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Contributors to relative performance

→ Overweight exposure to the toll roads sector

→ Stock selection within the airports sector

Detractors from relative performance

→ Stock selection within the utilities / renewables space

→ Stock selection within the railroads sector

Major changes to portfolio in the period

→ Initiated a 4% position in Southern Company

- A large-cap regulated US utility, Southern is run by a well-regarded management team and operates in a constructive regulatory jurisdiction with robust economic growth. The stock has underperformed in recent years, as project delays and cost overruns at the Vogtle nuclear power plant in Georgia have eroded the premium compared to peers that it previously traded at. We believe the stock now has the potential to trade back up to a premium, as the plant nears completion.

→ Initiated a 1% position in Beijing International Airport

- Owner and operator of Beijing's most significant airport via a concession that runs until 2056, the company is likely to be a key beneficiary of China's post-COVID reopening, as airline traffic volumes increase and domestic Chinese tourists returning to leisure travel drive an uplift in duty-free spending.

→ Divested a 1% position in Exelon

- Regulated US utility, divested in favour of utility names trading at higher rankings within our investment process.

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Major changes to portfolio in the period (cont'd)

→ Divested a 1% position in ONE Gas

- Having added Midwest US utility ONE Gas to the portfolio when its shares traded down to depressed levels in December 2022, the holding was divested in February 2023 after its share price recovered sharply. As long-term investors we typically seek to hold stocks for between three and five years. However, our investment process gives us the flexibility to move more quickly when necessary, as mispricing opportunities open or close.