

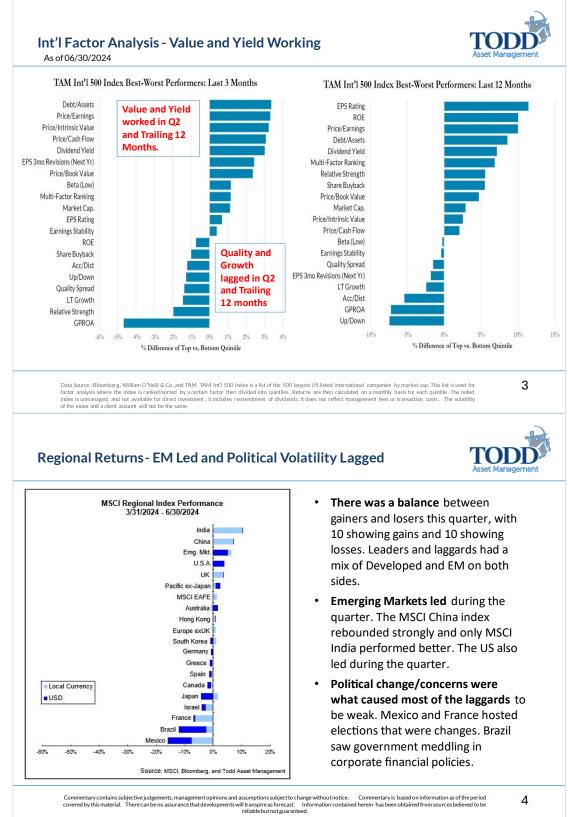
# **The Best of the Rest** TAM International Q2 2024 Review and Outlook Chartbook

People love to cast shade on international investing but take a moment and think about something. Over the past 18 months, the US S&P 500 (and Nasdag) have led all the performance charts. During that period, the MSCI ACWI ex-US was second best when compared to the S&P, the Russell 1000 Value, Dow Jones Industrial and S&P 500 equal weighted indexes. That makes International Investing "The Best of the Rest", and likely poised for better results as markets broaden out. Investors started to question whether the global economy was looking at a soft or hard landing during June, and investors sought the safety of assured growth stocks. International markets lagged the US as they lacked the Magnificent 7, a group of large capitalization, AI oriented, highly valued assured growth stocks found in the US. Politics dominated discussions in the quarter, causing notable pressures in some markets. We believe voters are angry that wages have not kept up with inflation, and higher rates prompted some economic slowdowns internationally. Our guess is that the newly elected governments need to become more pro-growth, which should help the soft-landing thesis. The European Central Bank (ECB) lowered rates in June, and their inflation numbers continued to show moderation in prices. ECB easing without recession usually leads to good markets. Manufacturing remains under pressure but is not as pressured as it had been. Soft Landing is our base case, and we think investors should remember a few positives:

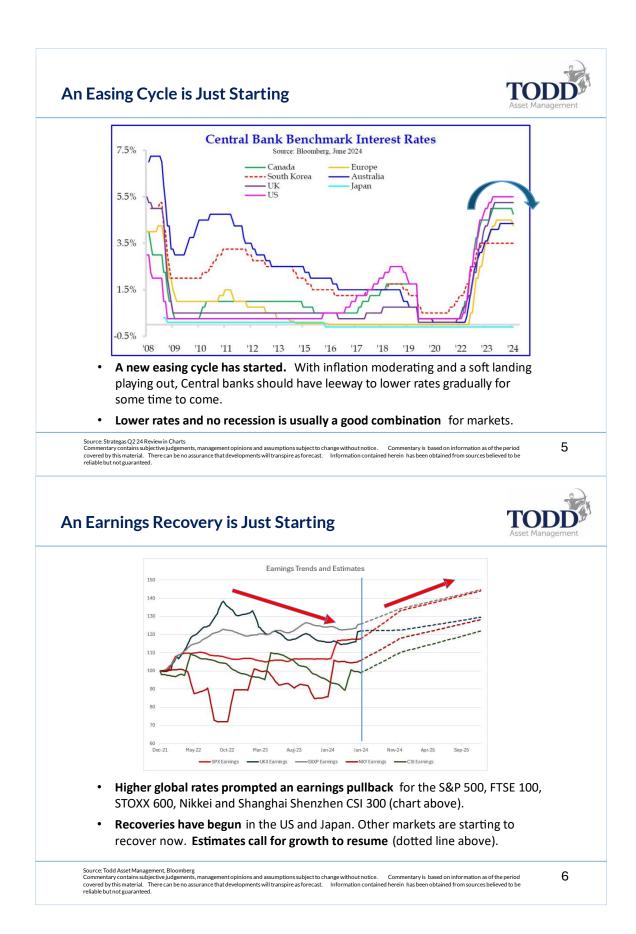
- A global easing cycle is starting. Many central banks are starting to lower rates. The June swing to hard landing worries may just be investors reacting to the ECB and Swiss bank easing measures and asking what the banks know that investors don't.
- We believe a global manufacturing recovery is still in the cards and recession is unlikely. Cyclically, inventories are low, and secularly, the re-shoring movement and increased resiliency that western economies want to pursue requires manufacturing and investment. Lower rates may help as well.
- Earnings are expected to start growing again and should show if a soft landing is unfolding. Earnings expectations bottomed for the US and Japan last year, and for China, The UK and Europe this year. Earnings recoveries are occurring now, and Q2 results should give an important update on their progress.

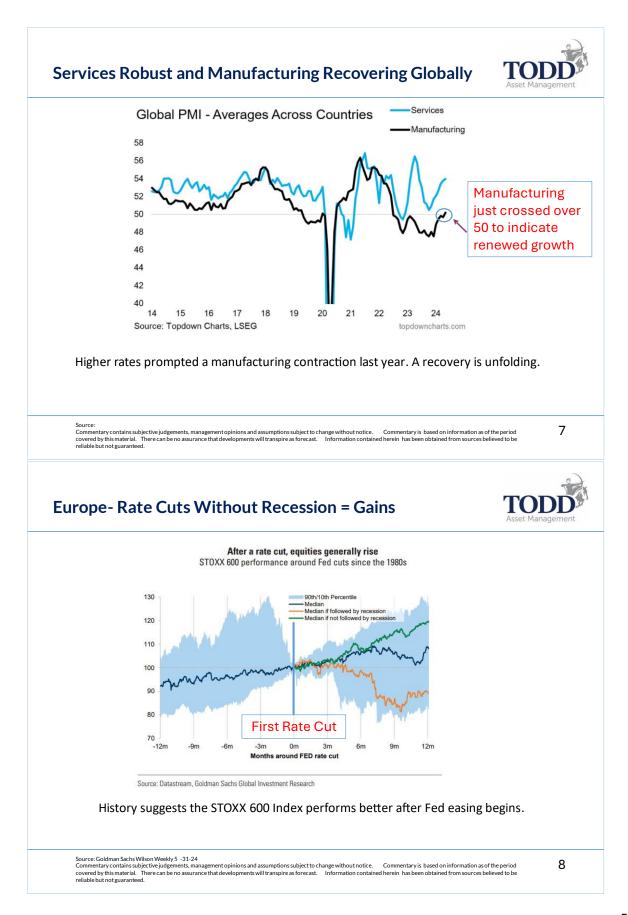
As earnings recoveries unfold, we think investors shift back to the soft-landing playbook and market participation broadens out. The Magnificent 7 have dominated the indexes, probably because they showed continued sales and earnings growth while most market participants did not after the Fed started raising rates. A broader recovery would reward the International and equal weighted indexes more than a select few mega cap growth stocks found in the Magnificent 7. <u>The valuations of the</u> <u>Magnificent 7 leave little room for error</u>, and some analysts point out that highly valued stocks tend to have lopsided risk reward profiles where downside surprises or simply meeting estimates are not enough to justify their premiums. We believe a rotation towards International and the equal weighted indexes from the mega-cap stocks is likely to occur. New highs in markets tend to beget more new highs in markets. Our sense is that this bull market still has room to run. Our International Intrinsic Value is almost in line (net) with the ACWI ex-US YTD, and our International Intrinsic Value Opportunity is lagging (net). Most longer-term comparisons look better. <u>Please refer</u> to our separately published strategy reviews for full details.

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	QTD	YTD	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	7 Yrs.	10 Yrs.
International Intrinsic Value (Net)	-0.52	5.54	11.45	1.99	7.07	5.74	3.80
MSCI ACWI ex-US Net	0.96	5.69	11.62	0.46	5.55	5.17	3.84
IIV Net Excess Return	-1.48	-0.15	-0.17	+1.53	+1.52	+0.57	-0.04
International Intrinsic Value (Gross)	-0.31	5.98	12.39	2.86	7.97	6.63	4.68
MSCI ACWI ex-US Net	0.96	5.69	11.62	0.46	5.55	5.17	3.84
IIV Gross Excess Return	-1.27	+0.29	+0.77	+2.40	+2.42	+1.46	+0.84
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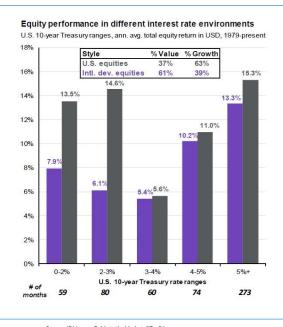
- Investors have been stunned by the Magnificent 7 performance and think that is the only place to make money in markets.
- NOT SO! <u>The Largest 7</u> members of the S&P ADR index MATCHED THE MAG <u>7 since 1/1/2022</u>.
- Additional benefits? Cheaper (25X Forward EPS) vs 31X forward EPS), more diversified and smaller market cap (\$3T total vs \$14T) than the Mag 7.
- Opportunities can be found everywhere.

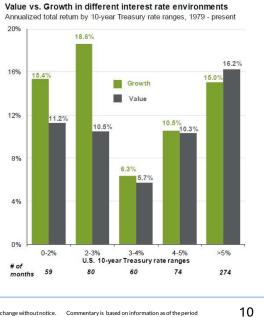
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# **Rates Suggest Value and International More Competitive**



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#### International Performs "Best of the Rest"

Comparable Returns- Jan 1, 2023- June 30, 2024										
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Security	Currency	Price Change	Total Return	Difference	Annual Eq					
1) SPX Index	USD	42.22%	45.56%	22.30%	28.53%					
2) MXWDU Index	USD	17.09%	23.27%		15.01%					
3) SPW Index	USD	16.10%	19.61%	-3.65%	12.72%					
4) INDU Index	USD	18.02%	21.75%	-1.52%	14.06%					
5) RLV Index	USD	14.78%	18.79%	-4.47%	12.20%					

S&P 500, ACWI ex-US, S&P 500 Equal Weighted, Dow Jones Industrial Average, Russell 1000 Value Indices are represented

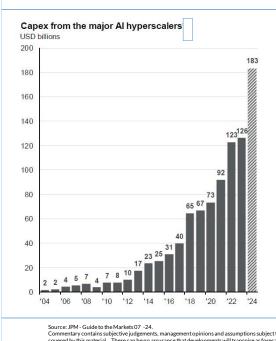
- Diversification requires holding positions that may not be the market leaders.
- A good gauge of who could be the next leadership if rotation occurs comes from examining the other asset classes. The table shows returns, difference in returns versus the ACWI ex-US index, and annual equivalent returns for the S&P
- International has beaten everything but the S&P 500, including the S&P equal weighted, the Dow Jones Industrials and the Russell 1000 Value indexes, making it the "Best of the Rest".

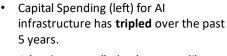
Source: Bloomberg, Todd Asset Management - Table shows returns, differences in returns versus the ACWI ex -US index and annualized equivalent returns for the period from 12-30-22 until 6-28-24. Commentary contains subject to change without notice. Commentary is based on information as of the period covered by this material. There can be no assurance that developments will transpire as forecast. Information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but not guaranteed.

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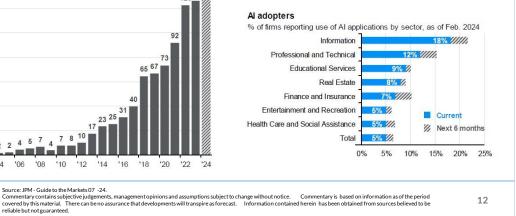
# AI Spending Surges and Adoption Rates are Increasing

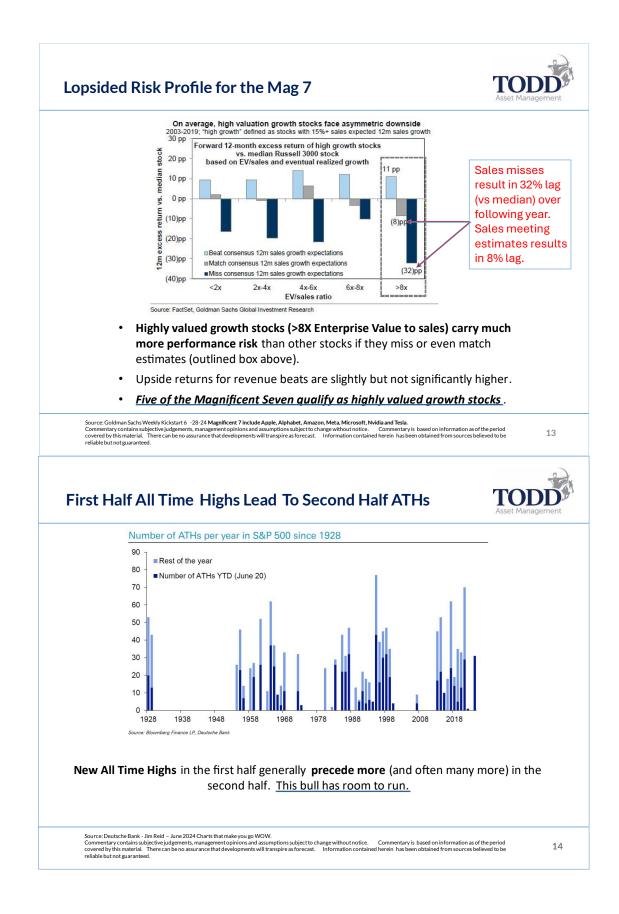






 Adoption rates (below) are steadily increasing, though not as quickly as capital spending.





We appreciate your support and attention. As always, if you need any additional information, please feel free to contact any of us.

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