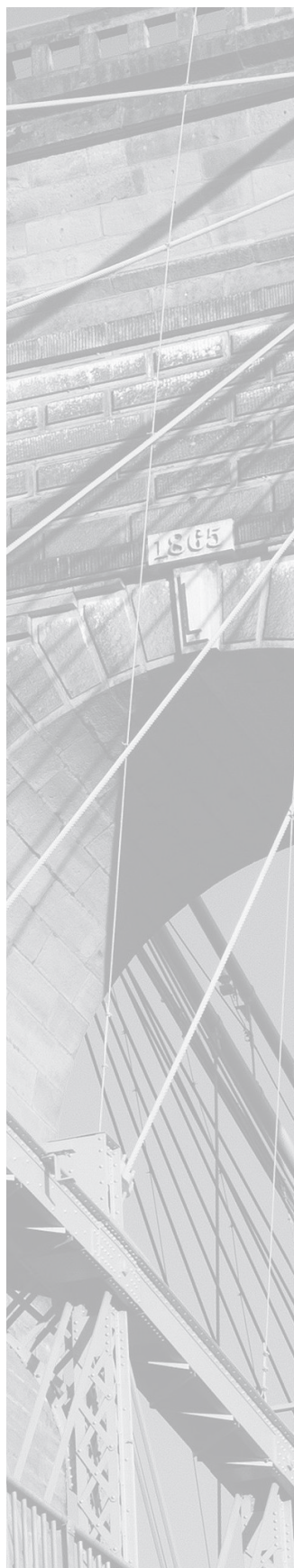


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International equities were higher in August, even as the global backdrop grew more complicated. The conflict in Iran continued to set the tone, keeping crude oil near recent highs and pushing an energy-driven inflation impulse into interest rate markets that repriced sharply throughout the month. Tariffs returned as a concern when U.S.-Canada trade negotiations collapsed over the final weekend of the month and Washington imposed 50% tariffs on roughly \$20 billion of Canadian goods. The more damaging measures, covering vehicles and auto parts, are deferred to January 2027, which is time enough to negotiate, but there is little incentive to do so before the midterms.

The inflation reprieve in Europe last month proved brief as year-over-year eurozone inflation rose to 2.9% in July from 2.8% in June, with energy inflation accelerating to 10.3% from 8.5%. Japan saw the same dynamic as core consumer prices rose 1.8% in July from 1.6% in June. The yen weakened further against the dollar after Federal Reserve Chairman Kevin Warsh signaled that he remains open to raising rates. Additionally, a record \$98.7 billion of joint U.S.-Japan intervention did little to stop the depreciation of the yen and markets ended the month pricing roughly an 80% chance the Bank of Japan (BOJ) tightens again in September. Amid persistent inflation concerns, sovereign yields across the developed world climbed to multi-year highs in August. Japanese 10-year yields finished at a 30-year high, and euro area and UK yields reached their highest levels in more than a decade.

Asia's growth remains narrowly concentrated in the AI supply chain. China's official manufacturing PMI rose to 49.8 in August from 49.2 in July, a second month of contraction, as production, new orders, and high-tech manufacturing all improved while chemicals, ferrous metals, and construction

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

Region	Ending Weight ⁽³⁾	Change from 7/31/2026	International Small Cap Equity Additions & (International Small Cap Equity Deletions) ⁽⁴⁾
North America	29.3%	1.9%	
Asia/Pacific	24.7%	0.0%	
Western Europe	24.2%	-1.4%	Corporacion America Airports (MITIE Group)
Central & South America	13.3%	-0.5%	
Middle East & Africa	7.3%	0.6%	
Cash	1.2%	-0.5%	
Eastern Europe	0.0%	0.0%	
Developed Markets	72.1%	0.8%	
Emerging Markets	26.6%	-0.3%	
Cash	1.2%	-0.5%	

⁽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

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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

ERO	Ero Copper	2.72%	0.80%
ARIS	Aris Mining	1.90%	0.70%
MRX	Marex	2.83%	0.31%
IMOS	ChipMOS Technologies	2.23%	0.30%
KMDA	Kamada	1.79%	0.29%

BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS—INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP EQUITY

GTX	Garrett Motion	2.58%	-0.38%
EBCOY	Ebara	2.02%	-0.33%
EFXT	Enerflex	2.43%	-0.22%
ZGN	Ermenegildo Zegna	2.04%	-0.16%
ITRN	Ituran Location and Control	1.94%	-0.15%

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lagged. South Korea showed the same division more starkly, with exports up 68.7% year-over-year led by record semiconductor shipments, even as vehicle and shipbuilding exports fell sharply.

Portfolio performance was positive on an absolute basis but trailed our benchmark. Strong selection in Utilities and Real Estate was not enough to offset weak selection in Industrials and Information Technology. As has been the case for most of the year, our developed markets holdings outperformed our emerging markets holdings, while the opposite was true for the benchmark. Finally, strong selection in our Middle Eastern holdings was not enough to offset weak selection in our Asia/Pacific holdings.

Our best performing stock during August was **Ero Copper** (Canada), where second quarter results showed their balance sheet transformation is making meaningful progress alongside a strong commodity backdrop. With the OneEro efficiency program delivering savings and the Furnas project advancing, Ero is transitioning from a deleveraging story to a growth story at a point in the copper cycle where demand is outpacing supply.

Our worst performing stock during August was **Garrett Motion** (Switzerland), which gave back some of its year-to-date gains despite beating estimates and raising full-year guidance at the end of July. The pullback followed an exceptional run and coincided with the escalating U.S.-Canada trade dispute. However, the fundamental case is unchanged, as margins continue to grow, free cash flow continues to rise, and a growing industrial and data center business steadily reduces Garrett's dependence on light-vehicle turbochargers.

It has been seven months since the Iran conflict began, and its effects are compounding rather than fading, having moved from energy markets to bond markets. The ECB and BOJ are both

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expected to tighten further in September, the Fed commentary has turned hawkish, and the long end of the curve is arguing that elevated inflation will not resolve quickly. Despite this, international equities are attractively valued relative to the U.S., with earnings growth supported by structural demand for AI, energy security, renewables, and infrastructure.

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