

## OVERVIEW

In Q3 the global recession has so far been kept at bay. Nonetheless, there are issues that give us pause for concern. Firstly, the rapid rise in global interest rates in September could have a negative impact on the European and global economies. Secondly, China continues to struggle to sustain an economic rebound post Covid and their property sector is once again a concern as it has too much leverage. As far as Europe goes, rising energy costs are a concern as we enter the fall and winter seasons.

From an economic data standpoint, the Global Purchasing Managers' Index continues to point to manufacturing weakness. We are concerned that as the 2nd half of 2023 unfolds earnings growth could be pressured given that we have yet to see the full impact of the interest rate hikes.

From a stock allocation standpoint, we added one new position in FMC Corp. We exited positions in NXPI Semiconductor.

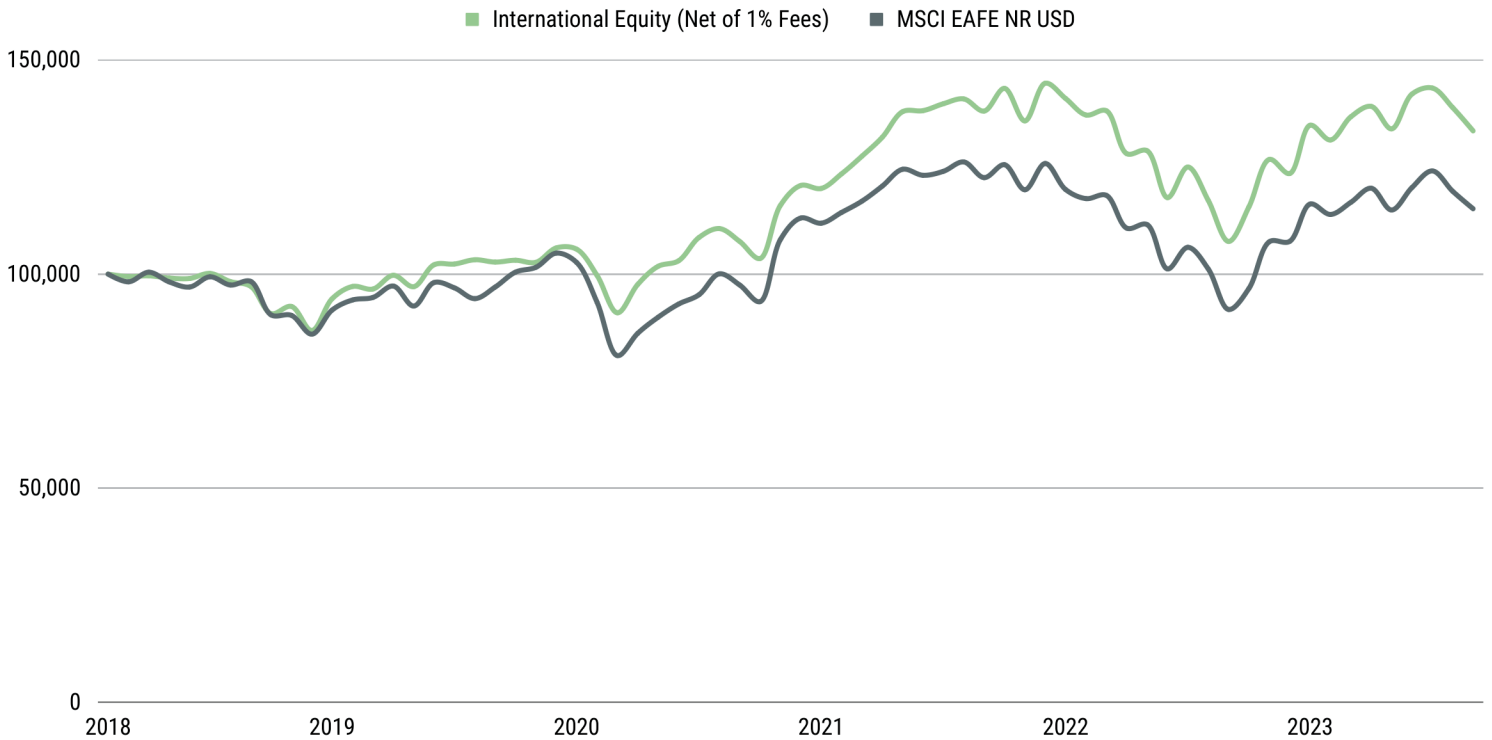
The Strategy has a higher level of cash than normal, and our positioning is more defensive as we traded into market strength for our industrial, technology and consumer-related stocks. We are seeing value in the healthcare sector and consumer staples sector where we added to positions throughout the quarter.

Our goal is to have a portfolio of high-quality businesses with competitive advantages that can withstand changes in economic conditions and thrive through a business cycle. Companies with established moats often expand market share and strengthen their business during a downturn. These are the types of companies that we continue to look for in the International Equity strategy. While we cannot predict near-term risk factors, we can control the companies we invest in. Our disciplined approach of owning high-quality, financially viable and intrinsically cheap companies form the International Equity portfolio.

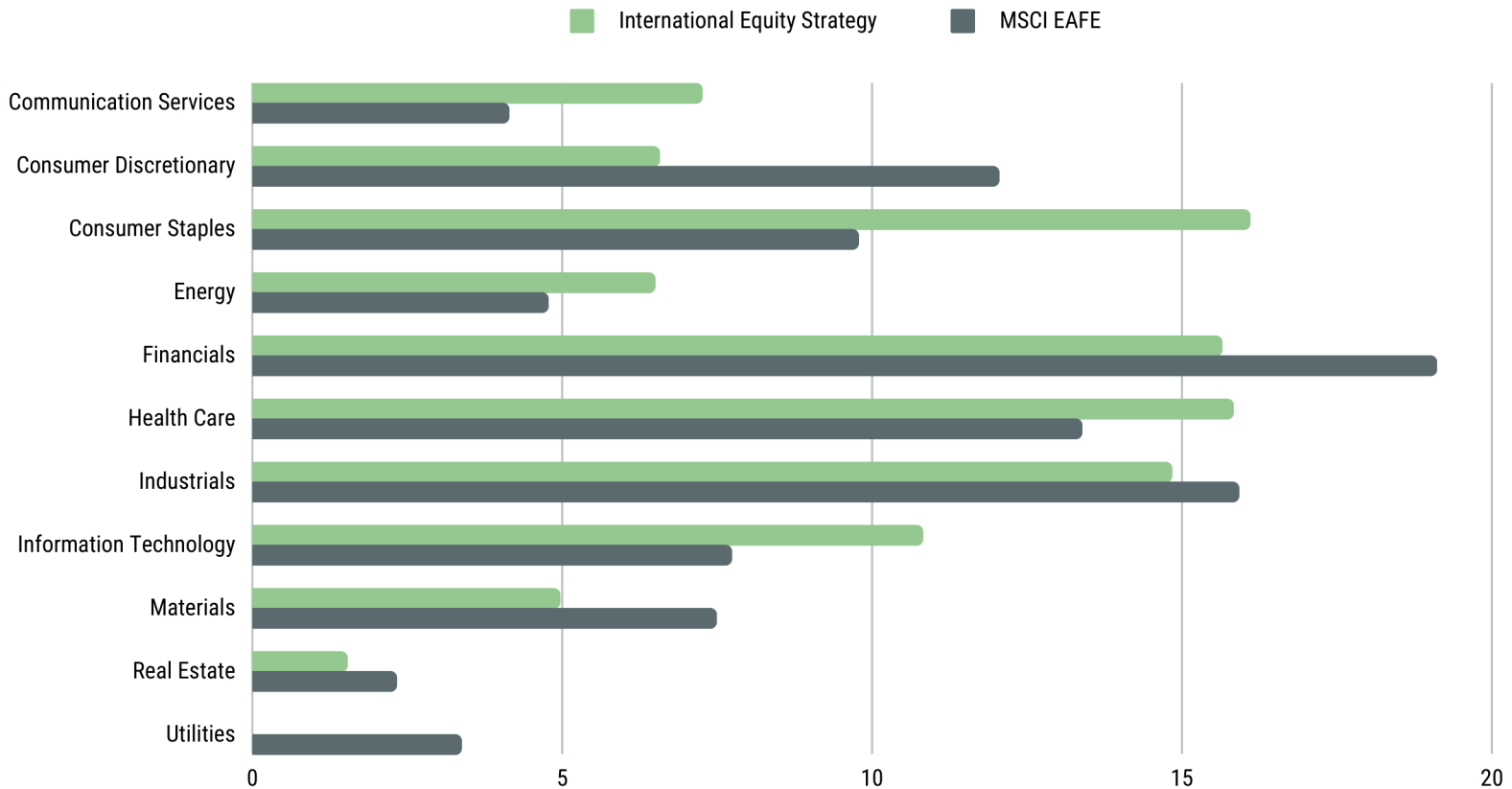


Fidelity@Government Cash Reserves	9.2	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc	2.7
Sanofi SA ADR	3.2	Diageo PLC ADR	2.7
Unilever PLC ADR	3.1	Deutsche Boerse AG ADR	2.7
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV ADR	3.0	Aon PLC Class A	2.6
Deutsche Telekom AG ADR	2.9	Other	65.2
SAP SE ADR	2.8		

## GROWTH OF \$100,000



## INTERNATIONAL EQUITY STRATEGY GICS SECTOR WEIGHTS



## MEET THE TEAM



### **PETE TRONTIS, CFA** Sr. Portfolio Manager

Pete joined Exencial Wealth Advisors as a portfolio manager for the Enhanced Yield strategy. Prior to joining Willingdon, he was a research analyst for Horizon Investments where he focused on global equity research and supported the firm's trading and performance reporting operations. Prior to Horizon Investments, Pete was a Market Risk analyst for Wells Fargo Securities. He began his career as an analyst for Liquid Credit Products at Bank of America.

Pete holds a BS in Finance and a BS in Economics from DePaul University where he graduated cum laude. He also holds an MBA from Duke University where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class and was designated a Fuqua scholar. He is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA society of North Carolina.



### **RANDY FARINA, CFA** Sr. Portfolio Manager

Randy joined Exencial as a Senior Portfolio Manager for the Core and International Strategies. Randy has an extensive background in global equities with over 20 years' experience as an analyst and portfolio manager. Randy also has experience in client service partnering with both institutional and retail relationship managers. Before Exencial, Randy was a Portfolio Manager and Analyst for 16 years on the Global Small Cap Team for Putnam Investments. Randy helped implement a structured investment process focusing on intrinsic value. During his tenure at Putnam Randy also developed and managed an apprentice program to train and develop junior analysts. Randy most recently comes from Westwood Global in Boston where he was a Senior Research Analyst focusing on an International Large Cap Strategy.

Randy has a Master of Science in Finance from Boston College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Randy is a CFA charterholder.

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