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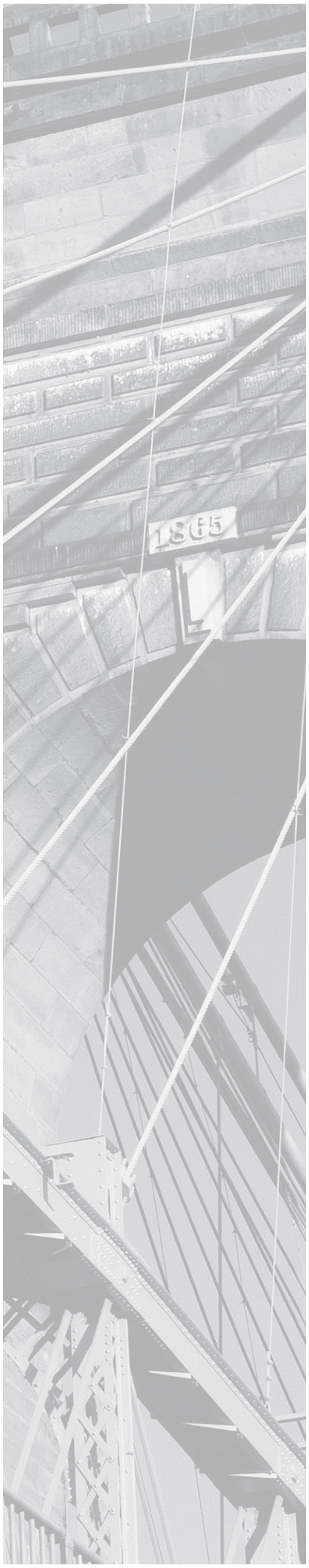
Emerging Markets Equity
Quarter-End Review—2Q2026



International equities rose in the second quarter, bouncing back from a March sell-off to reach new all-time highs. The quarterly advance marked the sixth quarter in a row of gains, the longest streak in over fifteen years, and occurred despite a stronger U.S. dollar. Markets were supported by tenuous peace talks in the Middle East, which caused oil prices to fall back near pre-war levels and moved inflation expectations lower.

Gains for international equities were led by emerging markets, which rose 21% in the second quarter, their best quarterly return since 2009. However, the advance was largely driven by a handful of technology companies including Taiwan Semiconductor, SK hynix, and Samsung Electronics. As of 6/30/2026, the three companies accounted for over 30% of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, and their outsized returns contributed nearly 75% of the gains for the index during the quarter. Index concentration has also resulted in heightened volatility for country-specific indices, including the South Korean KOSPI 200, which had gains or losses of over 5% in 15 of the 61 trading days in the second quarter, more than the past five years combined.

Not all emerging markets rose during the quarter, as Chinese equities sold off for the third quarter in a row. Economic growth in China has turned uneven, with export-oriented segments of the economy benefiting from strong demand for semiconductors and AI hardware. However, the consumer economy, which showed positive signs of growth a year ago, has clearly weakened. Year-over-year retail sales in China dropped into negative territory for the first time since the COVID pandemic, while the persistently weak housing market continues to weigh on consumption. However, the sudden weakening of the Chinese consumer may have a silver lining, as it could incentivize the government to announce new consumption-based stimulus measures similar to those that helped spur a rally in Chinese equities in 2024–25.

The U.S. dollar strengthened during the quarter, adding to its gains over the past year. Asian currencies have been among the hardest hit over the past year, including the South Korean won, which reached its lowest level in over fifteen years, and the Japanese yen, which reached its lowest level in nearly four decades despite the Bank of Japan's interest rate hiking cycle. While the

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

Region	Ending Weight[(3)]	Change from 3/31/2026	Emerging Markets Equity Additions & (Emerging Markets Equity Deletions)[(4)]
Asia/Pacific	53.7%	2.7%	TravelSky Technology
Central & South America	26.6%	-3.8%	(GeoPark)
North America	11.1%	-0.4%	
Middle East & Africa	4.9%	0.0%	
Cash	2.4%	1.5%	
Western Europe	1.4%	0.1%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	

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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—EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY			
UMC	United Microelectronics	3.36%	3.72%
LNVGY	Lenovo	2.40%	2.08%
IMOS	ChipMOS Technologies	3.46%	2.00%
TSM	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4.53%	1.60%
BLX	Bladex	2.32%	0.48%
BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY			
XNGSY	ENN Energy	1.67%	-0.61%
PUTKY	PT United Tractors	1.54%	-0.52%
TIMB	TIM	2.27%	-0.46%
WHGLY	WH Group	2.60%	-0.42%
TSYHY	TravelSky Technology	1.70%	-0.39%

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Bank of Japan has raised its benchmark interest rate five times during this cycle, the tepid pace of increases and the fact that the cycle began with interest rates in negative territory leaves Japan's benchmark interest rate at 1%, well below most other major central banks. This includes the European Central Bank, which increased its benchmark interest rate to 2.25% in June, its first rate hike since 2023, and the Bank of England, which held its benchmark interest rate steady at 3.75%. The U.S. dollar also received support from new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh, who was unexpectedly hawkish in his first Federal Open Market Committee press conference, highlighting the importance of an independent Federal Reserve and focusing on price stability and returning inflation to 2%. The message surprised markets, as many anticipated the Trump nominee to push for lower interest rates given Trump's long held and very public calls for the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates.

Our portfolio returns were positive on an absolute basis but lagged our benchmark in the second quarter. Sector allocation effect was negative, as our underweight to Information Technology and overweight to Communication Services hurt returns, while stock selection was positive, as good selection in the Information Technology and Consumer Staples sectors offset negative selection in Utilities and Energy. South Korea detracted from performance due to our underweight and negative stock selection in the country. China helped returns due to our underweight and strong stock selection in the country.

Although international equities lagged their U.S. peers in the second quarter, they have outperformed year-to-date and outpaced their U.S. peers by 22% since the beginning of 2025.

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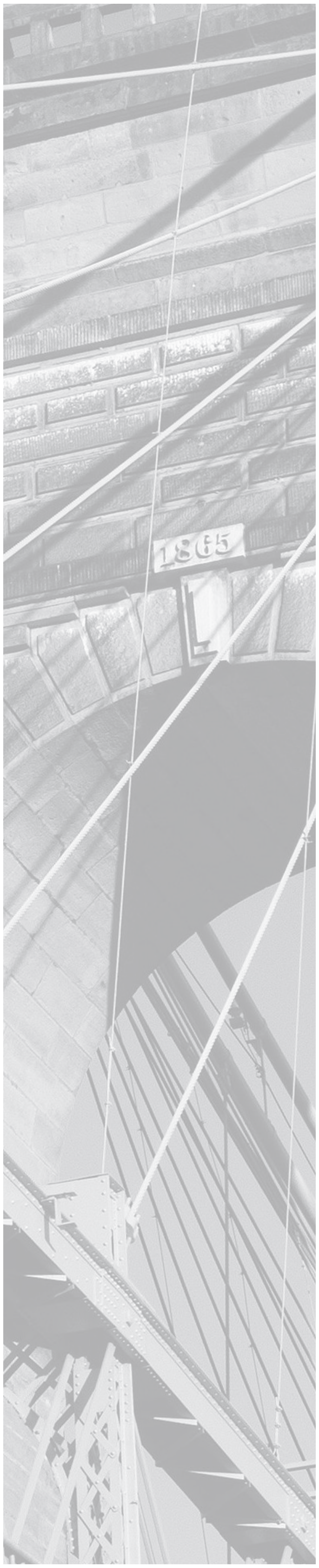

The improved performance has coincided with a period of improved earnings growth for international companies. Although international earnings growth lagged their U.S. peers for most of the past decade, this has now reversed, with average annual international earnings growth expected to be stronger than U.S. earnings growth from 2025–2027. Despite this, international equities currently trade at a 32% discount to their U.S. peers, a large discount by historical standards. Given the ongoing improved earnings and price momentum, along with a still-wide valuation discount, investors should consider selected international stocks as an increasingly attractive diversification alternative to a richly valued U.S. stock market.

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