

# International Small Cap Equity Quarter-End Review—2Q2022

The U.S. dollar continued to strengthen against most currencies this quarter as investors sought the safety of the greenback amidst a global selloff in equities. The Federal Reserve has amped up its fight against rising prices with three rate hikes thus far in 2022,

with commentary from Chairman Jerome Powell indicating his desire to tackle inflation at all costs. The most recent rate hike, on June 16, amounted to an increase of 75 basis points (bps), the largest increase since November 1994. Inflation is not unique to the United States, however, and neither is the strategy playbook to cool it. Central banks around the world have also been raising policy rates, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and Brazil to name a few. In contrast, China and Japan have been applying a more accommodative monetary policy, with China cutting its policy rate by 10 bps in January while Japan's policy rate remains at -10 bps, maintaining the same level it has held since January 2016.

## PERFORMANCE

	Quarter Ending 6/30/2022	Year-to-Date as of 6/30/2022
Institutional Composite (gross)	-18.13%	-18.19%
(net)	-18.15%	-18.23%
Vanguard FTSE All World ex US Small Cap ETF <sup>(1)</sup>	-16.39%	-22.68%

<sup>(1)</sup>Primary benchmark.

Source: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, The Vanguard Group

## GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES <sup>(1) (2)</sup>

Region	Ending Weight <sup>(3)</sup>	Change from 3/31/2022	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) <sup>(4)</sup>
North America	30.0%	+0.7%	North American Construction Group (Fabrinet)
Asia/Pacific	27.6%	-1.8%	(Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha)
Western Europe	25.8%	+3.7%	Indivior, Millicom International Cellular (Aperam)
Middle East & Africa	8.8%	+1.9%	
Central & South America	4.8%	-2.2%	
Cash	2.9%	-2.4%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	78.7%	+4.1%	
Emerging Markets	18.3%	-1.7%	
Cash	2.9%	-2.4%	

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### CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Ticker	Company Name	Average Weight <sup>(3)</sup>	Contribution to Return
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### TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

SIMO	Silicon Motion Technology	2.03%	0.30%
EURN	Euronav	2.19%	0.20%
RNMBY	Rheinmetall	2.61%	0.17%
KOF	Coca-Cola FEMSA	1.89%	0.05%
APELY	Alps Alpine	1.83%	0.00%

### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

VLRS	Volaris	2.04%	-0.98%
MRRTY	Marfrig Global Foods	1.61%	-0.90%
ERO	Ero Copper	1.78%	-0.87%
EBCOY	Ebara	2.11%	-0.80%
THUPY	Thule Group	1.79%	-0.77%

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A popular topic amongst investors has been whether value-themed stocks will finally break the growth-focused stock dominance we have seen over the past few years. Over the past year, value stocks on average have outperformed growth stocks by a large margin, as many higher-priced stocks saw their multiples contract as interest rates began to rise. Growth-oriented stocks tend to be priced largely on projected profits well into the future. When interest rates increase, the value of these future earnings in present-day terms diminishes. Within our benchmark, this trend rang true both in the second quarter and for the year-to-date, with the cheapest stocks on a price-to-forward earnings basis outperforming the more expensive stocks. However, recession fears caused this relationship to flip in the final month of the second quarter, with growth again edging out value from a return perspective. Similar to rising interest rates dimming the allure of growth stocks, recession fears are taking the wind out of the sails of value stocks.

Recession worries are rising, and it is understandable to see that the shine is dulling on commodities. Following the invasion of Ukraine and the ensuing sanctions imposed on Russia for its aggression, global oil prices have remained well above \$100/barrel since February. These higher-than-normal prices have put upward pressure on inflation readings across the globe. Rising prices for refined products have dented consumers' wallets as the summer driving season in the United States gets underway. Increasing demand coupled with limited spare refining capacity helps to explain why gasoline prices are up 64% year-to-date. There are a number of reasons why we expect crude prices to remain elevated: 1) limited supply, as Russian oil is shunned 2) China's economy reopening following months-long lockdowns in Shanghai and Beijing 3) a renewed



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commitment from global energy management teams to reward shareholders with capital returns in lieu of capital spending to drill more oil and natural gas.

The normalization of interest rates, rising energy and food prices, and supply disruptions caused by the war in Ukraine have dimmed the world economic outlook for this year and next. The World Bank sees 2022 global GDP growth of only +2.9% year-over-year (y/y) as compared to its January estimate of +4.1% y/y. Most concerning to economists at the World Bank is a possible stagflation scenario in which inflation remains elevated and economic growth declines. We may be headed in that direction, as economic growth estimates continue to be cut and central banks have yet to rein in higher prices, with consumer price inflation reaching +8.5% y/y in the United States in May and +9.1% y/y in the United Kingdom over the same period.

Given our outlook on energy prices, we added **North American Construction Group** (Canada) to our portfolio during the quarter. The company provides heavy construction and mining services to customers in the Canadian oil sands as well as those in the resource commodities. Given the year-to-date rise in global oil prices, we expect the demand for its equipment and services to expand in the oil sands throughout 2022 and into next year. We exited three positions during the quarter, including stainless steel producer **Aperam** (Luxembourg).

During the quarter, we increased our portfolio weightings to the Communication Services, Energy, and Health Care sectors, while lowering our weightings in Industrials, Materials, and Information Technology.

Our International Small Cap Equity Strategy performance was negative on both an absolute and a relative basis for the quarter. All sectors within the benchmark posted negative absolute returns. Aided by the rise in oil prices year-to-date, the Energy sector provided the best returns within our benchmark, while the Materials sector experienced the lowest returns. Our portfolio followed a similar pattern, with our holdings in the Energy sector performing the best and those within Materials the worst. As recession fears have grown, our holdings that are tied to materials such as copper and aluminum as well as construction industries have suffered.

Our developed market holdings performed better than our emerging market stocks during the quarter, with Belgium contributing the most and Japan detracting the most from returns. Within our emerging markets, Hong Kong contributed the most while Brazil detracted the most.

Our best contributing holding was **Silicon Motion** (Hong Kong), which rose after the company announced that they would be acquired by MaxLinear. Global crude transport company **Euronav** (Belgium) also performed well as a proposed merger with Frontline, along with the increased need to transport crude oil via ships after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, helped shares of the oil tanker owner rally during the quarter.

Our weakest performing position for the quarter was Mexican low-cost carrier **Volaris** (Mexico). While the airline continues to see strong demand for both its domestic and international flights, a sharp increase in fuel costs caused the company to post an operating loss in the first quarter. **Marfrig** (Brazil) declined even though operating margins remained elevated in the first quarter as beef demand and cattle supply remained high. However, rising fears of recession and a subsequent trade down in food purchases by consumers caused the stock to fall during the quarter.

Transitioning to the second half of the year, we believe that equity markets will face a multitude of headwinds. Global policy makers will continue to push rates higher in response to stubborn inflation. The war in Ukraine is hurting supplies, not only for oil and natural gas, but for wheat and other agricultural products, which could push the world closer to a food crisis. The U.S. dollar continues to exert dominance, with very few currencies strengthening year-to-date against the greenback. Global growth estimates continue to trend lower, and sustained economic tailwinds

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are hard to come by, making the stimulative actions by the Chinese government a welcome sight. U.S. dollar strength is supported by the actions of the Federal Reserve, but if we get a pause in its rate trajectory due to slowing inflation, we expect international equity prices will rebound. Market volatility may remain elevated in the near term, but we continue to believe that quality growth companies trading at reasonable valuations offer good long-term investment opportunities, particularly at current levels.

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# GIPS Report

## International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite

As of Year End or Current Quarter											
Year	International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite Gross-of-Fee Return	International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite Net-of-Fee Return	Vanguard FTSE All World ex-US Small Cap ETF Return	Net Composite 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	Benchmark 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	Annual Asset Weighted Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios in Composite	Market Value of Composite (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's GIPS Assets (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's AUA (Millions)	Market Value of Total Firm AUM (Millions) **
2010	23.97%	23.80%	25.60%			NMF*	2	\$0.3	\$3,800.2	\$833.4	\$4,633.6
2011	-16.40%	-16.47%	-19.63%	25.93%	23.37%	NMF*	6	\$0.4	\$2,862.3	\$836.1	\$3,698.4
2012	19.95%	19.84%	20.73%	20.15%	21.31%	0.40	6	\$0.5	\$2,409.8	\$969.9	\$3,379.7
2013	48.27%	48.13%	16.60%	19.51%	17.48%	0.56	7	\$0.9	\$2,767.7	\$1,190.3	\$3,958.0
2014	-11.58%	-11.95%	-5.06%	15.05%	13.75%	0.34	9	\$11.8	\$2,986.2	\$1,347.8	\$4,334.0
2015	-1.34%	-2.05%	-0.01%	14.06%	11.73%	0.28	9	\$11.4	\$2,703.8	\$1,534.0	\$4,237.8
2016	6.44%	5.66%	4.26%	12.91%	12.03%	0.14	10	\$12.8	\$1,762.0	\$2,686.1	\$4,448.1
2017	30.86%	29.93%	30.60%	11.77%	10.86%	NMF*	4	\$15.7	\$2,202.4	\$3,281.7	\$5,484.1
2018	-16.17%	-16.79%	-18.47%	13.55%	11.84%	NMF*	4	\$12.9	\$1,682.2	\$2,517.0	\$4,199.2
2019	19.04%	18.17%	21.36%	13.98%	11.88%	NMF*	4	\$14.9	\$883.1	\$2,656.5	\$3,539.6
2020	6.86%	6.47%	11.84%	24.95%	21.17%	NMF*	1	\$0.6	\$879.0	\$2,177.1	\$3,056.1
2021	29.13%	29.01%	13.07%	23.87%	20.05%	NMF*	1	\$0.8	\$977.0	\$2,128.6	\$3,105.6
FINAL 12/31/2021											
* Not meaningful figure due to five or fewer accounts invested for the entire year. ** Renaissance Total Firm assets under management include Non-Discretionary Assets (UMA Programs), for which Renaissance does not have trading authority. The Non-discretionary management of UMA Sponsor accounts consists of Renaissance providing the UMA Sponsor with changes to each participating Renaissance model portfolio on an ongoing basis.											

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