

Market Environment

International equities advanced in the first quarter as markets rallied on signals of potential interest rate cuts this year as global inflation rates have trended lower. For the quarter, the MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia and Far East) Index was up 5.8%, while the Trivalent International Developed Equity strategy outperformed the benchmark. All regions were positive except for Asia Pacific ex Japan, which was down 1.7%. Hong Kong declined 11.7% as exposure to a persistently weak Chinese property market weighed on the outlook. Denmark and the Netherlands were up over 15.0% and 15.4%, respectively, leading European markets higher. The Danish market was driven higher by continued positive trends for index heavyweight pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk. The Dutch market was led by dominant semi cap equipment manufacturer ASML backed by continued AI enthusiasm. Japan rose 11.0% with broad-based returns as the BOJ signaled an end to their negative interest rate policy as inflation is reaching more normal levels.

Eight of the eleven economic sectors were positive in the quarter. Trends in developed market economic data suggest a softer-than-expected landing for economic growth overall, with inflation data continuing a mostly downward trajectory. The more benign outlook benefited the cyclical Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors, which led the market and returned 14.3% and 11.0%, respectively. Technology stocks with exposure to the AI supply chain were especially strong. Defensive Utilities and Consumer Staples sectors were down 5.0% and 3.1%, respectively. Within Utilities, companies with exposure to renewable energy and power generation led the downside as lower power prices had a larger impact on the mostly unregulated businesses.

Portfolio Review

Overall security selection was positive and accounted for the majority of the strategy's relative performance. Excess returns were generated in three of four regions and nine of the eleven economic sectors. From a style perspective, the strategy's overall exposure to business momentum and quality was positive, while value had a slightly negative impact. Security selection was strongest in the Industrials sector. Japanese diversified industrial company Mitsubishi Heavy Industries rose with improving prospects for their energy systems, defense and aerospace businesses. Electric power equipment company Fuji Electric gained on improving guidance for its power semiconductors in electric vehicles and power management products used in relation to growth in renewable energy and data centers. Selection was also positive in consumer staples and financials. Lawson, the Japanese food retailer, rallied during the period as the company received a takeover offer from KDDI and Mitsubishi Corp. U.K. investment company 3i Group advanced following solid full-year results at key portfolio holding Action.

Security selection was weakest in the Consumer Discretionary sector. Athleisure retailer JD Sports and fashion brand Hugo Boss both

declined after reporting a more challenging competitive environment over the year-end holiday trading period. Within Information Technology, Paris-listed semiconductor company STMicroelectronics fell as results confirmed that weakness persists in its industrial chip segment.

Market Outlook

Investors have grown more optimistic that the global economy can achieve a soft landing amid easing inflation, resilient growth, and corporate profits holding up. While recession risks have receded, slowing growth challenges will linger as the lagged impacts of the tightening cycle are still playing out. Hawkish signals from data-dependent policymakers tempered investors' enthusiasm for earlier interest rate cuts, but the European Central Bank is still expected to commence easing during the second half of the year. The prospect of rate cuts has already improved the mergers and acquisitions landscape after a lull in dealmaking activity last year. In the Eurozone, manufacturing activity is picking up and confidence has strengthened to its highest level since the start of the Ukraine war in February 2022. Confidence also continues to grow in Japan with increased foreign investment spurred by governance reforms, robust corporate earnings, and healthy inflation. Japanese unions recently negotiated their largest wage increases in over three decades, which should stimulate consumer spending. On the commodities front, heightened geopolitical risks have pushed oil prices to a six-month high and may reignite inflation concerns. Risk of escalation in the ongoing Ukraine and Israel-Hamas wars as well as increased political polarization ahead of upcoming elections may contribute to bouts of market volatility. We continue to be guided by our bottom-up analysis and will digest upcoming earnings and outlook statements to evaluate our positioning. We believe opportunities for relative outperformance remain, particularly among the diverse and broad segment of international equities.

Representative Account Top 5 Contributors* (%)	Contribution to Relative Return
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	0.90
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	0.45
Disco Corporation	0.41
Stellantis N.V.	0.39
Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.	0.34
Representative Account Top 5 Detractors* (%)	Contribution to Relative Return
JD Sports Fashion Plc	-0.37
HUGO BOSS AG	-0.14
STMicroelectronics NV	-0.13
Rio Tinto Limited	-0.12
Infineon Technologies AG	-0.10

Source: FactSet.

Information relating to portfolio holdings is based on the representative account in the composite and may vary for other accounts in the strategy due to asset size, client guidelines, and other factors. The representative account is believed to most closely reflect the current portfolio management style. Holdings are as of quarter end and may change at any time. This material should not be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell securities.

Representative Account Top 10 Holdings	Country	Sector
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	Denmark	Health Care
Novartis AG	Switzerland	Health Care
Stellantis N.V.	Italy	Consumer Discretionary
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	Germany	Industrials
Deutsche Telekom AG	Germany	Communication Services
Itochu Corporation	Japan	Industrials
Holcim Ltd.	Switzerland	Materials
Mitsui & Co., Ltd.	Japan	Industrials
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	Japan	Financials
3i Group plc	United Kingdom	Financials
Total % of Portfolio		18.48%

ANNUALIZED RETURNS

Composite Performance (%)	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	Since Inception 9.1.07
Trivalent International Developed Equity (Gross)	8.23	8.23	19.21	5.62	8.04	5.77	3.82
Trivalent International Developed Equity (Net)	8.06	8.06	18.50	4.99	7.39	5.07	3.22
MSCI EAFE Index (Net)	5.78	5.78	15.32	4.78	7.33	4.80	3.23

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