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International Growth invests primarily in large cap, growth-oriented companies in both developed and emerging markets. 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. The maximum direct exposure to emerging markets is 25% of the portfolio's total value.

Market Commentary

The world was jolted by Russia's decision to attack Ukraine on February 24, and as such, the nascent economic recovery that was blossoming in many locations worldwide following the COVID-19 pandemic has come under assault. Consumers and corporations from around the globe were already grappling with stubbornly high commodity prices, supply chain disruptions, and labor shortages, all resulting in spiking inflation. The situation has only worsened. Monetary policy implementation across the globe has transformed from uniformly loose and stimulative during the past few years to anywhere from substantial tightening to accommodative posturing. Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Israel, South Korea, Mexico, Brazil, and others have already begun rate tightening cycles in an attempt to bring inflation under control. Japan and the European Central Bank have yet to increase rates. Instead, they have focused on scaling back bond purchases and continuing yield control in Japan. On the other end of the spectrum, the Chinese Central Bank has gradually loosened its policy to stimulate the economy. This lack of coordination has done little, thus far, to tamp down inflation and settle markets.

One unprecedented outcome of the invasion has been the speed, cohesion, and ferocity of the ever-growing list of sanctions imposed by the EU, Japan, the United States, and other nations, leaving Russia as a pariah and almost instantly un-investable. Many corporations from around the world have announced the immediate suspension of Russian business activities. While "doing business" with Russia has become unpalatable, the immediate cessation of trade with the country has delivered significant consequences. According to Reuters, Russia and Ukraine combined account for about 30% of the world's wheat exports. Russia and Belarus, together, produce nearly a third of the world's volume of Potash, a compound used to fertilize agricultural farmland. The removal of this supply from global trade has resulted in a year-to-date increase in the cost of Potash of more than 20%, leaving farmers in a vulnerable position of deciding whether to risk planting without needed fertilizer or to risk the crop yield without necessary nourishment. Since year-end, the cost of wheat has risen by over 30% and a bushel of corn is nearly 25% more expensive.

Uncertainty surrounding Russian energy exports has also contributed to a dramatic increase in the cost of oil and natural gas. Brent crude rose by nearly 40% per barrel during the quarter, while Netherlands TTF natural gas gained more than 220% by early March before settling 85% above year-end 2021 contract pricing. This spike in energy prices has compounded the inflationary predicament, while simultaneously damaging consumer confidence and denting discretionary spending. Europe has the most to lose economically because of its dependence on Russian energy products. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Europe consumes 49% of Russian oil exports, 74% of its natural gas exports, and 32% of Russian coal production. Germany is most levered to these exports as it is the largest buyer of natural gas and coal and the second-largest consumer of Russian gas in the world.

A disconcerting development arising from the dramatic increase in the cost of foodstuffs and oil is in Sri Lanka, where the government is in a state of disarray. Large protests have erupted out of anger over the skyrocketing basic food and energy prices. We are closely watching for signs of discontent in other developing nations over these same issues that could further roil markets.

The measurable result of the rapid rise in inflation, combined with the dislocations resulting from the war in Ukraine, has led to a downgrade of year-end growth expectations. Capital Economics now forecasts Eurozone GDP growth at +2.8% versus +3.5% only a few months ago. Germany is the European country facing the largest forecast downgrade, standing at 2.5%, a full point less than the last estimate release. Growth projections for commodity-importing countries, including Japan, India, South Korea, and much of the rest of Asia, have also been sliced as energy prices and inflation have risen. However, countries that are net commodity exporters, including the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, have received forecast growth upgrades.

The big takeaway is that these events support our longstanding thesis that globalization is in decline. Eventually, the world will decouple into more regional trade blocs led by the U.S., China, and possibly Europe. Confluence's macroeconomic team produces various reports on this subject wherein they regularly update their thesis. Confluence Chief Market Strategist Bill O'Grady recently published a *Bi-Weekly Geopolitical Report*, "[The Ukraine War and the Path of Globalization](#)," that discusses his recent thoughts on deglobalization. A variety of other research reports and multimedia offerings can also be found on the Confluence [website](#).

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Finally, the U.S. Dollar Index strengthened during the first quarter of 2022 by 2.8% and is 5.4% stronger than a year ago. Dollar strength remains a persistent headwind for international equities. As of March 31, 2022, international developed market stocks (ex-U.S.) trade, on a P/E ratio basis, at a 15% discount to where they have traded over the past decade, and they provide a dividend yield of 2.8%, twice the yield of the S&P 500 Index.

Quarterly Trade Summary

We made an above-average number of trades during the quarter to better position the portfolio in light of the changing global macroeconomic backdrop. Beginning in early January, we sold Fanuc Corporation and purchased SMC Corporation. This was a same-country, same-sector swap. Fanuc has struggled recently as it invested in capacity expansion for industrial robots just as demand for its products had declined. It is also levered in the production cycle for mobile devices (phones), and demand for these products has also slowed as innovation has become less noticeable and phones last longer. Because the stock has struggled, and management has not been able to alleviate our growing concerns about end-market deterioration, we decided to replace the position with SMC Corporation. SMC produces valves, filters, cylinders, and actuators for pneumatic tools used in the production of autos, appliances, industrial machinery, transport, and many other goods. SMC has no debt, provides superior gross and net margins versus Fanuc, and is less expensive to trade on an EV/EBITDA and P/E basis. Additionally, SMC has provided shareholders with consistently stronger medium and long-term returns than Fanuc.

Next, we sold Brazilian materials and mining company Vale S.A. in order to purchase Swiss biotechnology company Lonza Group. The overriding rationale behind the sale of Vale was two-fold. First, we wanted to decrease the portfolio's direct exposure to emerging markets. Second, since the portfolio also holds a stake in U.K.-based mining company Rio Tinto, we chose to eliminate the somewhat duplicate exposure. Lonza is one of the largest biopharmaceutical contract manufacturers in the world, focusing on biologics, cell and gene therapy, and small molecules. Nineteen of the 20 largest pharmaceutical companies in the world are currently clients of Lonza, and those companies have over 350 pre-clinical and clinical molecules currently under development. As of the purchase date, only 10 biopharma drugs have been approved, with the global pipeline for these formulations reaching over 1,400 drugs in various stages of clinical development.

In mid-January, we sold the position in Jazz Pharmaceuticals and purchased Netherlands-based bank ING Groep N.V. Following Jazz's 2021 purchase of GWPH, the company has done little, so far, to diversify from its dependence on narcolepsy drug Xyrem (nearly 80% of sales). While the company's pipeline has some promising possibilities, we were no longer able to identify a near-term catalyst for shares; thus, Jazz was sold to fund the ING purchase. ING provides global retail, wholesale, and corporate banking solutions for its client base and gives investors an opportunity to benefit from the European recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. The European Central Bank has begun the process of removing stimulus, and the bank should benefit from the eventual increase in interest rates. ING has a very strong balance sheet, its efficiency ratio (measure of how well financial institutions use assets to generate income) is well-ahead of its peer group, and it provides investors with above-average profitability.

Another pair of mid-January changes included the swap of AIA Group for Zurich Insurance Group. AIA Group is a life insurance company headquartered in Hong Kong. Most significantly, with China forcing more and stricter controls over Hong Kong, we decided the macro risks outweighed the bottom-up, fundamental strength of owning AIA for this investment strategy. Zurich, a company that we have owned in our International Developed strategy since 2020, is one of the world's largest multi-line property/casualty and life insurers, conducting business in more than 215 countries. Clients may be familiar with Zurich's U.S. property and casualty business, operating domestically as Farmers Insurance. The company provides an above-industry average Return on Equity, produces significant free cash flow, pays a sizeable dividend (4.5% yield at purchase date), and trades with a low double-digit earnings multiple at only 1.9 times book value. Zurich is well-managed by conservative leadership and should generate stable long-term earnings growth on behalf of shareholders.

In mid-February, we sold Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis and bought French oil and gas conglomerate TotalEnergies SE (TTE). While Novartis remains a holding in other Confluence strategies, we decided to increase the portfolio's exposure to the Energy sector, which we believed was a better alternative for this strategy. We have owned TTE within our International Developed strategy since 2018, so we know the company well. TTE is a global company that operates in nearly 50 countries and in four business segments, including Refining and Chemicals (its largest division with over 40% of revenues), Marketing and Services, Integrated Gas and Renewables, and Exploration and Production. We are most excited about the company's Integrated Gas and Renewables business that is growing on a trailing three-year CAGR by more than 20% and importantly provides the company with a path forward for growth as fossil fuels become less favorable long-term businesses. TTE also pays a dividend of more than 5%, and we believe the company will serve as an important player among Europe's pursuit of more energy independence.

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The final change during the quarter was the sale of Swedish networking and telecom equipment manufacturer Ericsson. In early February, Ericsson noted in a press release that it was receiving questions from media outlets about the company's activities in Iraq dating back to 2018-19. At that time, management acknowledged having already investigated these matters without prompting from any external source but with assistance of outside counsel. The result of that exercise was a pronouncement that some improprieties were discovered, resulting in personnel changes. Then, in mid-February, a second release was issued stating that additional media were making inquiries about Ericsson's dealings in Iraq. Ericsson CEO Borje Ekholm was widely quoted in the media as saying that Ericsson *may* have paid bribes to ISIS (apparently to allow safe transportation of equipment and personnel) in Iraq during this time frame. The decision was quickly reached to exit our ownership of Ericsson until more clarity and a full investigation is completed (and potential fines/penalties are issued). The portfolio's cash position slightly increased as a result of this sale.

Performance Review

During the first quarter of 2022, international developed market equities recorded their weakest quarterly return since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Q1 2020. The MSCI World ex-U.S. Index posted a return of -4.8% for the quarter, while the Confluence International Growth strategy recorded a return of -7.2% (gross of fees) over the same period. *[The net-of-fees return for the same period was -7.9% QTD. See disclosures on p.6 for fee description; actual investment advisory fees may vary.]*

While the combined effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Omicron variant, global supply chain disruptions, and the winding down of "easy" monetary policy in many countries around the world all weighed on investor sentiment, the largest headwind to the International Growth strategy was the historic outperformance of value stocks. The MSCI World ex-U.S. Value Index recorded a return of +1.7% in Q1 compared to the MSCI World ex-U.S. Growth Index return of -10.9%. This more than 12% disparity is the widest outperformance of Value over Growth dating back to 2000. Interestingly, this risk-off environment also led to the underperformance of stocks within the MSCI EAFE Quality Index (-9.3%), further suggesting a dramatic rotation into areas of the global developed equity markets that haven't performed well in recent years.

The two best-performing countries within our portfolio on an absolute basis were Mexico (+11.3%) and Singapore (+10.8%), while the two worst returns were recorded by the Netherlands (-31.7%) and Germany (-20.8%). From a sector standpoint, Materials (+17.3%) and Energy (+16.1%) were the strongest sectors during the quarter, and Consumer Discretionary (-19.1%) and Information Technology (-15.1%) were the weakest.

From a relative standpoint, the most accretive country allocation was the underweight to Germany (+59 bps) followed by the overweight to Switzerland (+59 bps). The overweight allocation to Ireland detracted 190 bps from performance, while the overweight to Canada subtracted 131 bps. From a sector perspective, our underweight allocation to Materials added 93 bps of relative performance, followed by the underweight allocation to Industrials, which added 33 bps. On the downside, the overweight allocation to Information Technology detracted 111 bps and the overweight allocation to Financials detracted 55 bps.

The top contributors and detractors for the portfolio thus far in 2022 are shown in the below table.¹

Security	Avg Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Top 5		
Franco-Nevada Corporation	3.06	0.45
Rio Tinto Group	2.70	0.42
Wal-Mart de México, S.A.B. de C.V.	2.46	0.28
United Overseas Bank Limited	1.96	0.27
Chubb Limited	2.33	0.24
Bottom 5		
Accenture plc	3.91	(0.81)
ING Groep N.V.	1.99	(0.83)
ICON Public Limited Company	3.33	(0.92)
Aptiv PLC	2.89	(0.94)
Shopify Inc.	1.61	(1.26)

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

International Growth • International Equity Strategies**What We Are Watching**

We close with an update on some significant topics that could move international equities during the coming months. Any shift, positive or negative, in the Ukraine war will likely impact global equities. A quick end to the conflict is preferable, but we expect the sanctions levied upon Russia to be long-lived, which will probably cause the prices of grains, crude, natural gas, steel, titanium, fertilizers, and other commodities to remain elevated. Pricing on these items will likely remain firm for the foreseeable future.

The French presidential election will be finalized by late April. The decision is between the incumbent Emmanuel Macron and far-right candidate Marine Le Pen. We expect Macron to win a second term, but the race should be close. Le Pen's political views represent some controversial positions that, in the past, have called for France to leave the European Union. A Le Pen victory, like so many other recent elections around the world, would show there is a large and growing dissatisfaction with the status quo.

Turning to Hong Kong, Chief Executive Carrie Lam has announced that she will not seek another five-year term. This has opened the door for Chinese President Xi to further tighten his control over the city. John Lee, the former Hong Kong Deputy Police Chief, Secretary of Security, Chief Secretary of Administration, and overseer of the implementation of the very controversial Hong Kong security law, has been hand-selected to take Lam's seat. We expect any continued exodus of Hong Kong's business and banking center resulting from Lee's rule will benefit locales, including Singapore.

A new and noteworthy risk was created when "for-profit" companies, including MSCI, NASDAQ, and the NYSE, decided to halt trading in Russian stocks. In addition, they priced the companies at effectively zero and removed allocations from all benchmarks and investment vehicles representing Russia, which decimated the value of Russian equity and bond investments. Although the decisions are understandable, they remain unprecedented. We believe that these extraordinary moves have laid the groundwork for this process to be used again. Therefore, we are actively working to build a plan should a similar future threat or invasion materialize.

On April 10, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced it is formally monitoring two new sub-variants of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Omicron variant, BA.4 & BA.5. As of this writing, coronavirus infections are again rising in more than half of the U.S., and some mask mandates are being reinstated. Unfortunately, infection rates are also increasing in Europe and parts of Asia. China has been severely affected as the government maintains its zero-COVID policy, and tens of millions of residents are living under lockdown. Consequently, the Chinese economy is weakening, and supply chains are further strained. We expect the negative consequences of China's handling of the most recent virus outbreak will weigh on the global economy for months to come.

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Portfolio Characteristics² (as of 3/31/2022)

10 Largest Holdings		Weight	Sector Allocation		Weight	10 Largest Countries		Weight
Waste Connections, Inc.		3.7%	Financials		19.9%	Canada		16.0%
Novo Nordisk A/S		3.7%	Information Technology		17.9%	Switzerland		12.2%
CyberArk Software Ltd.		3.7%	Industrials		13.0%	Ireland		11.2%
DSV Panalpina A/S		3.4%	Health Care		11.2%	France		9.8%
Infosys Limited		3.4%	Consumer Staples		10.5%	Japan		8.4%
Franco-Nevada Corporation		3.4%	Materials		8.5%	United Kingdom		8.2%
Accenture plc		3.4%	Consumer Discretionary		7.7%	Denmark		7.1%
Brookfield Asset Management Inc.		3.2%	Energy		4.8%	Singapore		5.0%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing		3.2%	Communication Services		3.7%	Israel		3.7%
Icon plc		3.1%	Cash		2.8%	India		3.4%

Performance Composite Returns³ (For Periods Ending March 31, 2022)

	Since 10/1/1999	20-Year*	15-Year*	10-Year*	5-Year*	3-Year*	1-Year	YTD	QTD
Pure Gross-of-Fees⁴	6.6%	8.2%	5.6%	7.5%	10.8%	13.2%	3.7%	(7.2%)	(7.2%)
Net-of-Fees⁵	3.5%	5.0%	2.5%	4.3%	7.5%	9.8%	0.6%	(7.9%)	(7.9%)
MSCI World ex-U.S.	4.5%	6.2%	3.1%	6.3%	7.1%	8.6%	3.0%	(4.8%)	(4.8%)

Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of-Fees ⁴	Net-of-Fees ⁵	MSCI World ex-US	Difference (Gross-MSCI World ex-US)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	MSCI World ex-US 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
1999**	26.6%	25.6%	17.4%	9.2%	131	\$48,987	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000	(15.0%)	(17.6%)	(13.4%)	(1.7%)	58	\$15,193	-	N/A	N/A	3.0%
2001	(18.1%)	(20.5%)	(21.4%)	3.3%	42	\$7,128	-	N/A	N/A	1.1%
2002	(17.9%)	(20.4%)	(15.8%)	(2.1%)	32	\$4,654	-	17.1%	16.1%	0.7%
2003	40.2%	36.1%	39.4%	0.8%	26	\$4,642	-	18.1%	17.7%	0.9%
2004	18.7%	15.2%	20.4%	(1.6%)	25	\$5,004	-	15.4%	15.3%	1.1%
2005	18.2%	14.7%	14.5%	3.8%	25	\$6,651	-	12.1%	11.3%	0.5%
2006	29.5%	25.6%	25.7%	3.8%	35	\$11,866	-	11.6%	9.5%	1.1%
2007	23.4%	19.7%	12.4%	10.9%	49	\$16,292	-	12.5%	9.7%	2.9%
2008	(37.8%)	(39.6%)	(43.6%)	5.8%	76	\$14,221	-	20.7%	19.5%	1.5%
2009	31.8%	27.9%	33.7%	(1.8%)	114	\$28,437	-	23.0%	23.9%	2.1%
2010	13.2%	9.9%	8.9%	4.3%	168	\$60,558	-	24.3%	26.3%	1.3%
2011	(11.4%)	(14.1%)	(12.2%)	0.8%	253	\$80,988	-	20.1%	22.3%	0.6%
2012	16.1%	12.7%	16.4%	(0.3%)	254	\$94,222	-	17.6%	19.0%	0.6%
2013	19.1%	15.6%	21.0%	(1.9%)	291	\$113,801	-	14.4%	16.0%	0.6%
2014	(1.7%)	(4.6%)	(4.3%)	2.6%	177	\$88,982	-	11.4%	12.7%	0.7%
2015	(2.1%)	(5.0%)	(3.0%)	0.9%	191	\$81,898	-	11.5%	12.3%	0.4%
2016	(5.1%)	(7.9%)	2.7%	(7.8%)	113	\$39,444	-	12.0%	12.3%	0.7%
2017	25.2%	21.4%	24.2%	1.0%	62	\$28,303	-	11.1%	11.7%	0.8%
2018	(13.5%)	(16.1%)	(14.1%)	0.6%	30	\$15,707	\$5,486,737	11.7%	11.1%	0.2%
2019	30.1%	26.3%	22.5%	7.6%	24	\$14,419	\$7,044,708	12.5%	10.8%	0.3%
2020	20.6%	17.1%	7.6%	13.1%	25	\$15,512	\$6,889,798	18.0%	18.1%	0.4%
2021	14.3%	10.9%	12.6%	1.7%	24	\$16,158	\$7,761,687	16.7%	17.2%	0.9%

*Average annualized returns

See performance disclosures on next page.

**Since 10/1/1999

Portfolio Benchmarks

MSCI World ex-U.S. (Net) Index – Free float-adjusted market capitalization index designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the U.S. 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 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. recognized and relevant than the primary benchmark.)

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