

# International Small Cap Equity Month-End Performance Review



International equity markets continued their positive momentum in 2019 with the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index adding 2.2% during April, putting the year-to-date gain at 12.7%. Investors have favored growth stocks over value stocks so far this year, likely in response to the better-than-expected global economic environment. Many markets slumped late last year on fears of a global slowdown brought on by a potentially weakening Chinese economy. Much to the market's liking, China announced in April that its 1Q19 GDP grew 6.4% year-over-year, matching the growth rate from 4Q18. In addition, the country's industrial production and retail sales were higher than expected, providing further evidence that China's numerous fiscal and monetary stimulus measures are working.

Markets also gained on easing of trade tensions between the U.S. and China, although negotiations remain fluid and could still break down. Also helping global equity markets was the U.S. Federal Reserve's more dovish tone indicating that further interest rate hikes are off the table for now. With no rate increases in the offing, it is our opinion that the U.S. economy should be poised to continue its growth trajectory, providing further support to the improving global economic outlook.

## PERFORMANCE

	Month Ending 4/30/19	Year-to-Date 4/30/19
Institutional Composite (gross)	3.20%	15.22%
(net)	3.14%	14.96%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap <sup>(5)</sup>	2.21%	12.70%

Source: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, MSCI

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

Region	Ending Weight <sup>(2)</sup>	Change from 3/31/19	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) <sup>(4)</sup>
North America	33.5%	-0.4%	No International Small Cap Equity portfolio additions or deletions in April 2019.
Western Europe	29.0%	-0.5%	
Asia/Pacific	27.9%	+1.6%	
Central & South America	5.7%	-0.5%	
Middle East & Africa	4.0%	-0.1%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	70.2%	-1.4%	
Emerging Markets	29.8%	+1.4%	

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

Taiyo Yuden	2.24%	0.45%	The company is benefitting from the wireless industry's drive to upgrade from 4G to 5G networks. Yuden's multilayer ceramic capacitors are integral to reducing power consumption and heat within network base stations.
Fabrinet	1.95%	0.28%	Expanding demand for specialized electronic manufacturing services is expected to drive capacity utilization at the firm, which in turn should lead to margin expansion.
Topdanmark	2.33%	0.24%	Improving trends in life underwriting led management to raise 2019 earnings outlook on the 1Q19 conference call.
Changyou.com	1.69%	0.24%	In addition to solid performance from its TLBB gaming franchise, the shares rallied following the announcement of a special dividend by management.
Argo Group International	2.24%	0.23%	Shares were higher because of Argo's loss ratio improvement and the outlook that expenses are to trend lower as past technology investments bear fruit.

### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

Huami	1.43%	-0.33%	Though the company is benefitting from growing demand for wearable products globally, the secondary offering of shares by private equity holders drove the stock lower.
GasLog	1.76%	-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.
Hudbay Minerals	2.38%	-0.16%	Private equity firm Waterton Global Resource Management, who recently purchased 11.9% of Hudbay, announced that they would now nominate four directors instead of the original plan of eight, thus diminishing its ability to maximize shareholder value from the board's standpoint.
GeoPark	1.78%	-0.16%	Though production exceeded expectations for the 1Q19, investors grew concerned that its Morona project in Peru would possibly delay its start of oil production by a year.
Norbord	1.76%	-0.15%	A weak housing market in the United States and lower oriented strand board (OSB) prices in the 1Q19 have hurt the shares.

Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

Strategy performance was positive on an absolute and relative basis for the month. Looking at contribution by country, our Developed Market stocks were led by Bermuda, while Monaco detracted the most from returns. Within Emerging Markets, Mexico contributed the most, while Chile detracted the most. Similar to our benchmark, our Developed Market positions performed better than Emerging Markets for the month. Contributing the most to returns by sector were our Financials holdings, helped by our exposure to the insurance industry. The Information Technology sector also contributed to returns, aided by our Electronic Equipment, Instruments and Components holdings. The two weakest performing sectors in our portfolio were Energy and

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Health Care, with our higher-than-benchmark allocation to both sectors resulting in a negative allocation effect.

The global equity markets will likely remain jittery as we head into late spring. While some investors believe in the Wall Street adage of “Sell in May and Go Away,” we believe the international markets present ample opportunity to move higher in the coming months. Market valuations are not stretched by any means, and international equities are trading on average at valuation multiples well below U.S. equities. Company earnings estimates for 2019, while lower than what was predicted a few months ago, are indicating continued solid growth, giving us confidence that global company fundamentals remain positive. Furthermore, an eventual resolution to the U.S./China trade dispute would provide support for additional earnings growth for stocks. 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	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) ***
			Return	Deviation	Deviation				
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
<b>FINAL 12/31/2018</b>									

\* 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.

Renaissance Investment Management (RIM) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Renaissance has been independently verified for the periods from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2018.

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**Firm Definition:** The Renaissance Group LLC, which does business as Renaissance Investment Management (RIM), is a registered investment advisor established in 1978, with an office in Covington, KY. RIM is an affiliate of Affiliated Managers Group based in West Palm Beach, FL. RIM manages equity, tactical, balanced and fixed income assets for a variety of clients including high net worth, institutional and sub-advisory relationships. A complete list and description of the Firm's composites is available upon request.

**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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