

## International Equity Strategy

March 31, 2022

### Objectives

The International Equity Strategy seeks long term compounding by focusing its investments in non-US developed markets as well as investments deriving significant revenues or growth from non-US markets and may also invest in companies located in emerging markets.

### Why Invest

- Clearly defined, transparent, and consistent process
- Driven by fundamentals, supported by evidence
- Active risk management with disciplined portfolio construction
- Advancing positive change through active engagement

### Portfolio Managers

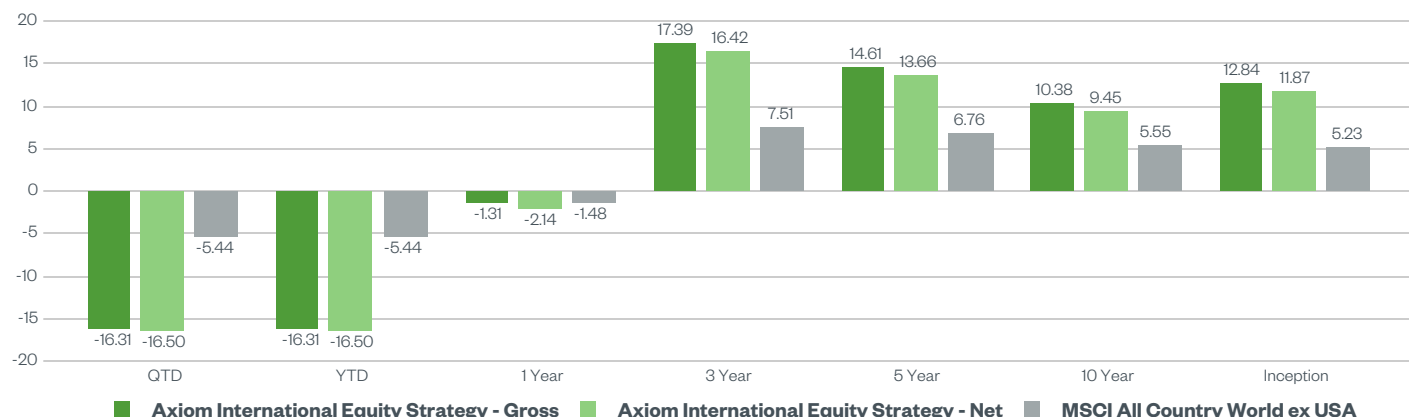
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### Annualized Returns (%)

As of 3/31/22



\*Past performance is not indicative of future results, and the principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that you may have a gain or loss when you sell your units

### Strategy Facts

#### Inception

July 1, 1996

#### Firm Assets

\$16.5 B\*

#### Strategy Assets

\$1.9 B

#### Benchmark

MSCI All Country World ex USA

#### Vehicles

Separate account, commingled fund, CIT\*\*, UCITS, & mutual fund\*\*\*

### Top 10 Holdings

As of 3/31/22

Security	Country	Sector	% of Portfolio	% of Index
ASML Holding	Netherlands	IT	5.1%	1.1%
Microsoft	US	IT	4.4%	0.0%
Toronto-Dominion	Canada	Financials	4.2%	0.6%
Sartorius Stedim	France	Health Care	3.9%	0.0%
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	Singapore	Financials	3.3%	0.2%
Teleperformance	France	Industrials	3.2%	0.1%
Macquarie Group Limited	Australia	Financials	3.2%	0.2%
Sony Group	Japan	Discretionary	3.0%	0.5%
LVMH	France	Discretionary	3.0%	0.8%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	IT	3.0%	2.0%

\*Assets include Assets Under Management (\$15.8B) & Assets Under Advisement (\$0.7B).

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Source: Factset and Axiom. There can be no assurance that the Strategy will continue to hold these positions or that weightings do not change after the as of date stated. Please refer to the attached GIPS compliant presentation for complete performance information.

# Investing Ahead of the Curve



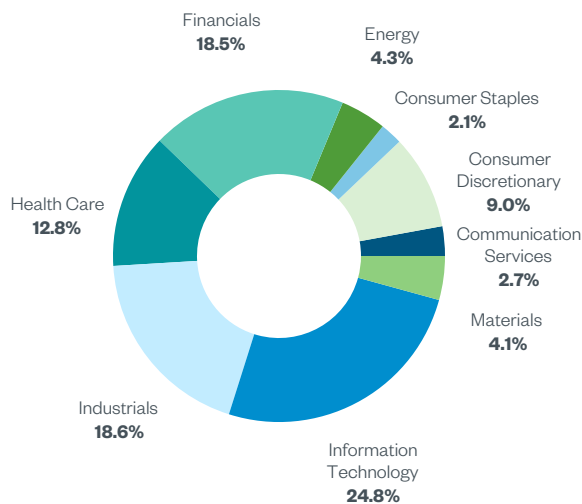
## Risk/Return Analysis Portfolio & Characteristics (%)

As of 3/31/22

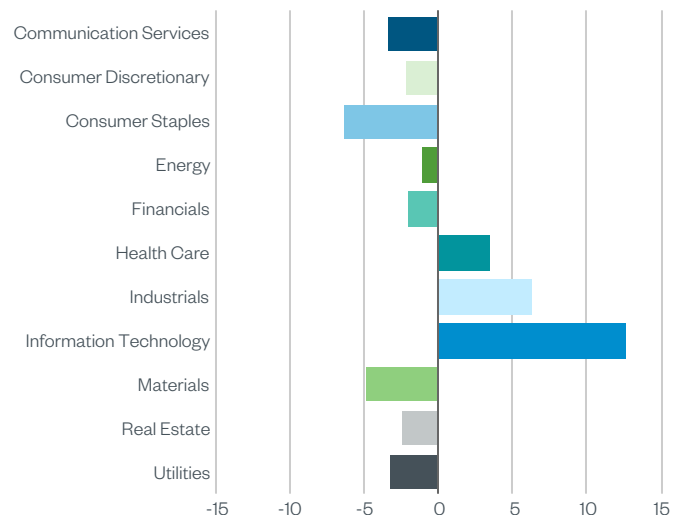
5 Year Statistics	Axiom	Index
Cumulative Return (%)	97.8	38.7
Annualized Return (%)	14.6	6.8
Annualized Excess Return (%)	7.8	--
Batting Average (% Quarterly)	70.0	--
Annualized Standard Deviation (%)	16.5	14.8
Tracking Error (%)	8.9	--
Information Ratio	0.9	--
Annualized Sortino Ratio	1.2	0.6
Upside Capture (% Quarterly)	172.6	-
Downside Capture (% Quarterly)	99.2	-

	Axiom	Index
Holdings	53	2312
% in Axiom Top 10 Holdings	36.3%	5.5%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$221.7	\$92.8
Median Market Cap (\$B)	\$53.6	\$9.5
Liquidity (\$M/Day)	\$1,287	\$324
Net Debt/Equity Ratio	10.9	39.7
Price Earnings Ratio (forward)	19.8	13.2
Earnings Growth Rate (forward)	25.7	20.0
PEG Ratio (PE/Growth Rate)	0.8	0.7
Wgt. Avg. Carbon Intensity	86.3	201.9

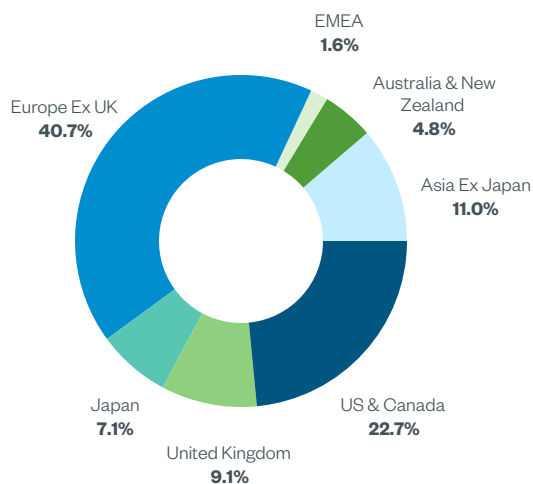
## Sector Exposure (%)



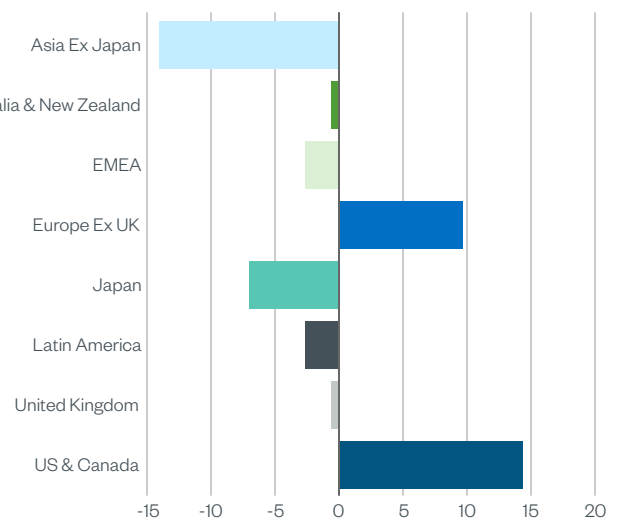
## Sector Allocation vs. Index (%)



## Regional Exposure (%)



## Regional Allocation vs. Index (%)



Index: MSCI All Country World ex USA

Currency: USD, Risk/return statistics are gross of fees.

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# Investing Ahead of the Curve



## Commentary

During the first quarter 2022, the Axiom International Equity Strategy ("Strategy") underperformed the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index ("Index") net of fees. The Strategy has outperformed the Index on a net of fees basis over 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, and since inception periods.

This quarter, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index underperformed the MSCI ACWI ex USA Value by -11%. This was the worst quarter for the international growth index performance relative to the international value index in the past 25 years. Historically, such pronounced market rotations have often been followed by periods of growth stock recovery. Earnings remained resilient across Axiom's holdings, with the preponderance of the portfolio seeing forecast upgrades. As a result, the price correction left Axiom's holdings at historically attractive levels for longer-term performance. For example, the average PE in Axiom's International Equity Strategy fell from nearly 30 at the start of the quarter to under 20 by the end while the average forecast earnings growth rate accelerated from just under 23% to nearly 26% bringing the PEG ratio to 0.8, historically an attractive level. We saw directionally similar movements across other Axiom strategies. In addition to growth-stock multiple compression, the underlying sector performance of the index return also presented a challenge. For example, energy was by far the best performing sector in the index followed by materials, particularly metals and mining. Both sectors benefited from elevated global inflation and the supply shock which resulted from the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The worst performing sectors included many of the 'growthier' parts of the global economy such as consumer discretionary, communication services, and information technology. Many of Axiom's challenging stocks this quarter were longer term contributors that suffered a price correction despite continued earnings growth. The investment team collaborated intensively to re-underwrite existing investments while making prudent adjustments to portfolio holdings to manage risk, capture opportunities, and reflect evolving market conditions.

The best performing sector on a relative basis during the first quarter was communication services due to its underweight exposure. Information technology, health care, and industrials were the largest relative detractors for the quarter.

From a country perspective, Russia was the highest relative contributor given our zero exposure. Singapore and Germany were also notable contributors. Detracting countries for the quarter included the UK, Japan, and France.

From an individual stock perspective, the highest relative contributors for the quarter included DBS Group, Toronto Dominion Bank, and Canadian National Railway. DBS Group, a financial services company based in Singapore, offered a confident 2022 outlook with fee income ahead of consensus expectations and favorable sensitivity to interest rate hikes that catalyzed upward revisions throughout the quarter. Similarly, Toronto Dominion Bank of Canada outperformed as their brokerage and insurance revenues continued to pace ahead of expectations, operating expenses remained under control, and the company stands to benefit from higher short-term interest rates. Positive relative performance from Canadian National Railway, that country's largest railway by revenue and network size, was fueled by better-than-expected cost reduction and higher than peer yields as well as the announcement of a new, industry-tenured CEO adding to optimism regarding future efficiency gains. Switching to key stock detractors, among our weakest relative performers this quarter were Sartorius Stedim of France, Lasertec of Japan, Adyen of the Netherlands. All three companies were contributors during 20221 and are distinguished by their leadership within their respective specialties of biologics manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing, and omnichannel payments solutions. Coincident with the increase in inflation and interest rates seen in 2022, shares in these three fast growth companies derated from above market valuations.

Global equities have rapidly adjusted to reflect challenging current macro-economic conditions creating opportunities in public markets for longer-term investors. While recent market turbulence is unsettling, it is notable that the S&P 500, for which data is available, rose during all seven Fed hiking cycles since 1975, gaining over 16% on average. The median Fed tightening cycle lasted 15 months with nine hikes for a median benchmark rate increase of 3.25%, roughly in line with current market expectations for this cycle. The Fed joined the global monetary tightening cycle, which started over one year ago in emerging markets, as global inflation concerns intensified during the quarter largely as a result of the energy and commodity supply shocks associated with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. These supply shocks combined with tight global labor markets and the residual impacts of COVID more than offset recent signs of improvements in global supply chains and evidence of rising wholesale channel inventories. While current growth remains healthy with especially strong labor and housing markets as well as tailwinds from re-opening and residual stimulus, investors are increasingly factoring in the risk of a recession. The widely followed 2-year to 10-year interest rate spreads recently briefly inverted anticipating a possible recession in one to two years. Again, as with the Fed tightening, these concerns might be creating public market opportunities for longer-term investors. Following all yield curve inversions since 1975, markets rose over 70% of the time gaining 8% on average from the first day of inversion to the end of the subsequent recession, again using the S&P 500 as a reference given the long-term data availability. During the past few Fed tightening cycles growth stocks on balance outperformed but earlier cycles sometimes favored value stocks. As we have for over 25 years, the team at Axiom will continue to navigate challenging markets by seeking out attractive dynamic growth investment opportunities, implementing our disciplined risk-aware portfolio construction, and focusing on remaining value-added long-term stewards of capital.

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## Footnotes and Disclaimers

	Composite return (gross of fees)	Composite return (net of fees)	Benchmark Total Return (%)	No. of accounts	Market value (millions)	Total firm assets (millions)	% of firm assets (%)	Internal dispersion (%)	Composite 3-year standard deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-year standard deviation (%)
<b>YTD 2022</b>	-16.31%	-16.50%	-5.44%	≤ 5	1,915.8	15,753.3	12.16	N/A	18.01	16.64
<b>2021</b>	20.20%	19.21%	7.82%	6	2,251.0	18,639.7	12.08	0.54	15.82	16.79
<b>2020</b>	37.97%	36.84%	10.65%	6	2,202.5	18,535.9	11.88	N/A	17.83	17.93
<b>2019</b>	33.76%	32.66%	21.51%	7	1,715.6	13,458.1	12.75	N/A	12.99	11.34
<b>2018</b>	-16.34%	-17.05%	-14.20%	6	989.4	9,729.2	10.17	N/A	13.02	11.38
<b>2017</b>	35.25%	34.15%	27.19%	6	1,123.6	12,116.0	9.27	N/A	10.91	11.87
<b>2016</b>	-3.56%	-4.38%	4.50%	7	1,124.2	9,671.6	11.62	0.11	11.17	12.51
<b>2015</b>	1.21%	0.35%	-5.66%	7	1,402.2	8,704.3	16.11	0.20	11.25	12.13
<b>2014</b>	-2.76%	-3.58%	-3.87%	8	2,035.0	9,482.3	21.46	0.07	13.04	12.81
<b>2013</b>	32.03%	30.94%	15.29%	8	2,307.9	9,949.8	23.20	0.42	16.91	16.23
<b>2012</b>	13.92%	12.98%	16.83%	12	3,008.3	8,611.6	34.93	0.25	19.83	19.26

Fee Schedule: First \$25 Million: 0.85%; Balance: 0.75%

Firm Compliance Statement: Axiom Investors LLC (the "Firm") claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Axiom has been independently verified for the period September 1, 1998 to December 31, 2021. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The Axiom International Equity Composite has had a performance examination for the periods September 1, 1998 to December 31, 2021. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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Composite Description: The International Equity strategy (the "Composite") is designed for investors who seek to invest in a broadly diversified portfolio of international equities. Portfolios are invested in the full range of developed markets and may also invest in selected emerging markets. Currencies may be actively managed to reduce portfolio volatility. The Composite represents the performance of all Institutional international style fee-paying, discretionary equity accounts, regardless of asset size and comingled fund(s). The Composite was initiated and created in September 1998. For the periods from July 1, 1996 to August 31, 1998 (the "Prior Composite") was managed by Andrew Jacobson and current Axiom team members at Columbus Circle Investors ("Columbus"). A list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, a list of broad distribution pooled funds and performance results are available upon request.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark is the MSCI All Country World ex U.S. index, which is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets excluding the United States. The benchmark is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested, after the deduction of withholding taxes and is free float-adjusted market cap weighted and unmanaged. Prior to January 1, 2001, the benchmark was calculated on a total return basis not including tax credits. FX is based off London 4 P.M. close.

Significant Cash Flow Policy: Accounts with a cash flow greater than 20% of the portfolio market value are excluded for the month.

Reporting Currency: Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars. FX is based off NY 4 P.M. close.

Fees: Gross of fees returns are presented before management and custodial fees but after all trading expenses. Net of fees returns are calculated by deducting the highest fee from the monthly gross composite return which is expressed above in the stated fee schedule. Returns include the reinvestment of income. Performance is calculated net of withholding taxes on dividends. The fee schedule for the Axiom International Equity Fund II, which is included in the International Equity Composite is listed above. The total expense ratio as of December 31, 2020 was 0.07%. The Axiom International Equity CIT, which is also included in the composite has an all-in fee (management fees & expenses) of 0.85%.

Internal Dispersion: Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the composite for the entire year. If 5 or less accounts, N/A is shown.

Annualized Standard Deviation: The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

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Fees and expenses: The strategy may be subject to substantial charges for management, advisory and brokerage fees. It may be necessary for those accounts that are subject to these charges to make substantial trading profits to avoid depletion or exhaustion of their assets.

Reliance on key persons: The strategy's manager or advisor has total trading authority over the strategy and may be subject to various conflicts of interest. The death, disability or departure of the manager or advisor may have a material effect on the strategy.

Counterparty and bankruptcy risk: Although Axiom will attempt to limit its transactions to counterparties which are established, well-capitalized and creditworthy, the strategy will be subject to the risk of the inability of counterparties to perform with respect to transactions, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes, which could subject the strategy to substantial losses.

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