2.3bn

Gross Merchandise Volume

\$75bn

All data as of FY24



**LCH SwapClear Volumes** 

Service Notional Registered (USD)

\$567,885,281,807,068

Service Notional Outstanding (USD)

\$525,155,789,262,352

Both figures YTD as of April 18, 2025



**Active Accounts** 

434m

Transactions per active account

60.6

Total Payment Volume

\$1.7T

All data as of FY24



# **Lindsell Train Global Equity Representative - Portfolio**

Consumer & Healthcare Franchises	36.17%
Diageo	5.42
Mondelez	4.54
Unilever	4.29
PepsiCo	4.23
Prada	4.10
Heineken	3.73
Thermo Fisher	3.12
Kao	2.50
Shiseido	2.44
Brown-Forman*	1.53
Ito En (pref)	0.27

Media & Software	42.53%
RELX	9.74
Nintendo	9.01
TKO	5.18
FICO	4.83
Intuit	4.41
Walt Disney	4.38
UMG	3.45
Juventus	1.30
Celtic	0.23

Financials & Networks	15.78%
London Stock Exchange Group	9.60
PayPal	3.46
eBay	2.71
Cash	5.52%



<sup>\*</sup>Aggregate holding across all share classes

## **Lindsell Train Investment Team**



**Michael Lindsell**Japanese & Global Equities

Michael co-founded Lindsell Train Limited in 2000 and is the firm's Chief Executive. He is the portfolio manager for Japanese equity portfolios and jointly manages Global equity portfolios. Michael has over 40 years' experience in investment management. Before founding Lindsell Train he spent seven years at GT Management, first as CIO in their Tokyo office, then in London with responsibility for all GT's global and international funds. Following the acquisition of GT by Invesco in 1998 he was appointed head of the combined global product team. His previous experience included working at Mercury Asset Management where he was director and head of Japanese fund management in London; at Scimitar Asset Management in Hong Kong where he ran Pacific and Japanese mandates; and at Lazard Brothers as an investment manager. Michael has a degree in Zoology from the University of Bristol.



**Nick Train**UK & Global Equities

Nick co-founded Lindsell Train Limited in 2000 and is the firm's Chairman. He is the portfolio manager for UK equity portfolios and jointly manages Global equity portfolios. Nick has over 40 years' experience in investment management. Before founding Lindsell Train he was head of Global Equities at M&G Investment Management, having joined there in 1998 as a director. Previously he spent 17 years at GT Management where his final role was as Chief Investment Officer for Pan-Europe, having built long investment track records in both UK and Global equities. Nick has a degree in Modern History from the University of Oxford.



**James Bullock**Global & North American Equities

James joined Lindsell Train in 2010 and is a portfolio manager. He has jointly managed global equity portfolios since 2015 and is responsible for the North American Equity Fund. James has a Masters degree in Physics from the University of Oxford and a doctorate in Biomechanics from the University of Cambridge.

### **Lindsell Train Investment Team**



Madeline Wright

Deputy Portfolio Manager – UK Equities

Madeline joined Lindsell Train in 2012 and was promoted to Deputy Portfolio Manager in 2019. Madeline has a degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Oxford and previously spent a semester as a visiting student at Yale University. After leaving Oxford, she studied in Japan for a year where she learnt to speak the language to a high standard.



#### **Alexander Windsor-Clive**

Deputy Portfolio Manager – North American Equities

Alexander joined Lindsell Train in 2016 and was promoted to Deputy Portfolio Manager in 2021. Alexander has a degree in History from the University of Bristol.



#### Ben van Leeuwen

Deputy Portfolio Manager – Global Equities

Ben joined Lindsell Train in 2019 and was promoted to Deputy Portfolio Manager in 2023. Ben has a degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Oxford

## **Marketing & Client Services**



#### **Jessica Cameron**

Head of Marketing & Client Services

Jessica joined Lindsell Train in 2018 was appointed Head of Marketing & Client Services in 2024. She has over ten years' experience in the investment management field. Prior to joining Lindsell Train she worked at Longview Partners (2011 – 2018) within the Institutional Clients team and was also a board director for Longview's Luxembourg funds. She started her career in 2007 at BlackRock, where she worked as a product specialist on the London based Global Equity team and before that as a member of the Global Consultant Relations team. Jessica has a degree in Modern History from the University of St Andrews. She is an Investment Committee member of the University of St Andrews Investment & Treasury Assurance Group (ITAG), which is responsible for the University's endowment funds.



#### Josh Ausden

Wholesale Marketing & Client Services

Josh joined Lindsell Train in 2022 and works within the Marketing & Client Services team, focusing on the wholesale market. He has over 10 years' experience in the investment management industry. Prior to joining Lindsell Train he worked at Somerset Capital Management (2018 – 2022) where he was Head of UK Distribution, and Neptune Investment Management (2015 – 2018) where he was Head of Client Investment Strategy. Josh started his career as a journalist at FE Trustnet (2010 – 2015) where he held roles as Editor and Head of Content. He has a degree in English Literature from Durham University.



#### Jon Lamb

Institutional Marketing & Client Services

Jon joined Lindsell Train in 2021 within the Marketing & Client Services team. He has over 15 years of investment experience. Prior to joining Lindsell Train, Jon spent nine years at Willis Towers Watson, initially within the manager research teams before helping to launch and grow the firm's new investment platform, the Asset Management Exchange (AMX), from 2015. He performed a wide number of roles during his time at AMX, encompassing sales, commercial negotiation, and product development, and was also a member of several committees, including the Risk Committee and New Business Committee. Prior to joining Willis Towers Watson, Jon spent six years in fiduciary management within a fund of hedge funds. Jon obtained a bachelor's degree in Economics & Management, and a master's degree in Economics for Development, both from the University of Oxford. He is a CFA Charterholder.