

# International Small Cap Equity Month-End Performance Review



International small cap equities have continued their impressive rebound as the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index has posted its strongest start to the year since 2012. While the global growth outlook remains murky, improving relations between the United States and China have investors anticipating an end to the trade war, which should help provide a boost to the global economy.

While not yet complete, a trade deal between the United States and China is looking increasingly likely after the United States delayed increasing tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods. The two sides have reportedly come to an agreement on Chinese currency manipulation and increased purchases of American goods in order to decrease the trade imbalance. However, sticking points involving the theft of intellectual property and state-owned enterprise subsidies still need to be resolved. A trade deal, along with the many stimulus measures the Chinese government has implemented, should help to improve investor sentiment and stabilize the Chinese economy, which recently posted its lowest official manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) in three years. Improvement in the Chinese economy should have ripple effects on a global scale.

## PERFORMANCE

	Month Ending 2/28/19	Year-to-Date 2/28/19
Institutional Composite (gross)	3.16%	12.89%
(net)	3.10%	12.76%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap <sup>(5)</sup>	2.10%	10.10%

Source: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, MSCI

## GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES<sup>(1) (3)</sup>

Region	Ending Weight <sup>(2)</sup>	Change from 1/31/19	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) <sup>(4)</sup>
North America	31.9%	+0.2%	
Western Europe	30.8%	+0.6%	
Asia/Pacific	29.3%	-1.1%	(eHi Car Services)
Central & South America	5.9%	+0.6%	
Middle East & Africa	2.1%	-0.4%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	72.5%	+0.2%	
Emerging Markets	27.5%	-0.2%	

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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<sup>(5)</sup>Primary benchmark.

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## CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN<sup>(1)(3)</sup>

Company Name	Average Weight <sup>(2)</sup>	Contribution to Return	Comments
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### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

Huami	2.74%	1.26%	Benefitting from growing demand for wearable products globally, investors welcomed the news of higher-priced models coming in the 2Q19 as the company expands its customer base.
Nexa Resources	1.62%	0.32%	Management conveyed a more upbeat pricing outlook for base metals on its 4Q18 conference call, helped by thawing U.S./China trade relations, low inventory levels and relaxed environmental policies in China.
Hudson	1.89%	0.28%	The stock has rebounded after the unexpected departure of its long time CEO in January. The new CEO has over 30 years of experience with Hudson and most recently served as COO, which should result in limited strategy changes, as the company still manages over one thousand stores in airports, bus and train terminals.
BrightSphere Investment Group	1.97%	0.27%	Management continues to expand growth in China, improving its relationships, cross-selling products and increasing its Asian distribution footprint through acquisitions.
The Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son Limited	1.67%	0.25%	The stock moved higher following 4Q18 results that featured good loan growth in the United Kingdom and Bermuda units as well as an improving trend in the bank's overall efficiency ratio.

### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

Ceragon Networks	2.44%	-0.33%	After a strong start to the year, the stock dropped following 4Q18 results that failed to impress investors even though net income rose over 60% year-over-year.
Spark New Zealand	2.36%	-0.24%	Even though operating results showed improvement in the 4Q18 due to stronger margins and labor cost initiatives, the slowing demand in its Mobile and Cloud divisions caused the stock to weaken.
GasLog	1.91%	-0.20%	Strong LNG charter shipping rates in 2018 have caused ship owners to expand their fleets. Though new builds will not be ready before 2020, analysts have brought down their LNG charter rate expectations for 2019, with strength to be more back-end loaded than earlier estimates.
Norbord	1.99%	-0.19%	Trade rhetoric and lower oriented strand board (OSB) prices in the 4Q18 caused concern, as investors had not seen these price levels in North America since 2016. Management continued to be optimistic as orders to mills were extended due to low inventories ahead of the spring building season.
Celestica	1.91%	-0.17%	The stock declined after announcing weaker-than-expected 4Q18 results and outlook. Management is looking to exit certain customer programs that are not meeting internal profitability hurdles, which is negatively affecting growth but should help to improve profitability in the future.

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

and should help provide a boost to weakening economies in Europe and Japan, both large trading partners of China.

However, all is not positive on the trade front as there is increasing concern that President Trump will turn his attention toward Europe once a deal with China is complete. Threats of auto tariffs have put European automakers on their heels and have already elicited a response from European

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Union leaders that they would respond with retaliatory tariffs. The implementation of tit-for-tat tariffs would be déjà vu for investors, as the global economy would likely suffer damage similar to that experienced as a result of the United States/China trade war.

Although we are quickly approaching Brexit Day (March 29), it looks increasingly likely that the divorce between the United Kingdom and the European Union will be delayed as Prime Minister Theresa May is still struggling to convince Parliament to vote for the Brexit agreement she made with the European Union. While the delay will prevent an imminent no-deal Brexit, and the negative consequences that would follow, it only serves to prolong a period of uncertainty. On a positive note, the United Kingdom's second largest political party has reversed course and said it would support a second referendum on membership in the European Union, which could potentially reverse Brexit and keep the United Kingdom as a member of the European Union.

Portfolio performance for the month of February was positive on both an absolute and relative basis. Our underweight to the Real Estate and Utilities sectors resulted in a positive allocation effect, a reversal from the fourth quarter of 2018 when these were the top two performing sectors in the benchmark. The portfolio had positive stock selection in emerging markets, led higher by good selection in China. This was partially offset by negative stock selection in developed markets, where our Canadian holdings performed poorly.

While positive trade headlines helped start the 2019 rally, equities received a further boost by a dovish pivot by central banks. The U.S. Federal Reserve signaled that they were pausing further interest rate increases and would likely end its balance sheet runoff later this year. The European Central Bank's cautious comments on the global economy pushed out expectations for its first interest rate increase into 2020 and raised the possibility that the bank may look to enact further easing measures. While both of these are positive for equities, it also sends a worrying signal about the state of the global economy without the assistance of easy money from central banks.

As we enter March, we expect that the Chinese stimulus measures along with the potential end of the trade war will begin to have positive impacts on the Chinese economy. While trade disputes and Brexit continue to be risks for the market, they can also lead to upside for markets as issues are resolved. As an active manager, we will continue to monitor the risks in the investment landscape while focusing on companies with good long-term growth prospects trading at attractive valuations.

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# GIPS Compliant Presentation International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite

Year	International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite		MSCI-ACWI ex USA	Net Composite	Benchmark	Annual	As of Year End or Current Quarter		
	Gross-of-Fee Return	Net-of-Fee Return	Small Cap Benchmark Return	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	Asset Weighted Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios In Composite	Market Value of Composite (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's Assets (Millions) ***
2005*	6.80%	6.74%	10.91%			NMF**	1	\$0.1	\$2,796.6
2006	28.18%	27.70%	26.70%			NMF**	1	\$0.1	\$5,450.2
2007	52.24%	51.70%	10.74%			NMF**	2	\$0.2	\$7,661.8
2008	-45.21%	-45.35%	-50.23%			NMF**	3	\$0.2	\$4,358.6
2009	76.92%	76.50%	62.91%			NMF**	3	\$0.3	\$4,403.0
2010	23.97%	23.80%	25.21%			NMF**	2	\$0.3	\$3,800.2
2011	-16.40%	-16.47%	-18.50%	25.93%	23.86%	NMF**	6	\$0.4	\$2,862.3
2012	19.95%	19.84%	18.52%	20.15%	19.98%	0.40	6	\$0.5	\$2,409.8
2013	48.27%	48.13%	19.73%	19.51%	16.67%	0.56	7	\$0.9	\$2,767.7
2014	-11.58%	-11.95%	-4.03%	15.05%	13.15%	0.34	9	\$11.8	\$2,986.2
2015	-1.34%	-2.05%	2.60%	14.06%	11.33%	0.28	9	\$11.4	\$2,703.8
2016	6.44%	5.66%	3.91%	12.91%	12.14%	0.14	10	\$12.8	\$1,762.0
2017	30.86%	29.93%	31.65%	11.77%	11.53%	NMF**	4	\$15.7	\$2,202.4
2018	-16.17%	-16.79%	-18.20%	13.55%	12.36%	NMF**	4	\$12.9	\$1,682.2
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\* For period November 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

\*\* Not meaningful figure due to five or fewer accounts invested for the entire year.

\*\*\* Firm Assets do not include UMA program assets for GIPS purposes.

As of 12/31/2018, Renaissance managed an additional \$2,157.0 million in UMA programs, totaling \$4,199.2 in assets under management and shown as supplemental information to the GIPS compliant presentation.

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**Composite Composition:** The International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite portfolios consist of approximately 45-55 equities exhibiting a combination of strong earnings growth, reasonable valuation, rising earnings expectations and profitability. The initial universe begins with all American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and U.S. listed shares of foreign corporations with a market capitalization under \$3 billion. The International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite was created on November 1, 2005 and includes all fee paying, fully discretionary, non-tax managed, non-wrap International Small Cap Equity accounts. RIM does not have non-fee paying portfolios. RIM will add new fully discretionary portfolios to the composite at the first full month under management. RIM will exclude terminated portfolios from the composite after the last full month they were under management. Composite dispersion is measured using an asset-weighted standard deviation of returns of the portfolios.

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