

# Graphene Actions USA

The month at a glance



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Happy New Year  
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Total AUM: \$145.64 mln

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## The portfolio manager's view

- ✓ As often, December was a quiet month in many aspects, including earnings announcements and even politics. Economic indicators were a mixed bag and, while the Federal Reserve cut its target weight by another 25 basis points, its comments pointed to a less accommodative stance in 2025.
- ✓ The central bank's message and year-end profit taking weighed on the S&P 500 index, which lost 2.42% in December, but still produced a 24.5% net return in 2024. Both of these numbers would have been much weaker without the "Mag 7 effect" which continued to make our job complicated.
- ✓ The fundamental news flow from our holdings remained favorable as companies or analysts updated their 2025 forecasts. We thus kept our selection unchanged, but continued to trim our position on Microsoft to reinforce another, less expensive, faster-growing "tech giant".
- ✓ Unless the many moving parts throughout the world bring surprises, the main event in January looks poised to be Donald Trump's re-inauguration. The market rightly expects a lot from his program but, we believe, underestimates its shortcomings, which keeps our optimism moderate.

## The portfolio

### Risk metrics vs S&P 500 Index

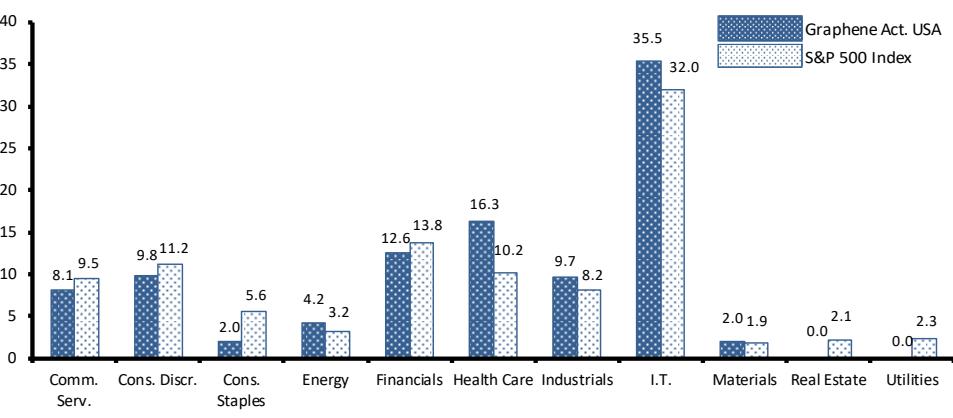
Number of holdings	46
Beta	1.16
Estimated TE (ex-ante)	6.69%

### Typical holding's characteristics (*italics: S&P 500*)

Long-term EPS growth (% p.a.)	13.83	10.11
PER (next 12 months)	16.36	21.85
Market capitalization (\$bn)	350.93	97.54

### Top 10 holdings (tgt weights)

Apple	4.14%
Microsoft	4.12%
Alphabet	4.04%
Nvidia	3.90%
BNY Mellon	2.15%
Waste Mgt	2.14%
Motorola Sol.	2.13%
Fiserv	2.13%
Occidental Pet.	2.11%
T-Mobile US	2.11%



### Performance (*italics: S&P 500 Index*)

	AUM (sh. class)	Cumulative return						Annualized return			
		Last month	Last 3 months		YTD	One year		3 years		Since inception (*)	
I class	\$69.31mln	-2.90%	-2.42%	1.33%	2.31%	11.40%	24.50%	11.31%	24.28%	3.65%	8.43%
IH class	€37.86mln	-3.09%	-2.53%	0.94%	1.96%	9.40%	22.84%	9.32%	22.63%	1.04%	6.76%
IU class	€14.91mln	-0.95%	-0.33%	9.21%	10.02%	18.84%	32.72%	18.68%	32.41%	6.94%	11.86%
S class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SH class	€1.01mln	-3.02%	-2.53%	0.91%	1.96%	8.95%	22.84%	8.87%	22.63%	0.53%	6.76%
SU class	€19.95mln	-1.00%	-0.33%	9.05%	10.02%	18.13%	32.72%	17.97%	32.41%	6.30%	11.86%

(\*) The I and IH share classes were opened on Jul. 5, 2017, the IU class on Jan. 2, 2019, the SU class on Apr. 30, 2019, the SH class on Jan. 20, 2021. Tracking-error (ex-post, annualized since inception): 5.32%





## Reminder – Investment approach

- ✓ Graphene Actions USA aims to outperform the S&P 500 Index (with net dividends reinvested) with a concentrated selection of large and mid-cap stocks listed on the main US exchanges. In the interest of transparency, the fund's exposure to the US equity market is kept as close to 100% as technically possible at all times. We adjust risk to market conditions, and currently have a target of 7% for tracking-error.
- ✓ The fund is managed with a proprietary, active stock-picking strategy called "US Essential Growth". Investment ideas are preselected through a comprehensive, objective screening of the universe by a quantitative tool. Further analysis, which goes well beyond quantifiable information with the flexibility and adaptability of human judgment, then leads to the final decision.

## Main characteristics of available share classes

Class	Isin	Bloomberg	Reuters	Curr.	Type	Income Policy	Last NAV
I	FR0013202785	GRAPUSI	LP68431596	USD	Institutional share class in \$, unhedged	Accumulation	225 874.97
IH	FR0013202801	GRAPUIH	LP68431597	EUR	Instit. share class, fully hedged / €	Accumulation	187 862.33
IU	FR0013392099	GRAPUIU	LP68529753	EUR	Institutional share class in €, unhedged	Accumulation	241 973.22
S	FR0013202777	-	-	USD	Standard share class in \$, unhedged	Accumulation	-
SH	FR0013202793	GRAPUSH	LP68431599	EUR	Standard share class, fully hedged / €	Accumulation	125.91
SU	FR0013415239	GRAPUSU	LP68549636	EUR	Standard share class in €, unhedged	Accumulation	189.62

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