

## **Todd Q2 2022 International Intrinsic Value Review**

	2Q2022	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	7 Year*	10 Year*	
International Intrinsic Value (Gross)	-12.8%	-17.1%	-16.6%	4.0%	3.7%	3.0%	5.6%	
	-13.0%	-17.5%	-17.4%	3.1%	2.9%	2.1%	4.7%	
(Net)								
MSCI ACWI ex-US (Net)	-13.7%	-18.4%	-19.4%	1.4%	2.5%	2.9%	4.8%	•
MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (Net)	-11.9%	-11.8%	-12.8%	0.6%	1.2%	1.7%	3.8%	

<sup>\*</sup> Annualized Total Returns. Please refer to the attached Performance Disclosure for further information.

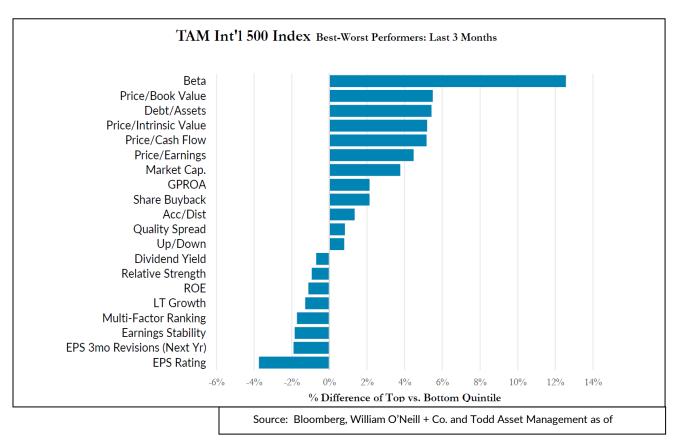
## **Performance Review**

Markets sold off sharply in June to close out one of the worst starts to a calendar year we have seen. Value continues to outperform Growth, though leadership has shifted to more defensive pockets and sectors within Value as recessionary fears weigh on sentiment. Our International IV strategy continued to outperform the ACWI ex-US for the quarter and remains ahead of the benchmark YTD and over 1yr, 3yr, 5yr and 10yr time frames (gross).

Policy oriented headwinds are clouding the economic outlook and perpetuating many of the concerns facing investors. Recessionary risks have clearly risen and seem to be well priced into markets given the bear market we witnessed in the first half. Markets may have further downside, but it seems that much of the damage has been done and off-ramps from current policy stances could do wonders to improve sentiment from historically low levels. Global central banks are rapidly tightening policy to combat stubbornly high inflation. While a rollover in headline inflation readings seems elusive, a number of important components of the global inflation basket have materially weakened in recent months (most notably commodity prices) which gives us the sense that inflation may indeed be in the process of peaking. Better prospects for inflation coming back down would provide a welcome off-ramp for central bankers to become less hawkish. The Russia/Ukraine war is another source of uncertainty. Territorial gains in recent weeks have left most of the Donbas region under Russian military control. Putin likely miscalculated the magnitude of sanctions and large troop losses that followed the invasion. We aren't military strategists, but the ability to redraw the Russian border around the Donbas region could provide an off-ramp and opportunity to deescalate the war. Painfully high energy and food prices also seem to have forced the West into looking for some agreement to bring an end to the war as well. Lastly, China's "Zero-Covid" policy is a final major hurdle for global growth. Lockdowns have been costly and resulted in large markdowns to economic growth. This comes as Xi Jinping is seeking to secure a 3rd term later this fall. Policy has become much more stimulative in recent months and the government is trying to ease Covid related restrictions to spur growth. If the market gets comfortable with any of these off-ramps materializing, we think a better policy environment would clear up visibility and pave the way for a stronger second half of the year. Time will tell. In the meantime, we take solace

in the fact that Value continues to display leadership through this bear market, providing a nice tailwind to our strategy.

## **Factor performance**



Our customary factor attribution for Q2 2022 is presented above. This chart measures the performance of the best 100 stocks versus the least attractive 100 stocks within the largest 500 international stocks in our database, ranked by factor over the past quarter. Low Beta, value support, low debt and higher quality companies have been in favor. Investors were distrustful of earnings measures and higher growth companies during the quarter. As uncertainty has risen, investors have sought the comfort of low volatility and better valuation. We find it somewhat surprising that investors did not seek out earnings stability and our multi-factor ranking during the quarter, but our disciplines have still performed well despite that.

When looking at performance attribution for the quarter, stock selection was responsible for all of our outperformance. Energy, Communication Services and Technology were the leading sectors, while Europe and Emerging Markets were our top performing Regions. Tight oil and gas markets and China's pivot to become more stimulative were sources of most of the strength in these groups. We remain overweight Developed Markets and underweight Emerging, though we have recently increased our weighting in China modestly. We have also been adding to Energy and

Healthcare in recent months. The largest sectors and regions that detracted from performance in the quarter were Consumer Staples, Healthcare, Japan and the UK.

All our Chinese domiciled names ranked toward the top of the performance list this quarter as investors became encouraged by the stimulative measures being taken by Chinese authorities to stimulate growth (i.e. infrastructure spending announcements, resolution to Tech sector regulations, easing of "Zero-Covid" protocols, etc.). Oil and gas prices remained firm through most of the quarter as well, supporting our Energy names. The top five performers for the quarter were Naspers, ZTO Express, Repsol, Baidu and TotalEnergies. Naspers (and subsidiary Prosus) announced a share repurchase program (funded by the sale of Tencent shares) in an effort to close the ~30% discount from the group's underlying NAV, which lifted shares in June. While volume growth has slowed, ZTO continues to gain market share while pricing remains firm. Stable pricing is a welcome reprieve from the price competition we've experienced in prior quarters. While energy prices have softened over the past month, oil prices rose through most of the quarter with brent topping out around \$125/bbl. in mid-June lifting shares of most energy companies. Persistently high energy prices are allowing Repsol and TotalEnergies to generate a tremendous amount of Free CF that is further strengthening their balance sheet, boosting their shareholder return profile and providing funds to accelerate their energy transition plans. Finally, cost control efforts have been more meaningful than expected for Baidu which pushed operating margins well above consensus when the company reported results in May. Baidu's autonomous driving unit and Cloud business were also highlighted by strong momentum in the quarter.

Our worst performers were mostly economically sensitive names that sold off as recessionary risks became heightened. The bottom five names were Tokyo Electron, Ashtead, Anglo American, Rio Tinto and Vale. Concerns over rising inventory levels and weakening demand for handsets and other consumer electronics caused shares of Tokyo Electron to sell off in June. Ashtead's US Sunbelt equipment rental business is highly correlated to construction activity, where headwinds from higher rates and inflation are dampening the outlook. Commodity and metals prices fell sharply in June on recessionary fears and the prospect for weaker construction activity stemming from higher interest rates. This weighed on all our Materials names. Anglo American's palladium exposure (used in catalytic converters) ties it more closely to the auto end market where supply disruptions continue to weigh on a production recovery. Concerns over renewed Covid lockdowns in China also weighed on metals pricing, particularly iron ore and copper which were off more than -20% in June. This weighed on Rio Tinto and Vale.

Bear markets are difficult in ordinary times, like when an excess is clearly visible, and economies are working it off. This bear market is more difficult than most as investors are anticipating a stagflation environment where a recession is accompanied by significantly tighter policies. Inflation is running hot, which has most Developed Market central banks on edge and seeking to normalize rates. We believe inflation could be peaking and could decline in the second half, which would lessen the urgency of those rate moves and could lead to some better sentiment for the markets. For now, investors seem to be waiting to see if a recession develops or inflation remains

high. Bond markets have already done a lot of the heavy lifting for the central banks though and if off-ramps develop for the war-related inflation concerns, Central Bank anxiety, or zero-Covid shutdowns, markets could be in for a better second half. Until then, the pressure remains on stocks to prove they can work through the current issues. We believe investors should make sure they are positioned in the new market leadership, which is value stocks. Macro trends favor rates remaining higher post Covid, which has pressured the more expensive growth stocks and caused a cycle change. When markets eventually recover, we believe the Value style should be the leadership for the next several years.

We are always available via email or phone and welcome your calls. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us for further information.

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7/15/2022 MSCI ACWI ex-US (Net) - 267 MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (Net) - 147

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