

International Small Cap Equity

Intra-Quarter Commentary—October 2025



International equities posted positive returns in October, keeping pace with their U.S. peers. Clarity on tariffs along with positive technology and AI earnings reports supported positive market sentiment that has shown little sign of slowing despite elevated valuations. In France, political turmoil and uncertainty continued, while optimism followed the recent elections in Argentina and Japan.

South Korea has been one of the strongest performing countries this year, with the KOSPI Index gaining over 70% year to date. Returns have been helped by the government's "Value-Up" program, which aims to improve corporate governance and increase shareholder returns, boosting stock valuations. In addition, an easing of trade tensions has provided relief to exporters and supported a broad market rally. Overall export growth slowed in October but rose 3.6% year over year (y/y), marking the fifth consecutive month of y/y growth. Export growth has been helped by South Korea's semiconductor industry, which accounted for one-fifth of total exports. Leading the equity rally in South Korea were Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, both integral contributors to AI infrastructure. At the beginning of October, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix reached an agreement to supply and support OpenAI's "Stargate" initiative, further fueling the rally.

Political turmoil in France continued throughout October as French Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu, who was appointed in September, resigned on October 6. Lecornu was then reappointed by President Macron and subsequently survived two no-confidence votes in the National Assembly. However, uncertainty remains as the French budget crisis has become increasingly difficult to resolve. French credit downgrades have led to higher sovereign interest rates and both domestic and international

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES (1)(2)

Region	Ending Weight ⁽³⁾	Change from 9/30/2025	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) ⁽⁴⁾
Western Europe	29.9%	-1.8%	(Nomad Foods)
North America	27.4%	-0.4%	
Asia/Pacific	24.0%	2.6%	TravelSky Technology
Central & South America	9.4%	-0.2%	
Middle East & Africa	7.7%	-0.1%	
Cash	1.5%	0.0%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	72.4%	-1.7%	
Emerging Markets	26.0%	1.7%	
Cash	1.5%	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.

Sources: Renaissance Research, FactSet

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CONTRIBUTORS TO RETURN (1)(2)

Ticker	Company Name	Average Weight(3)	Contribution to Return			
TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY						
GTX	Garrett Motion	1.98%	0.47%			
EFXT	Enerflex	2.63%	0.42%			
EBCOY	Ebara	2.65%	0.41%			
TSEM	Tower Semiconductor	2.58%	0.40%			
MITFY	MITIE Group	2.49%	0.38%			
BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY						
TMVWY	TeamViewer	1.62%	-0.51%			
OBE	Obsidian Energy	1.87%	-0.27%			
PSFE	Paysafe	1.71%	-0.26%			
MRX	Marex Group	1.71%	-0.18%			
MAURY	Marui Group	1.44%	-0.17%			

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investments have slowed, offering little support. Despite one of the highest tax burdens in the eurozone, further tax increases in France seem likely, which may lead investors to leave the region.

Our portfolio performance was positive for the month on an absolute basis and beat our benchmark. Strong stock selection in Consumer Discretionary and Industrials outweighed poor stock selection in Financials and Utilities, while strong selection in Japan and Switzerland outweighed negative performance in Germany and Austria.

Our best performing stock during the month was **Garrett Motion** (Switzerland). Shares of the auto parts manufacturer moved sharply higher after management reported third quarter earnings that included strong growth from its core turbocharger business and raised full-year guidance. Efficient operations, along with new stationary power awards and growing traction in e-powertrain and e-cooling compressor platforms, are expected to boost revenue and margins.

Our worst performing stock during the month was **TeamViewer** (Germany). The technology company's stock was hit hard after earnings as management effectively reset the company's growth trajectory, cutting its full-year 2025 guidance and setting 2026 revenue growth guidance at 2-6%, below analyst forecasts. TeamViewer's recent acquisition,1E, has significantly underperformed expectations, with the business experiencing slower-than-anticipated pipeline conversion and increased customer turnover.

Although growth has been uneven, with China stagnating and Europe slowing, global markets continued to keep pace with U.S. markets thanks to easing trade tensions and the ongoing AI and chip boom. Growth could inflect higher in 2026 as fiscal spending in Europe increases and the Chinese government announces new growth initiatives following its fourth plenum.



Month Ending 10/31/2025

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REFERENCED INDEX

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