

# International Equity ADR Quarter-End Review—3Q2022



International equities fell in the third quarter, marking three straight quarters of negative returns, the first time this has happened since the global financial crisis in 2008–09. The strengthening U.S. dollar, rapidly rising interest rates, continued war in Ukraine, and China's lockdowns driven by its pursuit of zero-COVID all put pressure on equity prices during the quarter.

## PERFORMANCE

	Quarter Ending 9/30/2022	Year-to-Date as of 9/30/2022
Institutional Composite (gross)	-9.53%	-28.51%
(net)	-9.67%	-28.84%
S&P/BNY Mellon Classic ADR <sup>(1)</sup>	-10.96%	-27.37%
iShares MSCI ACWI ex US ETF	-11.09%	-26.77%

<sup>(1)</sup>Primary benchmark. All other benchmarks are supplemental information.  
Sources: Renaissance Research, BlackRock, Bloomberg, S&P Dow Jones

The U.S. dollar continued to strengthen, posting its largest quarterly return in over seven years, as a decidedly hawkish U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) put pressure on currencies around the globe. Major currencies including the euro (lowest since 2002), British pound (lowest since 1985), Japanese yen (lowest since 1998), and Chinese yuan (lowest since 2020) all weakened significantly against the dollar, pushing the U.S. Dollar Index to its highest level since 2002. The currencies are weakening for differing reasons. The European Central Bank is considered to be behind the Fed in pushing rates higher in an attempt to fight inflation, while in the U.K., the new government announced plans to increase spending and cut taxes which are perceived to

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

Region	Ending Weight <sup>(3)</sup>	Change from 6/30/2022	International Equity ADR Additions & (International Equity ADR Deletions) <sup>(4)</sup>
Western Europe	47.4%	-0.5%	Sanofi (Arkema, BMW)
Asia/Pacific	32.8%	-0.9%	Olympus
North America	11.0%	+0.1%	
Central & South America	4.7%	+1.4%	
Cash	2.8%	-0.2%	
Middle East & Africa	1.4%	+0.2%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	71.3%	+1.3%	
Emerging Markets	26.0%	-1.2%	
Cash	2.8%	-0.2%	

<sup>(1)</sup>Based on a representative account of the strategy discussed and shown as supplemental information to the GIPS Report. Portfolio characteristics (e.g., sector weights, valuation, growth rate) are based on a representative account that we believe is illustrative of the strategy. All accounts in the strategy are invested identically in the same securities unless a client has imposed restrictions. Characteristics and/or holdings on a given date may vary due to pending trades.

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Source: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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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 EQUITY ADR

VET	Vermilion Energy	1.85%	0.36%
ITUB	Itaú Unibanco	2.00%	0.31%
IBN	ICICI Bank	2.30%	0.29%
ASAI	Sendas Distribuidora	1.96%	0.23%
BKRKY	PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia	1.83%	0.08%

### BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL EQUITY ADR

GELYY	Geely Automobile	2.04%	-0.89%
NOMD	Nomad Foods	1.60%	-0.51%
BABA	Alibaba	1.58%	-0.51%
TOELY	Tokyo Electron	1.69%	-0.43%
LNVGY	Lenovo Group	1.84%	-0.42%

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likely add to inflationary pressures. The Bank of Japan continues its ultra-loose monetary policy, and China continues pushing down interest rates in an attempt to stimulate its economy. Several countries have attempted to slow the free-fall of their currencies including intervention by the Japanese government in the foreign exchange market for the first time since 1998. The Bank of England announced it would buy back government bonds to stabilize both the bond market and the British pound, and China is reportedly readying state-owned banks to sell dollars to support the yuan. While these moves have helped stabilize currencies in the short-term, more coordinated action may be required to halt the dollar's advance.

In the United States, the peak inflation and forthcoming Fed pivot narrative gained traction during much of the summer. However, Federal Reserve Chair Powell quashed hopes of a Fed pivot during his speech in Jackson Hole when he indicated the Fed would continue aggressively raising rates, focusing on bringing inflation back down toward its target even at the expense of economic growth. In addition, the August CPI report came in higher than expected, dashing hopes that inflation would ease quickly. While inflation in the United States has remained stubbornly elevated, it does appear to be decelerating. This contrasts with eurozone inflation which continues to accelerate, having come in hotter than expected for the last five months and reaching 10% in September, the first time that inflation in the eurozone has reached double-digits. While inflation continues to be uncomfortably high for central banks, a glimmer of hope is that commodity prices have come off their highs. The Bloomberg Commodity Index is now 18% off its high reached in early June, with important and diverse input costs including oil, corn,

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lumber, and cotton all significantly down from their peaks. While lower commodity prices won't solve the high inflation problem by itself, it should help ease some headline inflationary pressures in the future and help slow the pace of central bank interest rate increases.

The Russia/Ukraine war continues to have negative repercussions on the European economy. In retaliation to sanctions leveled against its economy and citizens, Russia has decreased and recently shut off natural gas supplies via its Nord Stream pipeline. Europeans, who had become overly reliant on Russian natural gas imports, have been forced to abruptly find alternative natural gas sources, including liquefied natural gas from the United States and Qatar, to fill up their storage ahead of winter. While storage has filled faster than initially expected and storage levels are in-line with five-year averages, the lack of Russian supply has caused energy costs in Europe to spike, adversely impacting consumers and forcing companies to curtail production. The continent has also been forced to revert to energy sources they were attempting to phase out, including a restart of coal power plants in Germany and nuclear reactors in France. Although these alternative energy supplies should provide some help during the energy crisis, much of the continent is at the mercy of the weather, with a colder-than-average winter likely to cause a drawdown of storage, a spike in energy costs, and potential factory shutdowns to conserve energy.

Our portfolio had negative returns on an absolute basis but was ahead of our benchmark for the third quarter. The sell-off was broad based with every sector in the benchmark down during the quarter. Positive stock selection in Financials was offset by negative selection in Consumer Discretionary. As was the case with the benchmark, developed markets outperformed emerging markets in the portfolio. Brazil and India were the top contributors to portfolio performance, while China and France detracted the most. Our best performing stock during the quarter was **Vermilion Energy** (Canada) as the company continues to benefit from its exposure to European natural gas through its interest in an Irish gas field. **Geely Automobile** (China) was the largest detractor to performance. Although the Chinese automaker reported July sales that were +24% year-over-year (y/y) and August sales that were +39% y/y, the stock sold off as drought-induced power cuts forced the company to cut back production while lockdowns caused consumer sentiment to fall in China.

During the quarter we purchased **Olympus** (Japan), a medical equipment manufacturer with the top market share globally for gastrointestinal endoscopes. The company's new EVIS X1 endoscopy system has had a successful launch in Japan and Europe and is expected to launch in the Americas during the next year. With 84% of sales coming outside of Japan, the company is also a major beneficiary of the weak yen. We sold chemical manufacturer **Arkema** (France) during the quarter as we do not believe the company will be able to continue passing along large price increases to offset rising raw material and energy costs.

The impact of rising interest rates is beginning to be felt on economies across the globe as the percent of countries whose manufacturing PMI is in contractionary territory has risen from 14% in June to 57% in September. Volatility has returned to the markets as fears of a global recession have increased, causing 2022 to feel much more like 2020 when large swings in the market were common. With investors' decisively bearish positioning, a number of factors could cause markets to rally including more dovish-than-expected central banks or a milder-than-expected winter in Europe. In China, the National Congress meets in October with investors looking for signs that the government will ease its zero-COVID policy, which could unleash significant pent-up demand in the world's second largest economy. The sell-off in international equities has caused valuations (as measured by the next-twelve-months Price-to-Earnings Ratio) to contract from over 16x in early 2021 to under 11x at the end of the third quarter. This not only puts international equities at over a 20% discount to their ten-year average, but a nearly 30% discount to their U.S. peers. We believe the sell-off has created opportunities to buy high-quality companies with good long-term growth prospects that are trading near trough valuations.



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# GIPS Report International Equity ADR Institutional Composite

Year	As of Year End or Current Quarter												
	International Equity ADR Institutional Composite Gross-of-Fee Return	International Equity ADR Institutional Composite Net-of-Fee Return	S&P/BNY Mellon Classic ADR Index Benchmark Return	iShares MSCI ACWI ex US ETF Benchmark Return*	Net Composite 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	S&P/BNY Mellon Classic ADR Index 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation	iShares MSCI ACWI ex US ETF 3 Year Annualized Standard Deviation*	Annual Asset Weighted Composite Dispersion	Number of Portfolios in Composite	Market Value of Firm's GIPS Assets (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's AUA (Millions)	Market Value of Firm's AUA (Millions)	Market Value of Total Firm AUM (Millions) **
2010	9.04%	8.39%	7.95%	10.37%			0.59	25	\$86.4	\$3,800.2	\$83.4	\$4,633.6	
2011	-9.28%	-9.83%	-13.66%	-14.04%	21.98%	22.53%	25.02%	0.38	29	\$78.5	\$2,862.3	\$86.1	\$3,698.4
2012	11.32%	10.65%	18.17%	17.10%	18.86%	20.41%	20.06%	0.40	33	\$106.0	\$2,409.8	\$96.9	\$3,379.7
2013	32.82%	32.03%	17.80%	14.74%	16.73%	16.97%	16.43%	0.53	31	\$106.5	\$2,767.7	\$1,190.3	\$3,958.0
2014	-4.39%	-4.95%	-5.62%	-5.06%	12.81%	13.37%	12.94%	0.24	32	\$106.2	\$2,986.2	\$1,347.8	\$4,334.0
2015	0.45%	-0.13%	-3.22%	-5.81%	12.20%	12.44%	12.20%	0.49	37	\$115.7	\$2,703.8	\$1,534.0	\$4,237.8
2016	-1.36%	-1.95%	3.12%	4.54%	12.06%	12.34%	12.34%	0.30	34	\$103.8	\$1,762.0	\$2,686.1	\$4,448.1
2017	27.66%	26.94%	27.26%	27.22%	11.42%	11.49%	11.32%	0.31	27	\$164.2	\$2,202.4	\$3,281.7	\$5,484.1
2018	-18.83%	-19.27%	-14.15%	-13.94%	12.34%	11.39%	11.09%	0.20	27	\$136.4	\$1,682.2	\$1,099.0	\$4,199.2
2019	19.66%	19.04%	22.90%	21.03%	13.51%	11.93%	11.34%	0.49	29	\$130.2	\$883.1	\$2,656.5	\$3,539.6
2020	10.32%	9.76%	10.29%	20.73%	18.20%	18.20%	17.59%	0.36	28	\$147.6	\$879.0	\$2,177.1	\$3,056.1
2021	7.02%	6.42%	6.76%	7.68%	19.48%	16.93%	16.36%	0.45	26	\$121.7	\$977.0	\$2,128.6	\$3,105.6
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