

International Small Cap Equity Intra-Quarter Commentary—January 2026



International equities posted positive returns in January, furthering their recent outperformance against U.S. equities. An ongoing memory shortage has helped propel South Korean heavyweights Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, which has resulted in continued strong gains for the country's indices. Elsewhere, Trump's Greenland demands and Fed Chair nomination resulted in U.S. dollar and precious metals volatility.

Japan's economy showed improvement in January as the S&P Global Composite PMI rose to its highest level in over two years, helped by a pick-up in services and factory activity. Inflation also cooled, as the Tokyo headline CPI dropped to +1.5% year over year in January from +2.0% in December. However, the rapid depreciation of the yen, which approached multi-decade lows against the dollar, could result in a reacceleration of inflation. This makes yen depreciation a top concern of the Bank of Japan and gradual interest rate hikes likely during 2026. At the end of the month, Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi dissolved parliament and called snap elections for February 8 in hopes of securing a popular mandate. She has criticized the Ministry of Finance's control over fiscal policy and wants greater power to return to the Prime Minister. Yen volatility, a fragile bond market, and limited policy details from Takaichi have left business leaders uneasy. Nevertheless, public support for the Prime Minister remains extremely high, which motivated the timing of the election.

Gold and silver have continued to dominate market focus. Gold reached \$5,500 and silver surpassed \$120, supported by a continued flight to safety amid heightened geopolitical tensions. Talks surrounding Greenland's sovereignty and trade talks between U.S. partners and China angered Trump

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE & PORTFOLIO CHANGES⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Region	Ending Weight ⁽³⁾	Change from 12/31/2025	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) ⁽⁴⁾
North America	27.8%	-1.9%	(Obsidian Energy)
Asia/Pacific	25.5%	0.7%	
Western Europe	24.5%	-1.0%	
Central & South America	13.1%	2.2%	PagSeguro Digital
Middle East & Africa	7.1%	0.3%	
Cash	2.0%	-0.3%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	68.3%	-2.3%	
Emerging Markets	29.7%	2.7%	
Cash	2.0%	-0.3%	

⁽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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⁽³⁾ Weights as of the end of the presentation period. Cumulative total weighting may not add up to 100% due to rounding of percentages to the nearest decimal place.

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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			
SIMO	Silicon Motion Technology	2.30%	0.58%
IMOS	ChipMOS Technologies	2.55%	0.57%
EFXT	Enerflex	2.87%	0.51%
EBCOY	Ebara	2.04%	0.50%
CAMT	Camtek	1.54%	0.48%
BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY			
ZGN	Zegna	1.73%	-0.25%
PTXKY	PT XLSMART Telecom Sejahtera	2.55%	-0.25%
IMAX	IMAX	2.46%	-0.15%
DCBO	Docebo	1.11%	-0.15%
WBRBY	Wienerberger	1.63%	-0.14%

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and unsettled investors and governments. On January 30, when Trump announced inflation hawk Kevin Warsh as his Fed Chair nominee, the dollar strengthened, gold experienced its largest one day drop in decades, and silver suffered record declines. The dramatic sell-off was intensified by highly leveraged retail investors, particularly in China, as the sudden price decline triggered margin calls. However, gold and silver partially recovered their losses, as markets examined the dovish shift that Warsh made in recent years and the implications it could have on interest rates.

Our portfolio performance was positive for the month on an absolute basis and ahead of the benchmark on a relative basis. Our overweight to Information Technology and Energy contributed to relative performance, while our overweight to Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services detracted from relative performance. Strong selection in Asia/Pacific and Middle East & Africa outweighed poor selection in Central & South America and North America.

The top contributor to portfolio performance during the month was **Silicon Motion Technology** (Hong Kong) as shares rose after Nvidia announced its new BlueField-4 processor, which is built for long-context processing agentic AI systems. Silicon Motion is a partner on the previous generation and a likely partner for the latest one. The company is also pursuing additional opportunities in large-capacity storage, long-context memory, and other AI-related areas.

Our worst performing stock was **Zegna** (Italy) due to reduced growth expectations for certain brands and uncertainty around the company's ability to improve margins following recent structural changes. Despite this, we believe the company is well positioned to navigate the luxury environment in which it operates.

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Despite ongoing and renewed geopolitical conflicts, international equities continue to outperform their U.S. peers while U.S. policy uncertainty continues to support investor diversification abroad and into precious metals.

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