

International Small Cap Equity Quarter-End Review—4Q2022



After three negative quarters in a row, international markets turned positive for the final quarter of 2022, capping a tumultuous year for both equity and fixed income investors. Many equity indices across the globe saw their best quarterly results since the end of 2020,

with developed markets faring better than emerging markets and value-oriented stocks outpacing growth-oriented stocks for the quarter and the year. Market sentiment improved during the quarter after two major headwinds—China and inflation—turned into tailwinds. While many investors were looking for a so-called Fed pivot away from rate increases, the market instead welcomed a China COVID pivot. After almost three years of harsh pandemic-related controls, the Chinese government finally ended most restrictions and began opening their economy. As the coronavirus winds its way through the Chinese population, economic activity will be stunted at first, but global growth could see a boost from China later in 2023, with China GDP growth expected to rebound to 4.8% in 2023 versus 3.1% in 2022, according to estimates compiled by FactSet.

PERFORMANCE

	Quarter Ending 12/31/2022	Year Ending 12/31/2022
Institutional Composite (gross)	14.34%	-13.12%
(net)	14.32%	-13.20%
Vanguard FTSE All World ex US Small Cap ETF ⁽¹⁾	12.76%	-21.47%

⁽¹⁾Primary benchmark.

Source: Renaissance Research, Bloomberg, The Vanguard Group

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES ^{(1) (2)}

Region	Ending Weight ⁽³⁾	Change from 9/30/2022	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) ⁽⁴⁾
North America	27.4%	-0.8%	(Masonite International)
Western Europe	25.2%	+4.0%	Playa Hotels & Resorts
Asia/Pacific	23.4%	-3.8%	(Capcom)
Middle East & Africa	12.1%	-1.2%	
Central & South America	9.1%	+2.0%	Tecnoglass
Cash	2.8%	-0.1%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	73.2%	-1.2%	
Emerging Markets	24.0%	+1.3%	
Cash	2.8%	-0.1%	

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CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Ticker	Company Name	Average Weight ⁽³⁾	Contribution to Return
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TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

IGT	International Game Technology	2.33%	0.84%
INVVY	Indivior	2.34%	0.81%
NOA	North American Construction Group	2.09%	0.74%
OEC	Orion Engineered Carbons	2.41%	0.73%
CLS	Celestica	2.21%	0.68%

BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

VET	Vermilion Energy	2.05%	-0.31%
AITUY	Anritsu	1.46%	-0.17%
TSEM	Tower Semiconductor	3.41%	-0.11%
NTB	The Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son Ltd.	1.91%	-0.10%
MX	Magnachip Semiconductor	1.10%	-0.10%

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Record high inflation rates, which have been the bane of many central bankers, have also started to come down in a number of countries. This trend is expected to continue in 2023 as supply chain bottlenecks ease and commodity prices such as crude oil remain well off their 2022 highs. Meanwhile, higher interest rates have started to dampen economic spending in areas such as housing and auto sales, putting further downward pressure on prices. Based on current price trends, global inflation looks to finish 2023 much lower than current levels. However, as signaled by central bankers, interest rates will need to remain high to ensure that inflation stays low. Most central banks are expected to raise rates higher in 2023, putting pressure on economic growth, with economists expecting a recession in some countries and regions including Europe.

Dovetailing with 2023 economic recession fears has been a deterioration in manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Indices (PMIs), with many country indices at levels below 50, indicating a contraction in economic activity. PMI indices declined for most of 2022, with the United States peaking in April 2022 and other countries' PMIs sliding since mid-2022. While the PMI decline coincided with equity market weakness, there is a bit of optimism that economic growth and company earnings may see a rebound, albeit slight, starting in the latter half of 2023. Estimated earnings for international companies have increased since October, suggesting that analysts are becoming more optimistic that the earnings nadir has been reached.

Our strategy performance for the quarter was positive on both a relative and an absolute basis. Sector returns were on the plus side across all eleven economic sectors in our benchmark.

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This was in stark contrast to benchmark year-to-date returns through the end of September when only the Energy sector saw gains. Within our strategy, the broad-based rally was led by contributions from the Consumer Discretionary, Materials, and Industrials sectors. Least additive to returns were our holdings in the Financials, Energy, and Health Care sectors. Regionally, North America and Western Europe contributed the most to returns led by Canada and the United Kingdom, while the Middle East & Africa and Central and South America added the least. As with our benchmark, our developed market holdings performed better than our emerging market stocks.

From a positioning standpoint, we maintain a relative overweight to the Information Technology sector, which was the weakest contributing sector for the year. We believe the long-term prospects for tech stocks have not changed, and we are overweight semiconductor companies. While smartphones and personal computers remain the largest segment for chip sales, the highest growth segment is expected to be automotive related. We believe that our positioning in semiconductor-related companies should bode well for the portfolio given the growing demand in areas such as automotive chips required for electric cars as well as for ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems) features.

Looking at individual positions, our best contributing stocks for the quarter were **International Game Technology** (United Kingdom), **Indivior** (United Kingdom), and **North American Construction** (Canada). Investors grew more encouraged about the 2023 prospects for global lottery and gaming company International Game Technology which recently signed contracts with the states of Georgia and Texas as well as Ontario, Canada. In addition, demand for more advanced gaming machines has helped to push gross margins higher in its Gaming unit. Indivior, a pharmaceutical company specializing in opioid dependence treatments, reported strong third quarter sales for its two growth drugs, Sublocade (+66% year-over-year) and Perseris (+60% year-over-year). North American Construction, which provides construction and mining services, reported a third quarter beat across the board, giving investors confidence that the company has worked its way through the COVID-induced skilled labor shortages that hurt results earlier in the year.

Vermilion Energy (Canada), **Anritsu** (Japan), and **Tower Semiconductor** (Israel) were our weakest performing stocks for the quarter. Oil and gas producer Vermilion Energy was lower during the quarter as European natural gas prices declined and government officials drew closer to imposing a windfall tax on energy companies with operations in Europe. Higher component prices and personnel expenses caused Anritsu's margins to drop in the testing & measurement division in the fiscal second quarter. However, management expects that margins will bounce back in the second half of the fiscal year as they pass along higher costs. Tower Semiconductor shares sold off as fears increased that Chinese regulators would reject Intel's pending acquisition of the company.

While 2022 was a year for the record books given the decline in both equity and fixed income markets, history does tell us that international markets have rebounded in the past after suffering large declines. In fact, after the last three double-digit international equity market declines in 2008, 2011, and 2018, the markets rebounded by double-digits the following year. Relative valuations of non-U.S. stocks also look attractive going into 2023. Based on trailing price-to-earnings ratios, international markets trade at a 31% discount to the S&P 500, compared to an average 25% discount over the last 10 years. Another positive for international markets is the possible weakening of the U.S. dollar, which may decline as the U.S. Fed looks to scale back its pace of interest rate increases. Geopolitical tensions between the United States and China remain high, but progress has been made in some areas of disagreement such as company audits.

We believe that our Growth At a Reasonable Price (GARP) investment philosophy lends itself to favorable returns as markets seek companies that exhibit growth in a slowing economy but also trade at attractive valuations.

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iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF—The iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of large- and mid-capitalization emerging market equities.

Vanguard FTSE All World ex US Small Cap ETF—The Vanguard FTSE All World ex US Small Cap ETF seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of stocks of international small-cap companies.

REFERENCED INDEX

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index—The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) measures the activity level of purchasing managers in the manufacturing sector. A reading above 50 indicates expansion in the sector; below 50 indicates contraction.

STOCK REFERENCES

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GIPS Report International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite

Year	As of Year End or Current Quarter										
	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
2022	-13.12%	-13.20%	-21.47%	26.54%	23.19%	NMF*	2	\$0.8	\$845.4	\$1,743.4	\$2,588.8
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* Not meaningful figure due to five or fewer accounts invested for the entire year.
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Calculation of Performance Returns: Performance is calculated using total returns. Monthly composite performance is asset-weighted using beginning-of-period values. Rates of return are time-weighted with geometric linking of monthly returns. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. dollars. Account performance is based on total assets in the account, including cash and cash equivalents. Performance is actual performance.

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Risks of International Small Cap Equity Strategy: International Small Cap Equity Institutional Composite returns may show a high level of variability. In addition to market risk, the majority of any additional risk in these portfolios is related to specific stock selection, and RIM will have significant exposure to individual securities.

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