

## International Developed • International Equity Strategies

International Developed invests primarily in large cap, growth-oriented companies in developed markets (excluding U.S.). The strategy's management team employs both top-down and bottom-up fundamental analysis to identify attractive countries and economic sectors as well as high-quality companies worthy of a long-term investment allocation. The portfolio's primary objective is long-term capital appreciation.

### Mid-Year Update

The first half of 2022 has been turbulent for equity investors worldwide. Concerns about reaching a peak in global growth, the highest rates of inflation experienced in many years, and the increasing costs of capital have created the necessary confluence of events to challenge equity markets. The developed market indices domestically and abroad have recorded their weakest December to June performance in decades. Specifically, for the MSCI EAFE Index, the first half of 2022 was the worst since the first six months of 1968. This stretch of negative returns has been arduous and, unfortunately, we do not expect conditions to improve either quickly or materially in the near term as concerns have not abated regarding growth, inflation, and the rising cost of capital.

While not the most upbeat of forecasts, some perspective of where international developed equity markets stand may be a bit more comforting. The MSCI EAFE Index ended June by trading at an index level of 1,846.3. While this is more than 9% lower than the pre-COVID period of December 2019 and over 20% below the December 2021 market high, the index remains more than 18% above the COVID pandemic low of March 2020. The year-to-date drawdown in stock prices means the MSCI EAFE Index now trades at a 27% discount on a Price/Earnings basis and a 9% discount on a Price/Book basis versus the 10-year trailing average of the index. The index dividend yield remains at 3.4%, twice the yield offered by the S&P 500.

Another topic to revisit is the strength of the U.S. dollar (USD). The U.S. Dollar Index has continued to strengthen substantially against all the world's major currencies, including the euro, Japanese yen, British pound, Canadian dollar, and Chinese yuan. As of this writing, the euro is trading at near parity with the USD and is at its weakest level in over 20 years. The collapse of the yen (nearly 24% since June 2021) has left that currency at its weakest reading in 24 years. Similarly, the British pound has lost so much value against the USD that these levels of currency conversion have not been experienced since the Summer Olympic Games last took place in Los Angeles in 1984. From June 30, 2021, through mid-July 2022, the dollar has gained more than 17%. The nearly unceasing strength of the USD since 2008 continues to be a tremendous headwind for international equities in both developed and emerging markets. Our best estimate is that the U.S. dollar's strength will probably persist throughout the remainder of this year. We also believe the topic of competitive devaluation of currencies will become much more of a hot button and mainstream issue as these conditions persist and create additional headwinds for the U.S. economy.

While the USD continues to stretch its relative valuation to historically high levels, the era of USD strength may be peaking. This prognostication has proven to be elusive to predict in terms of timing, but when the dollar eventually reverses course, we know it tends to favor international equities. The most recent and extended period of dollar weakness (March 2002-March 2008) resulted in international developed markets returning an annualized rate of over 12% versus the S&P 500 annualized return of 4%. For reference, emerging market equities recorded gains of 24% during this same time frame. Additionally, Capital Economics estimates that more than 84% of the world's GDP is generated outside of the U.S., and this international contribution is set to rise throughout the next decade. Capital Economics forecasts that growth from developed and developing markets will outpace the domestic economy through 2024. Confluence's macroeconomic team has also been forecasting that globalization is in decline. Chief Market Strategist Bill O'Grady, Market Strategist Patrick Fearon-Hernandez, and the rest of the team have written several pieces that support this thesis, with a recent *Bi-Weekly Geopolitical Report* entitled "[Parsing the World's New Geopolitical Blocs](#)" as an example.

Should the world continue to fracture and regionalize, there is an additional case for owning international equities, supported by the likelihood that many Western/developed companies may not be able to participate in these new blocs, at least to the extent they have in the past. Therefore, an allocation to non-U.S. equities in portfolios could help investors benefit from more regionalized growth.

We invite you to read the most recent update to our *2022 Outlook*, "[The Tails Become Fatter](#)," in order to gain additional perspective about our forward view of the global economy.

## Quarterly Trade Summary

France-based Safran S.A. (SAFRY) was purchased in early April as the replacement for Smith & Nephew plc (SNN). Safran is an industrial company that operates three key business segments: Aerospace Propulsion, Aircraft Equipment, Defense & AeroSystems, and Aircraft Interiors. Aerospace Propulsion (engines) is the largest business for Safran, constituting nearly 50% of sales. Its CFM engine joint venture with General Electric produces 100% of the Boeing 737 family of engines as well as 60-65% of the engines installed on all new Airbus A380 aircraft. We believe Safran's leading engine technology, together with a growing services and maintenance business, should provide excellent growth opportunities well into the future. Safran's Defense business (40% of sales) should also contribute to future growth as many countries, especially those in Europe, have decided to increase their defense spending substantially following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Safran has a strong balance sheet and is attractively valued. The addition increases the portfolio allocation to the Industrials sector to a slight overweight versus the MSCI EAFE Index.

United Kingdom-domiciled medical technology company Smith & Nephew, purchased in 2016, had missed earnings and revenue targets in the two quarters preceding the sale and has yet to regain momentum following the global COVID-19 pandemic when elective surgeries were discouraged. Additionally, CEO Roland Diggelmann stepped down at the end of March in a mutual agreement with the Smith & Nephew Board. In doing so, he became the second CEO to leave the company in less than four years. The rapid turnover at the CEO level, in our opinion, calls into question the quality of management not only in the C-suite but also with the Board of Directors at Smith & Nephew. The combination of managerial turnover, uninspiring financial results, and the identification of a company that presents more stable growth and higher upside served as the rationale for this sale.

In late June, we added Australia's Woodside Energy Group Ltd. (WDS), formed through a merger with BHP Petroleum. Now a true global energy producer (top 10), Woodside operates three distinct business segments or pillars of growth as company management describes them, including oil, gas, and new energy (hydrogen and ammonia). With assets in Australia, the Gulf of Mexico, Canada, Trinidad & Tobago, Senegal, and elsewhere, Woodside is prepared to benefit from the vastly altered global energy market as many of the world's largest companies strive to attain energy security following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It primarily services a customer base in the Asia-Pacific. Woodside has a very strong balance sheet with more than \$6 billion in cash and a dividend yield of 9%. This purchase increased the portfolio allocation to the Energy sector to a slight overweight versus the benchmark.

## Performance Review

Global equity markets have struggled throughout the first half of 2022 as investors grappled with war, inflation, rising interest rates, slowing growth, and recession fears. Against this backdrop, the MSCI EAFE Index posted a return of -14.5%, matching the Confluence International Developed strategy return of -14.5% (gross of fees) during the second quarter. *[The net-of-fees return for the same period was -15.2% QTD. See disclosures on last page for fee description; actual investment advisory fees may vary.]*

Once again, the largest relative headwind to International Developed was the outperformance of the MSCI EAFE Value Index. The MSCI EAFE Growth Index recorded a return of -17.3% in the second quarter versus -14.5% for the MSCI EAFE Value Index. MSCI EAFE Value has now outperformed MSCI EAFE Growth on a year-to-date basis by more than 13.5%. This is the second largest December-to-June outperformance of value versus growth since 2000. Equities within the MSCI EAFE Quality Index also underperformed the broad index by 2.4% during the past three months. This further illustrates the difficulty for high-quality growth companies (including those held within our International Developed portfolio) operating in the current macroeconomic environment.

The two best-performing countries within our portfolio on an absolute basis were Australia (+4.0%) and the Netherlands (+0.8%), while the two worst returns were recorded by Israel (-24.2%) and Germany (-23.1%). From a sector standpoint, Energy (-0.5%) and Consumer Staples (-12.0%) were the strongest during the quarter, while Information Technology (-26.3%) and Materials (-19.9%) were the weakest sectors.

From a relative standpoint, the most accretive country allocation was the underweight to the Netherlands (+45 bps), followed by the underweight to Sweden (+30 bps). The overweight allocation to Canada detracted 292 bps from performance, while the overweight to Ireland subtracted 179 bps. From a sector perspective, our zero allocation to Real Estate added 46 bps of relative performance, followed by the underweight allocation to Consumer Discretionary (+43 bps). On the downside, the overweight allocation to Information Technology detracted 83 bps, and the overweight to Financials detracted 68 bps.

The top contributors and detractors for the portfolio thus far in 2022 are shown in the accompanying table.<sup>1</sup>

Security	Avg Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
<b>Top 5</b>		
Shell plc	2.38	0.17
Jazz Pharmaceuticals plc	Sold	0.16
Zurich Insurance Group A.G.	2.53	0.05
Chubb Ltd.	2.47	0.03
Fanuc Limited ADS	Sold	0.03
<b>Bottom 5</b>		
Accenture plc	3.91	(1.42)
Aptiv plc	2.56	(1.45)
ICON plc	4.36	(1.55)
DSV A.S.	3.56	(1.63)
Shopify Inc.	1.86	(2.68)

*(Contribution data shown from a sample account, based on individual stock performance and portfolio weighting)*

### What We Are Watching

During the past few months, there has been a spate of unplanned political upheavals, adding stress to the complicated global macroeconomic backdrop now plaguing equity investors. There are also several planned, high-profile elections scheduled for the second half of this year that could further consternate or placate markets. We'll discuss some events we are closely watching.

Six months ago, few, if any, could fathom the global ramifications of Vladimir Putin's decision to wage war on Ukraine. Now that the battle has been ongoing for several months, consumers worldwide must adapt to the effects of the invasion and navigate higher food and energy prices. These inflationary pressures have added to global supply chain woes and product shortages that were exasperated by the worldwide attempts to re-open following the COVID-19 pandemic. The imbalanced supply chain recovery, combined with intensifying costs of basic needs and transportation, has started to spill over in the form of protests and political dissatisfaction. This displeasure is manifesting itself in countries large and small. On July 7, United Kingdom Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced he would step down following multiple scandals, a narrow survival in a no-confidence vote, and numerous resignations from his cabinet. Although Johnson was able to finalize the so-called Brexit from the European Union, he will leave a great deal of controversy and unresolved issues, including those with Northern Ireland, that now must be addressed by the next prime minister. There are currently eight Conservative Party candidates seeking Johnson's position and the election is scheduled for later this fall. We will be closely monitoring developments within the U.K. as the country is the largest single European component of the index. Our portfolios are underweight versus the benchmark allocation to the U.K., and this positioning is likely to remain at least until the political situation sorts itself out.

Another unforeseeable but solemn and noteworthy event transpired on July 8, when the world learned of the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. He was campaigning in Japan on behalf of candidates for his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). While no longer directly leading Japan, Abe's economic policies (dubbed Abenomics) remain in place. These policies have been supported by current Bank of Japan (BOJ) Governor Haruhiko Kuroda, who was nominated for his position by Abe. Kuroda, slated to retire next spring, has continued the loose monetary policy reminiscent of Abenomics. It has manifested itself into a severely weak Japanese yen and the controversial implementation of yield control, which is a strategy designed by Kuroda to control Japan's yield curve at both the long and short end while allowing inflation to reach the BOJ's long-term 2% inflation target. Absent both Abe and Kuroda, the possibility exists for an abrupt change of course in monetary policy implementation. Our portfolio currently has a large underweight to Japan, and we remain cautious about Japanese equities amid the current policy regime. Importantly, Japanese stocks make up roughly one-fifth of the benchmark.

Moving back to Europe, French President Emmanuel Macron was recently re-elected for a second term. Macron is the first two-term French president since Jacques Chirac (1995 and 2002). However, while Macron won the election over far-right candidate Marine Le Pen, voter satisfaction with his first term proved finite as he lost his ruling coalition to opponents on both the far right and hard left. France is the second largest European nation within the benchmark. As of June 30, the portfolio has an equal-weight allocation to France. We are also monitoring macroeconomic and political developments within Germany, where Chancellor Olaf Scholz has his hands full of economic challenges. Conditions in the country have deteriorated significantly during the past few months following the war in Ukraine. [The Financial Times reported](#), "Germany is rationing hot water, dimming its street lights, and shutting down swimming pools as the impact of its energy crunch begins to spread from industry to offices, leisure centers, and homes. A huge increase in gas prices triggered by Russia's move last month to sharply reduce supplies to Germany has plunged Europe's biggest economy into its worst energy crisis since the oil price shock of 1973." The impact of rising prices and lack of supply is greatly restricting Germany's export-dependent economy. Nevertheless, energy issues are not isolated to Germany. French officials have announced the total nationalization of EDF, one of Europe's largest power producers, due to the growing energy shortfall in the country. We remain underweight to Germany because of these conditions.

Inflationary pressures have not limited themselves to creating political dysfunction in large and developed economies. Unrest is also becoming noteworthy in emerging and developing nations. The Sri Lankan president and prime minister were both forced to resign in mid-July as protestors brought down the government over discourse related to the cost of food, energy, and medicine. Our strategy has no direct exposure to Sri Lanka, but we do not expect the political pressures of inflation to be limited to this country.

As autumn draws nearer, we will be watching several key political elections around the globe. Brazil will hold elections in early October, where former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is leading current President Jair Bolsonaro in the polls. Brazil is one of the few significant "swing" producers of agricultural and raw material commodities that could be used to offset the loss of Russian materials on the open market. New leadership in Brazil could change policies that impact the availability of these products. The situation in the U.K. as Boris Johnson's successor is identified should be sorted out by the end of October. The U.S. midterm elections will be held in early November, when Republicans are likely to gain seats in both the House and Senate. Lastly, the 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) is slated to meet later this year, and it is likely that Chinese President Xi will seek his third term in power. While much ink has been spilled covering the regulatory regime Xi has put in place, as well as the deterioration in relations between China and the U.S., one issue that is arguably the most globally important is the country's policy of "Zero-COVID." The Chinese economy has slowed significantly from the lockdowns and this lack of growth has hurt global GDP given China's economic rank and manufacturing prowess. It will be important to note any change resulting from pressure within the CPC that may cause Xi to alter his approach to COVID suppression or the regulatory environment he has put in place.

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### Portfolio Characteristics<sup>2</sup> (as of 6/30/2022)

10 Largest Holdings	Weight	Sector Allocation	Weight	10 Largest Countries	Weight
Chubb Ltd.	3.6%	Consumer Discretionary	6.8%	Switzerland	15.9%
Diageo plc	3.6%	Consumer Staples	8.7%	Canada	14.0%
DBS Group Holdings Ltd.	3.5%	Energy	8.0%	France	13.1%
Novo Nordisk A.S.	3.5%	Financials	24.4%	Ireland	11.3%
Accenture plc	3.2%	Health Care	13.9%	United Kingdom	11.2%
ICON plc	3.2%	Industrials	17.1%	Japan	8.7%
Waste Connections Inc.	3.0%	Information Technology	10.1%	Denmark	6.3%
Novartis A.G.	3.0%	Materials	7.2%	Singapore	6.0%
Willis Towers Watson plc	3.0%	Communication Services	2.7%	Germany	3.9%
Brookfield Asset Management Inc.	3.0%	Cash	1.1%	Australia	2.4%

### Performance Composite Returns<sup>3</sup> (For Periods Ending June 30, 2022)

	Since 10/1/99	20-year*	15-year*	10-year*	5-year*	3-year*	1-year	YTD	QTD
<b>International Developed</b>									
Pure Gross-of-Fees <sup>4</sup>	4.8%	6.6%	3.3%	6.1%	5.3%	3.8%	(16.1%)	(21.1%)	(14.5%)
Net-of-Fees <sup>5</sup>	1.7%	3.5%	0.2%	2.9%	2.2%	0.7%	(18.6%)	(22.3%)	(15.2%)
<b>MSCI EAFE (Net)</b>	3.5%	5.3%	1.4%	5.4%	2.2%	1.1%	(17.8%)	(19.6%)	(14.5%)

Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of-Fees <sup>4</sup>	Net-of-Fees <sup>5</sup>	MSCI EAFE	Difference (Gross-MSCI EAFE)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	MSCI EAFE 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
1999**	26.0%	25.0%	17.0%	9.0%	506	\$204,990	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000	(12.7%)	(15.3%)	(14.2%)	1.5%	339	\$94,891	-	N/A	N/A	3.1%
2001	(20.2%)	(22.5%)	(21.4%)	1.3%	216	\$52,064	-	N/A	N/A	2.0%
2002	(20.0%)	(22.4%)	(15.9%)	(4.1%)	181	\$39,739	-	16.9%	16.0%	1.1%
2003	37.2%	33.1%	38.6%	(1.4%)	168	\$35,515	-	17.9%	17.8%	1.1%
2004	15.9%	12.4%	20.2%	(4.4%)	191	\$42,465	-	15.5%	15.4%	0.9%
2005	16.7%	13.2%	13.5%	3.2%	176	\$37,524	-	11.4%	11.4%	0.8%
2006	23.9%	20.2%	26.3%	(2.4%)	243	\$62,300	-	10.5%	9.3%	0.8%
2007	19.1%	15.6%	11.2%	8.0%	269	\$75,983	-	10.5%	9.4%	1.4%
2008	(38.2%)	(40.0%)	(43.4%)	5.2%	256	\$43,507	-	18.9%	19.2%	1.2%
2009	22.5%	18.8%	31.8%	(9.3%)	235	\$47,380	-	21.7%	23.6%	1.7%
2010	15.3%	11.8%	7.8%	7.5%	206	\$47,360	-	23.4%	26.2%	0.8%
2011	(9.7%)	(12.3%)	(12.1%)	2.5%	164	\$31,229	-	20.0%	22.4%	0.7%
2012	16.5%	13.0%	17.3%	(0.8%)	154	\$34,823	-	17.3%	19.4%	0.6%
2013	20.9%	17.4%	22.8%	(1.8%)	174	\$47,418	-	14.5%	16.3%	0.5%
2014	(0.4%)	(3.4%)	(4.9%)	4.5%	116	\$34,435	-	11.0%	13.0%	0.7%
2015	(2.3%)	(5.2%)	(0.8%)	(1.5%)	53	\$19,412	-	11.3%	12.5%	0.3%
2016	(5.1%)	(8.0%)	1.0%	(6.1%)	30	\$7,163	-	11.8%	12.5%	0.4%
2017	23.4%	19.7%	25.0%	(1.7%)	25	\$6,957	-	11.0%	11.8%	0.3%
2018	(14.4%)	(17.0%)	(13.8%)	(0.6%)	2	\$352	\$5,486,737	11.7%	11.2%	0.1%
2019	29.6%	25.7%	22.0%	7.6%	1	\$261	\$7,044,708	12.4%	10.8%	N/A
2020	15.9%	12.4%	7.8%	8.0%	1	\$241	\$6,889,798	19.3%	17.9%	N/A
2021	18.2%	14.7%	11.3%	6.9%	1	\$280	\$7,761,687	18.3%	16.9%	N/A

\*Average annualized returns

See performance disclosures on last page.

\*\*Since 10/1/1999

### Portfolio Benchmarks

**MSCI EAFE (Net) Index** – Free float-adjusted market capitalization index designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada. Performance results presented net of estimated foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains. (Source: Bloomberg)

(Prior to March 31, 2020, the S&P/BNY Developed Market ADR Index was shown as a secondary benchmark. This index was removed to simplify the presentation, being less widely recognized and relevant than the primary benchmark.)



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