Global Leaders

QUARTERLY STRATEGY UPDATE



First Quarter 2017

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)

		COMPOSITE GROSS OF FEES	COMPOSITE NET OF FEES	RUSSELL GLOBAL LARGE- CAP NET INDEX®
	3 Mos.	9.25	9.06	6.85
İ	1YR	9.61	8.71	15.04
	ITD (04/30/2015)	5.08	4.23	3.72

Provided as supplemental information

REP. ACCOUNT CHARACTERISTICS

	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCT.	RUSSELL GLOBAL LARGE-CAP NET INDEX
P/E (NTM) (Wtd Average)	21.0x	21.1x
ROIC (LFY) Median (%)*	21.5	10.4
Hist 3Yr Sales Growth (Wtd Average) (%)	10.6	5.3
PEG Ratio	1.5x	1.3x
NTM EV/EBIT (Wtd Average)	15.1	24.2

^{*}Excludes Financials

REP. ACCOUNT TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

SECURITY	% PORTFOLIO
Alphabet Inc. Class C	4.4
Unilever PLC	4.1
Visa Inc. Class A	4.0
Microsoft Corporation	3.9
Estee Lauder Companies Inc. Class A	3.9
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.8
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	3.5
Mastercard Inc. Class A	3.4
TJX Companies Inc	3.2
AIA Group Limited	3.2
TOTAL	37.4



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Review & Outlook

The Global Leaders Strategy outperformed its benchmark, the Russell Global Large-Cap Index, in the first quarter of 2017.

Positive investor sentiment continued in the first quarter with numerous global indices reaching all-time highs as the rally that started with the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president in November 2016 became more broad based.

The Global Leaders Strategy is focused on delivering long-term performance by building a concentrated portfolio of companies that uniquely satisfy their customers and generate attractive economics for shareholders. In the context of long-term compounding, one quarter is an incredibly short space of time; but, it was nevertheless gratifying to see positive performances in the first quarter from a number of areas that lagged the post-election euphoria at the end of 2016.

Given its concentrated nature, the Global Leaders strategy's performance is an output of our stockpicking. First quarter performance benefitted from a reversal of fortunes for our consumer staples holdings. Specifically, **Unilever** posted strong gains following Kraft-Heinz's opportunistic bid for the company. We applaud Unilever management's thoughtful response and welcome the renewed focus on internal improvement at the Anglo-Dutch food and personal care group. Elsewhere, **Estee Lauder's** first quarter results included some encouraging signs which resulted in the cosmetics giant being another positive contributor to performance in the first quarter. It was a similar reversal of fortunes for our Asian financials, **AIA Group Limited**, **Bank Rakyat Indonesia** and **HDFC Bank**, with underlying fundamentals superseding previous concerns stemming from dollar strength, management transition and demonetization in India, respectively.

There were only a few meaningful detractors during the period. Shares in our Japanese ice-maker and catering equipment holding **Hoshizaki** lagged the first quarter rally after the company issued a characteristically conservative outlook for 2017. **Edwards Lifesciences** shares continued to be volatile in the wake of their fourth quarter results release for 2016. We have conducted extensive primary research and still see a bright future for Edwards in the TAVR heart valve market.

FleetCor shares gave up some of the previous month's gains on the back of the release of a short-seller's report criticizing certain facets of the company. FleetCor provides fleet managers with a method to easily measure and control their fuel costs. Following extensive discussions with management we remain comfortable with our position and viewed this short-term volatility as an opportunity to add to our position.

In the final week of the period, we established a new position in **Aurelius Equity Opportunities**. Aurelius is a restructuring specialist with a history of improving the European companies in which it invests. The investment is highly differentiated from the existing Global Leaders portfolio and we exploited a bargain moment stemming from the release of an overly negative research report to establish a position.

Sector Diversification

Sector and country diversification are an output of stock-picking, our team is more focused on business models and endmarket economics than a company's assigned sector. The strategy simultaneously seeks differentiated exposures that do not require philosophical compromise and is not required to have exposure in areas that do not satisfy its investment criteria.

- The strategy does not have exposure in energy, telecoms, real estate, and utilities.
- The strategy's overweight position in information technology its largest is a function of a number of attractive high-quality franchises, such as **MasterCard**, **Microsoft** and **Facebook**, located in that sector.

SECTOR	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT (%)	RUSSELL GLOBAL LARGE-CAP NET INDEX (%)	DIFFERENCE (%)	GLOBAL REP. ACC	LEADERS OUNT (%)
	Q1 '17	Q1 '17	Q1 '17	Q4 '16	Q4 '16
Consumer Discretionary	12.18	13.64	-1.46	12.00	14.48
Consumer Staples	12.89	9.20	3.69	5.46	8.63
Energy		6.39	-6.39		
Financials	17.40	18.47	-1.08	8.74	8.44
Health Care	7.41	10.98	-3.57	5.56	9.10
Industrials	12.60	10.20	2.4	5.29	4.51
Information Technology	31.31	15.82	15.49	25.17	21.80
Materials	6.20	5.48	0.72	5.98	6.47
Real Estate		3.55	-3.55		
Telecommunication Services		3.11	-3.11		
Utilities		3.13	-3.13		

Sector diversification excludes cash and cash equivalents.

Quarterly Attribution Detail by Sector

- Consumer staples was a major source of positive performance following Kraft-Heinz's bid for **Unilever**. Additionally, **Estee Lauder** shares were strong following encouraging 1Q17 results.
- After lagging in 4Q16, financials were another major area of strength due to healthy performances from the strategy's holdings in Asian financials AIA, Bank Rakyat and HDFC Bank.
- Health care was the main area of weakness following a lackluster performance from Edwards Lifesciences following 4Q16 results.

SECTION				ELL GLOBAL E-CAP INDEX		ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS	
	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	AVERAGE WEIGHT (%)	RETURN (%)	ALLOCATION EFFECT (%)	SELECTION AND INTERACTION EFFECT (%)	TOTAL EFFECT (%)
Consumer Discretionary	12.48	8.90	13.53	8.14		0.09	0.09
Consumer Staples	12.81	12.48	9.13	7.09	0.01	0.67	0.68
Energy			6.63	-4.06	0.76		0.76
Financials	16.79	9.60	18.72	5.35	0.03	0.69	0.71
Health Care	7.50	6.82	10.92	8.54	-0.05	-0.12	-0.17
Industrials	12.60	7.41	10.2	6.80		0.05	0.05
Information Technology	31.60	10.15	15.48	12.68	0.91	-0.72	0.19
Materials	6.22	11.41	5.55	7.79		0.21	0.22
Real Estate			3.57	4.47	0.09		0.09
Telecommunication Services			3.15	1.76	0.17		0.17
Utilities			3.07	7.13			
Total	100	9.65	100	6.85	1.94	0.86	2.80

Sector attribution excludes cash and cash equivalents.

Quarterly Contribution to Return

- Unilever outperformed following an opportunistic bid from Kraft-Heinz and the ensuing strategic review.
- Facebook, Priceline and Visa posted strong gains following encouraging results. Facebook and Visa recovered 4Q16 underperformance that stemmed from a sector rotation following the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president.
- The negative research report that helped give us our initial bargain moment to purchase shares of Aurelius further contributed to their slide after our purchase.
- Hoshizaki also detracted from performance after the company issued a characteristically conservative outlook for 2017.
- Edwards Lifesciences and Verisk were both relatively weak following 4Q16 results
 that failed to live up to high expectations.
- **FleetCor** surrendered some of the previous month's gains on the back of the release of a short-seller's report criticizing certain facets of the company.

GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTORS								
TICKER	NAME	AVG. WEIGHT (%)						
UL	Unilever PLC	4.10	22.09	0.85				
FB	Facebook Inc. Class A	3.05	23.47	0.65				
HDB	HDFC Bank Limited	2.62	25.19	0.61				
PCLN	Priceline Group Inc	2.94	21.41	0.60				
V	Visa Inc. Class A	4.21	14.12	0.60				
	GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT BOTTOM FIVE CONTRIBUTORS							
B17NLM	AURELIUS Equity Opportunities SE & Co. KGaA	0.03	-38.55	-0.24				
6465	6465 HOSHIZAKI Corp.		-0.87	-0.03				
EW	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	3.09	0.39					
FLT	FleetCor Technologies Inc.	1.23	2.69					
VRSK	Verisk Analytics Inc	2.15	-0.04					

Portfolio Activity

- In the final week of the period, we established a new position in Aurelius Equity Opportunities. Aurelius is a restructuring specialist with a solid track record of improving the European companies in which it invests. The investment is highly differentiated from the existing Global Leaders portfolio and we exploited a bargain moment stemming from the release of an overly negative research report to establish a position.
- We initiated a new positon in fuel-card specialist FleetCor during the quarter. FleetCor delivers a strong customer outcome to the corporations that use its services and we see significant opportunity for growth through contract wins and geographic expansion.
- There were no deletions in the period.

GLOBAL LEADERS REP. ACCOUNT PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY							
ADDITIONS		SECTOR					
B17NLM	AURELIUS Equity Opportunities SE & Co. KGaA	Financials					
FLT	FleetCor Technologies, Inc.	Information Technology					
DELETIONS		SECTOR					

Brown Advisory Global Leaders Composite

Year	Composite Total Gross Returns (%)	Composite Total Net Returns (%)	Benchmark Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	Portfolios in Composite at End of Year	Composite Disper- sion (%)	Composite Assets (\$USD Millions)	Firm Assets (\$USD Millions)
2016	-0.6	-1.4	8.1	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	38	30,417
2015*	1.23	0.68	-7.11	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	24	43,746

^{*}Return is for period May 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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- This composite was created in 2015.
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