



## SPECIAL UPDATE

From Portfolio Manager **Danton Goei**

### Davis Select Worldwide ETF

**Because the COVID-19 outbreak and market volatility have created fear and uncertainty, we wanted to provide you with an update through this period.**

#### **What advice do you have for investors and what are your thoughts on the market?**

Our thoughts are with advisors and their clients during this challenging time. News of both the health and economic effects of COVID-19 are understandably unsettling and has led to a rapid drop in the equity markets. However, as an investment firm with over 50 years of history, we at Davis Advisors have experienced investing in numerous challenging circumstances. It is remarkable to think that over the 50 year period from 1969 through 2019, the market

has returned a very healthy 10.6% per year, despite challenging periods such as the Vietnam War, the Oil Crisis, 9/11, and the Financial Crisis, to name a few.<sup>1</sup>

Businesses, importantly, have historically persevered, adapted, and eventually thrived as each crisis receded, as we expect the COVID-19 outbreak will as well. While we do not know the future, it is encouraging that we have already seen certain countries succeed at bringing the outbreak under control, and innovative healthcare companies are hard at work developing a long-term solution.

In fact, our founder Shelby Davis famously said, "You make most of your money in a bear market. You just don't realize it at the time." This has proven true over and over again. You succeed both by owning the right companies heading into a bear

**The average annual total returns for Davis Select Worldwide ETF for periods ending March 31, 2020 are: NAV Return, 1 year, -14.78%; Inception (1/11/17), 0.65%; Market Price Return, 1 year, -14.96%; Inception, 0.60%. The performance presented represents past performance and is not a guarantee of future results.**

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market and by taking advantage of the opportunities presented. We at Davis Advisors are convinced that on both fronts, investors are being well-served by the Davis Select Worldwide ETF's Portfolio of leading businesses from around the globe.

### Could you provide an update on the Portfolio?

Whether in a bull or bear market, the three key areas of focus for our Portfolio companies remain the same:

- Companies with durable competitive advantages
- Excellent, experienced, and honest management teams
- Attractive valuations

The focus on companies with durable competitive advantages served us very well as we navigated the market concerns surrounding the trade war in 2019 when we outperformed the MSCI ACWI Index by a robust 4.10%.<sup>2</sup> The strong balance sheets and cash generation of Davis Select Worldwide ETF's companies are outpacing the Index so far in 2020. Our top holdings, including New Oriental Education, Alibaba Group, Alphabet, JD.com, and Amazon all have extremely strong balance sheets and competitive positions that may help them not only to ride out an economic downturn, but also to thrive when growth resumes.

While the market downturn over the past few weeks is certainly unpleasant, we believe it also means future returns from this point may have the opportunity for improvement. Valuations for our Portfolio companies at the end of 2019 were already attractive, which was particularly evident relative to both the market index and fixed income yields. Today, these same companies, as well as the ones we have been adding to in the market downturn, are particularly attractive, and we believe future returns will be good.

### Putting aside how challenging things are for people on many levels, where do you see the best investment opportunities?

Two areas of meaningful outperformance in the Davis Select Worldwide ETF Portfolio year-to-date have been the Chinese consumer companies we own such as New Oriental Education, Alibaba Group, and JD.com. The large U.S. online internet companies—Alphabet, Amazon, and Facebook—that we think of as the “Blue Chips of Tomorrow” have also outperformed. Encouragingly, the valuations of both the Chinese consumer companies and the U.S. internet leaders remain attractive both on a relative and absolute basis.

The one large sector in the Portfolio that has underperformed is financials, and we believe it is well-poised to make up ground and outperform in the future. Our two U.S. bank holdings, Wells Fargo and Capital One, are entering the next recession with much higher levels of capital, stronger loan books, and very profitable businesses, despite the low interest rate environment. Select international financials including DNB (a leading bank in Norway), Development Bank of Singapore, AIA Group (an Asia-focused life insurer), Danske Bank (a leading bank in Denmark) and Julius Baer (a Swiss wealth manager) are proven businesses trading at very attractive valuations. We believe both our U.S. and international financials are among the best-capitalized financials globally and all have strong franchises. We have been adding to all of them in the latest market downturn.

Market distress is also a potential market opportunity, as long as you are invested in well-run durable franchises trading at attractive valuations. We believe this is an accurate description of Davis Select Worldwide ETF's companies. We thank you for your trust and interest. If we can answer any questions about the Davis Select Worldwide ETF, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact us: 800-717-3477.

**2. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** The outbreak of COVID-19 has negatively affected the worldwide economy, individual countries, individual companies and the market in general. The future impact of COVID-19 is currently unknown, and it may exacerbate other risks that apply to the Fund.

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The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets throughout the world. The index includes reinvestment of dividends, net foreign withholding taxes. Investments cannot be made directly in an index.

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