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International Small Cap Equity
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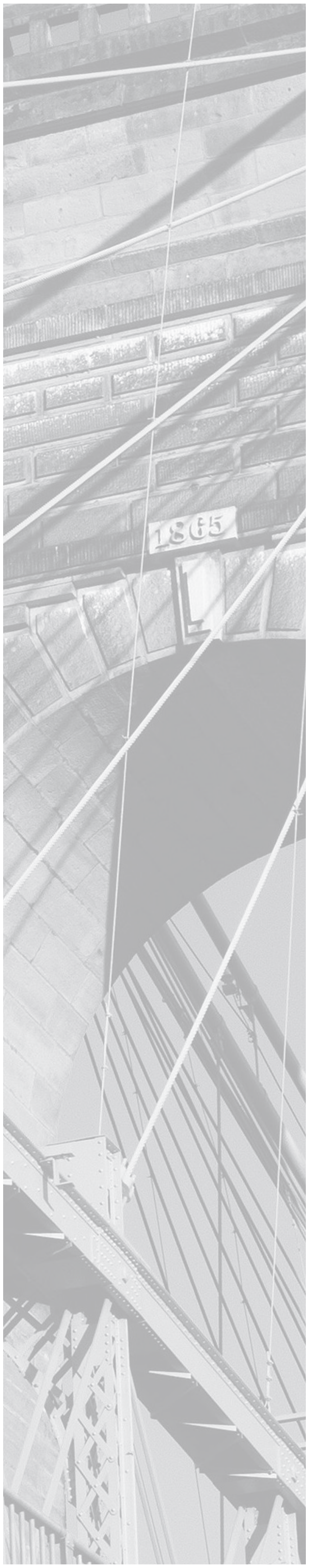

International equities picked up where they left off in 2023, rising in the first quarter and notching their fifth gain in the last six quarters. The expectation that most major central banks will cut interest rates later this year helped offset the continued gloom of the Chinese economy. The U.S. Dollar Index rose 3% during the quarter, with particular strength against the Japanese yen, as the solid U.S. economy and higher-than-expected inflation led the Federal Reserve to continue pushing its "higher for longer" messaging.

Inflation in Japan has been above the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) 2% target for over a year, allowing the BOJ to raise its benchmark interest rate out of negative territory for the first time in eight years. This marked the end of an era for negative interest rates globally, a dramatic turnaround from just over three years ago when the total dollar amount of negative yielding debt peaked at over $18 trillion. Japanese stocks reached new all-time highs during the quarter for the first time in over three decades, rallying on the back of corporate governance reforms that have led to higher shareholder returns and the belief that the country may have finally broken free of the deflationary environment that hurt economic growth for over a decade. Indeed, rising wages, the last piece of the puzzle, seemed to be achieved after the country's largest union group announced a 5.28% increase in wages for 2024. With incomes now rising faster than inflation, spending and economic growth should improve, which could give additional legs to the stock market rally. Persistently low interest rates in Japan have also kept the Japanese yen weak, which has helped the country's many export-oriented companies. The yen fell to its lowest level since 1990 after the BOJ increased interest rates, but more importantly, the central bank also indicated that accommodative financial conditions will be maintained.

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES[(1)(2)]

Region	Ending Weight[(3)]	Change from 12/31/2023	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions)[(4)]
Asia/Pacific	32.3%	+0.6%	Scorpio Tankers (Kulicke & Soffa Industries)
North America	25.6%	+0.8%	Masonite International, OneSpaWorld Holdings (Enerplus, Masonite International)
Western Europe	21.9%	+0.1%	
Middle East & Africa	9.2%	-0.5%	
Central & South America	8.9%	-0.9%	
Cash	2.1%	-0.1%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	71.9%	+1.1%	
Emerging Markets	26.0%	-1.0%	
Cash	2.1%	-0.1%	

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Sources: Renaissance Research, FactSet

CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN[1][2]

Ticker	Company Name	Average Weight[3]	Contribution to Return
TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY			
EBCOY	Ebara	2.72%	1.34%
CLS	Celestica	2.56%	1.26%
FELTY	Fuji Electric	2.33%	1.09%
DOOR	Masonite International	1.07%	0.86%
SIMO	Silicon Motion Technology	2.19%	0.56%
BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY			
PERI	Perion Network	1.67%	-0.61%
TCCPY	TechnoPro	1.74%	-0.51%
OEC	Orion	2.07%	-0.42%
IGT	International Game Technology	2.13%	-0.41%
NHNKY	Nihon Kohden	2.04%	-0.40%

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While the initial rate increase went smoothly, the BOJ will be faced with tougher decisions later in the year when it may be raising interest rates at a time when many other central banks will be lowering rates. This could cause the yen to appreciate, presenting one of the key risks to Japanese equities over the next year. Another risk lies in what the BOJ will choose to do with its large holdings of Japanese stocks. The holdings, which were accumulated through purchases of ETFs beginning in 2010, now account for 7% of the overall Japanese stock market. While the BOJ indicated that it will no longer purchase Japanese stocks, it did not give a clear indication of what it will do with its current holdings.

Emerging markets lagged developed markets in the first quarter, continuing a trend of underperformance that has lasted more than three years. The underperformance has largely been due to weakness in Chinese equities, which have fallen nearly 50% since the end of 2020. This has become an enormous headwind to emerging market performance as China's weight in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF was 36% at the end of 2020. The drop in Chinese equities was due in part to unpredictable government policies and geopolitical issues that led to an outflow of foreign direct investment, which fell 8% year over year in 2023. However, some emerging markets, including India and Mexico, have had favorable returns over the past three years, as their economies have benefited from companies shifting supply chains away from China.

Although Chinese officials have attempted to stimulate the property market in China, the impact of their effort has yet to be seen as prices of both new and second-hand homes

continue to fall. Home prices are extremely important to the Chinese economy, as an estimated 70% of household wealth is related to real estate. According to Bloomberg Economics, every 5% decline in home prices wipes out $2.7 trillion in housing wealth. Add this to the steep drop in stock prices and it explains much about why consumer sentiment remains low and Chinese consumers continue to hoard cash instead of spending. The Chinese government has so far been reluctant to implement large-scale stimulus measures, but it faces a tough balancing act as it attempts to stem the decline in the economy while avoiding reinflating the housing bubble.

Our portfolio returns were positive on an absolute basis and ahead of our benchmark in the first quarter. Our portfolio benefited from positive stock selection in the Information Technology sector, offset by weak selection in the Consumer Discretionary sector. Our developed markets holdings performed better than our emerging markets holdings, but both recorded positive performances. Favorable selection in Asia/Pacific, particularly in Hong Kong and Japan, helped offset weak selection in the Middle East & Africa from Israel and South Africa.

Our best contributing stock during the quarter was **Ebara** (Japan), an industrial machinery manufacturer, which is benefiting from strong long-term demand due to LNG, water, and decarbonization infrastructure projects. Another strong performer was electronic manufacturing services provider **Celestica** (Canada). Fourth-quarter 2023 earnings came in better-than-expected as its enterprise segment (servers and storage business) grew revenue 46% year-over-year due to increased AI-driven demand from hyperscalers. Our weakest stock was **Perion Network** (Israel), an advertising technology company, which reported mixed fourth-quarter numbers and weaker-than-expected 2024 guidance. However, the company is well prepared for and poised to benefit from Google's phaseout of third-party cookies on its Chrome web browser. Another weak performer was **TechnoPro** (Japan). Although the provider of engineering services reported better-than-expected fiscal second-quarter results, management did not raise guidance, as an increase in hiring could negatively impact profitability in the second half of the year.

During the quarter, we purchased **OneSpaWorld** (Bahamas), a provider of outsourced spa services on cruise ships. After a period of weak demand following the pandemic, cruise lines are now seeing record high bookings, which should help drive an increase in onboard spending. Moreover, margins should rise as the company grows its medi-spa business, which provides higher-margin services including acupuncture and Botox injections. Conversely, we sold **Masonite** (Canada) after the company agreed to be acquired by Owens Corning.

Valuations of international equities continue to look attractive, trading roughly in line with their ten-year averages and at a 35% discount to their U.S. peers. However, not all countries are cheap, as rallies in Japan and India have caused valuations to re-rate above their ten-year averages. On the other hand, the sharp sell-off in Chinese equities has left the country with very attractive valuations. With weak investor sentiment toward China, any positive data on the Chinese economy, large-scale stimulus announcements, or cooling of geopolitical tensions could result in a sharp rally. Europe is also an area of the market where we continue to find attractively valued companies. Year-over-year core inflation in the Eurozone has dropped every month for the past eleven months, leading to increased confidence that inflation will continue decelerating toward the European Central Bank's (ECB) target. This should allow the ECB to begin cutting interest rates by June at the latest. Lower interest rates should help stimulate the economy, which has already begun to see better-than-expected economic data points over the past couple of months.

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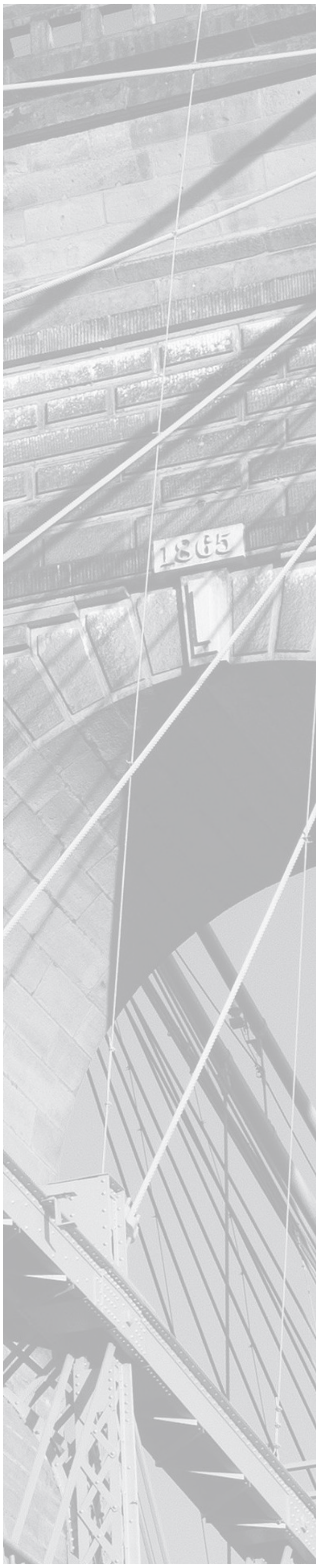

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