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In 2022, we highlighted in our publication, "[Opportunity Optimum](#),"<sup>1</sup> how investors' flight to perceived safety amid post-pandemic market volatility had increased benchmark concentration. Two years later, that risk appears even more pronounced as the top 15 companies have increased from 20% to 26.5% of the MSCI ACWI Index since 2022.<sup>2</sup> This increased benchmark concentration has been driven primarily by investor enthusiasm for megatrends of generative artificial intelligence (AI) and weight loss drugs (GLP-1).

"We believe a better strategy may be to actively invest in opportunities outside the largest names, by focusing on fundamentally sound businesses with higher revenue and cash flow outlooks, diversified end markets and attractive valuations."

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