

International Small Cap Equity

Intra-Quarter Commentary—July 2025

International equities declined in July and underperformed U.S. markets, as international investors grew increasingly cautious amid concerns over rising growth tied to trade tensions and currency volatility. Adding to pressure on global markets, the U.S. Dollar Index reversed course and strengthened after months of decline.

Marking a pause in its year-long easing cycle, the European Central Bank held its key interest rate steady at 2% in July, following eight consecutive cuts since June 2024. With eurozone inflation holding at the ECB's 2% target, policymakers see little urgency to adjust rates further. While inflation and growth appear stable, risks that could weigh on exports and price dynamics remain, particularly from protectionist pressures and a stronger euro.

Inflation in Tokyo cooled slightly in July with core consumer prices rising 2.9% from a year earlier, down from 3.1% in June, matching expectations. Meanwhile, Bank of Japan officials held off on raising interest rates during the month as they continue to assess the effects of new U.S. tariffs. The recent loss by the ruling coalition in the Upper House election has drawn attention to voter frustration over rising prices and the weak yen, which could push the BOJ to consider policy adjustments in the months ahead.

China's manufacturing activity weakened during the month, with the Caixin Manufacturing PMI dropping to 49.5 from 50.4 in June. Slower new-business growth led factories to cut back production and reduce staff, while firms lowered selling prices despite rising input costs amid heightened competition. Overall, export demand continues to deteriorate further, while domestic sales offer only limited support.

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region	Ending Weight ⁽³⁾	Change from 6/30/2025	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) ⁽⁴⁾
Western Europe	29.3%	-0.5%	
North America	29.0%	+0.2%	
Asia/Pacific	21.6%	+0.6%	
Central & South America	9.7%	-0.2%	Hypera (Arcos Dorados)
Middle East & Africa	8.6%	-0.2%	
Cash	1.7%	0.0%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	74.9%	+0.5%	
Emerging Markets	23.4%	-0.5%	
Cash	1.7%	0.0%	

⁽¹⁾ Based on a representative account of the strategy discussed. 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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Sources: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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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

CLS	Celestica	3.39%	0.89%
TIGO	Millicom International Cellular	2.94%	0.26%
TCCPY	TechnoPro	2.80%	0.26%
NEXNY	Nexans	2.35%	0.25%
OSW	OneSpaWorld	2.78%	0.22%

BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

AFYA	Afya	1.64%	-0.43%
RDWR	Radware	2.38%	-0.31%
KOF	Coca-Cola FEMSA	2.09%	-0.30%
ERO	Ero Copper	1.30%	-0.29%
TPRKY	Travis Perkins	1.80%	-0.26%

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Our portfolio performance was down marginally for the month on an absolute basis but ahead of our benchmark. Strong selection in Information Technology and Communication Services offset weak selection in Financials and Health Care. Asia/Pacific contributed the most to portfolio performance, as our Japanese holdings helped returns. Weak performance in Central & South America, particularly in our Brazilian holdings, hurt relative returns.

Our best performing stock during the month was **Celestica** (Canada). The electronics manufacturing service provider saw its stock rise during July after the company reported results and guidance that comfortably topped expectations. Strong momentum in its higher-margin Hardware Platform Solutions segment, boosted by robust AI-related demand, drove margin expansion and led management to raise its outlook for the rest of the year.

Our worst performing stock was **Afya** (Brazil). The Brazilian education provider saw its U.S.-listed shares under pressure as the Brazilian real weakened versus the United States dollar during the month. Despite these currency headwinds, Afya is well positioned for long-term success, supported by its expanding medical school capacity and strong demand.

Overall, the latest updates during July from Europe, Japan, and China point to a delicate global outlook. Inflation seems to be under control for now, but growth risks are building as trade tensions and currency shifts take hold. Central banks appear inclined to wait for clearer signals before making further policy moves, highlighting a global economic environment defined by caution, divergence, and uncertainty.

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