

International Equity ADR Quarter-End Review—3Q2025



Posting their third straight quarter of positive returns, international equities continued their winning streak and are on track for their best year since 2017. The U.S. Dollar Index rose marginally during the quarter but still remains down nearly 10% for the year. This has provided a tailwind to the U.S. dollar-denominated returns of international equities, which have outperformed U.S. equities by 12% so far this year, their best relative return over a three-quarter period in over fifteen years.

Political turmoil in France that started when President Macron called for snap elections more than a year ago continues with no end in sight. The election resulted in a hung parliament that led to the repeated collapse of minority governments and, recently, a fourth prime minister to be elected in just over a year. France's heavy debt burden requires immediate action, forcing each new prime minister to attempt the difficult task of cutting spending without starting a revolt in parliament. The political impasse and France's fiscal imbalances have triggered several credit agencies to downgrade France's credit rating, causing borrowing costs to rise. Conversely, southern European nations including Italy, Spain, and Greece, which were all at the center of the European Debt Crisis in the 2009–2012 period, have received credit upgrades this year, as their fiscal health has improved. These diverging trends have caused yields on French ten-year government bonds to rise above those of Greece, an outcome that would have been unthinkable a decade ago. Given the political turmoil, we have decreased the portfolio's exposure to French stocks over the past year.

The continued surge in Chinese stocks helped emerging markets outperform developed markets by 6% during the third quarter, the widest margin since 2016. However, even with the large outperformance, Chinese stocks have not fully recovered from the 2021–2023 sell-off that began

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

Region	Ending Weight ⁽³⁾	Change from 6/30/2025	International Equity ADR Additions & (International Equity ADR Deletions) ⁽⁴⁾
Western Europe	44.8%	-2.1%	Lottomatica (Volvo)
Asia/Pacific	39.5%	3.6%	Geely Automobile, Minh Group, NetEase, Sumitomo Electric Industries (BYD, JD.com, TechnoPro)
North America	9.2%	-1.8%	(Fomento Economico Mexicano)
Middle East & Africa	3.9%	0.7%	
Central & South America	1.9%	0.1%	
Cash	0.7%	-0.4%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	71.4%	-1.6%	
Emerging Markets	28.0%	2.0%	
Cash	0.7%	-0.4%	

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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 EQUITY ADR

TSEM	Tower Semiconductor	1.91%	1.07%
BABA	Alibaba	1.91%	0.97%
FELTY	Fuji Electric	2.19%	0.89%
TIGO	Millicom International Cellular	2.44%	0.75%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.31%	0.74%

BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL EQUITY ADR

PUBGY	Publicis Groupe	1.77%	-0.35%
NOMD	Nomad Foods	1.39%	-0.34%
MRX	Marex Group	1.55%	-0.25%
IBN	ICICI Bank	2.25%	-0.22%
BYDDY	BYD	1.64%	-0.22%

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following the Chinese government's regulatory crackdown meant to decrease the influence of its powerful technology companies. The crackdown informally ended in 2023 with the Chinese government fining several companies and signaling renewed support for the technology sector. While this did not trigger an immediate and sustained rally in Chinese stocks, stimulus announcements in 2024 helped propel an initial stock market surge. More recently, the emergence of an "arms race" in artificial intelligence has aligned China's government and its technology stocks with the goal of producing Chinese-made artificial intelligence infrastructure that can compete with American-made technology. While this has helped boost returns in the stock market, China's economy continues to face headwinds from trade tensions and a continued weak property market. The upcoming plenary session, where the Central Committee of the Communist Party will meet to discuss its next five-year plan, will be of interest for investors as they look for signals about a renewed shift toward domestic consumption and policies that may support China's ailing property market.

Our portfolio returns were positive on an absolute basis and ahead of our benchmark in the third quarter. The rally was broad based, with all economic sectors except for Consumer Staples logging positive returns. Our underweight to Consumer Staples helped relative returns, while our overweight to Industrials was a negative contributor. Stock selection was positive as good selection in the Industrials and Information Technology sectors more than offset negative selection in the Financials and Consumer Staples sectors. Japan and China contributed the most to returns, while France and India were negative contributors.

The top contributor to our portfolio performance during the quarter was **Tower Semiconductor** (Israel), an owner of semiconductor foundries in the U.S., Israel, Japan, and Italy. The company's

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decision to increase capacity in Silicon Photonics and Silicon Germanium is allowing the company to capitalize on the high demand for data centers and artificial intelligence. The largest detractor from performance was **Publicis Groupe** (France). Publicis lagged during the quarter as markets focused on the potential for artificial intelligence to disrupt the advertising industry. This overshadowed a solid trading update from the company in which it raised its full-year growth outlook and highlighted strong client demand, particularly for its AI-driven solutions. With a healthy pipeline of new business and continued investment in talent, Publicis is well positioned for a rebound.

During the quarter, we made a new purchase of **Minth Group** (Taiwan), an automotive parts supplier. The company's strategic shift away from commodity parts and toward its battery housing business has resulted in a pick-up in growth, with 1H25 battery housing revenues growing 50% year over year. Growth in the coming years should be further supported by new business initiatives including electric vertical take-off and landing vehicles (eVTOL) and humanoid robots. We swapped our Chinese automobile manufacturers, selling **BYD** (China) and buying **Geely Automobile** (China). While BYD is still the industry leader, its domestic sales have slowed and its net profit per vehicle dropped sharply during the second quarter due to its pricing strategy. Conversely, Geely has been gaining market share and should continue to see strong sales momentum given its recent and upcoming model launches. Geely also stands to benefit from margin expansion given its cost reduction efforts and integration of its different brands. We also sold **Volvo** (Sweden) during the quarter, as less stringent environmental regulations in the United States may lead to weaker sales going forward.

Markets have been surprisingly resilient in the face of continued tariff headlines, with each new announcement seeming to have less impact on investor sentiment. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) increased its 2025 global growth forecast from 2.9% to 3.2%, as recent trade deals have helped increase confidence that worst-case scenarios may have been avoided. Europe continues to see an improved outlook, with the eurozone manufacturing PMI rising into expansionary territory during the quarter for the first time in over three years. The impact from increased spending, particularly from Germany, should begin to be felt in 2026, further helping European growth. However, the effective tariff rate in the United States has risen from an estimated 2% at the beginning of the year to an estimated 19% at the end of August, its highest level since the 1930s (Source: The Budget Lab at Yale). The full negative impact of tariffs has likely not been felt due to a short-term boost in growth from front-loading ahead of tariff enactment deadlines. The continued resilience of the global economy has resulted in a strong rise in equities, pushing up valuations in some markets. However, international equities still trade at an attractive next-twelve-months P/E of 15x, a 35% discount to equities in the United States, providing an attractive opportunity to invest in a portion of the market that has not experienced the valuation re-rating of U.S. stocks and is expected to see strong long-term earnings growth.

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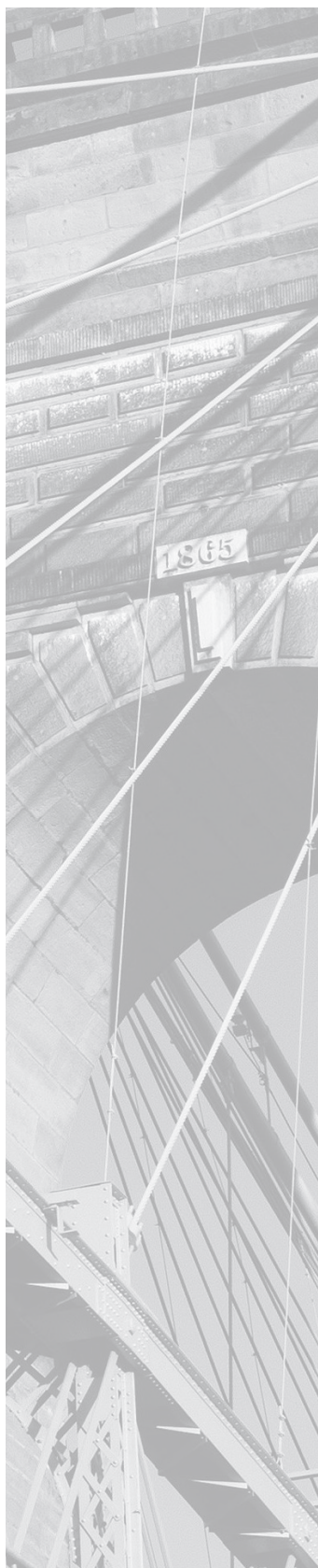
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