

# **Todd Q2 2025 International Intrinsic Value Opportunity Review**

	2Q 2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	7 Year*	10 Year*
International IV Opportunity (Gross)	11.17%	27.98%	29.45%	19.83%	14.70%	8.70%	6.79%
International IV Opportunity (Net)	10.95%	27.47%	28.39%	18.84%	13.76%	7.79%	5.90%
MSCI ACWI ex-US (Net)	12.03%	17.90%	17.72%	13.99%	10.13%	6.58%	6.12%
MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (Net)	10.42%	19.89%	21.42%	15.61%	13.14%	6.66%	5.70%

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

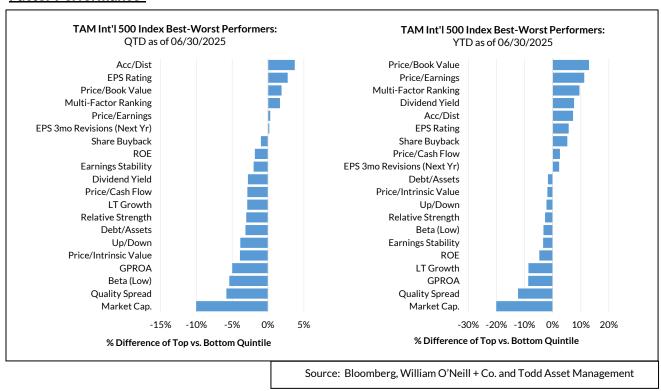
# **Performance Review**

The International Intrinsic Value Opportunity strategy continued to perform well in the second quarter, posting another double-digit return, outperforming the Value index and underperforming the ACWI ex-US. We will get more detailed about drivers of performance later in the commentary, however the strategy has been favoring European Financials as well as gold miners. Both of these group have performed remarkably well this year. As noted in our prior commentary, <u>international markets continued to outperform the U.S. in the second quarter, delivering first-half returns that were the strongest relative to the U.S. in over two decades.</u> We think this underscores the opportunities that exist overseas and in areas our strategy continues to highlight.

The recovery from the post-"Liberation Day" lows has been historic, with most global stock markets breaking out to new all-time highs. What's interesting is that these returns have come in the face of unprecedented policy uncertainty. It's not uncommon for stocks to climb the proverbial "wall of worry", however it's interesting when the market is reacting in ways that you don't expect. For example, when tensions between Israel and Iran climaxed with the US entering the fray by bombing several Iranian nuclear facilities, prices of brent crude oil actually FELL more than -15% from the peak and remain below \$70/bbl. Equity markets also quickly marched on to new highs over the following week. Similarly, it was interesting to see the US Dollar continue to decline in a quarter that was marked by so much volatility, which runs counter to what most investors would expect from a global safe haven. Perhaps this past quarter more than any highlights the importance of using technical analysis in your investment discipline. We incorporate technical indicators into our fundamental approach particularly because we believe there is information imbedded within the price of markets that is often hard to discern from solely interpreting financials statements.

So what is the message that is being communicated by the market? Time will ultimately tell, but in spite of the fact that geopolitical tensions have risen this year and trade deals are resulting in higher/rising tariff rates, the market seems to be broadly embracing the secular bull market. This started more than 10 years ago in the US and, with the recent breakout to new all-time highs overseas, looks like it could be just starting internationally.

## Factor Performance<sup>1</sup>



Factor work narrowed noticeably this quarter, which makes some sense given the dramatic volatility that marked the month of April. Market cap was the worst performing factor with large cap names underperforming smaller caps by a pretty wide margin over the past 3 months. Higher quality/lower volatility names were also notable laggards in the second quarter. The factors that worked best this quarter were Accumulation/Distribution (one of our preferred technical measures of fund ownership), EPS Rating and Price/Book. While Value had a resurgence in June and has continued to outperform Growth this year, the international Value index did underperform Growth in the quarter.

## **Performance Attribution**

The strategy's performance during the second quarter was driven mostly by stock selection within the Financials and Materials sectors while stock selection within Consumer Discretionary and underweights in Information Technology and Industrials detracted from performance. Regionally, our overweight in Europe ex-UK and stock selection within the UK contributed positively to performance, while stock selection within EM was a drag on performance.

Our top five contributors to performance this quarter were Commerzbank, Heidelberg Materials, Embraer, Societe Générale, and Barclays. Commerzbank shares surged during the 2nd quarter after a solid 1Q earnings update, driven by NII beat. The company continues to prioritize efficiency initiatives and increased share repurchases. Heidelberg Materials benefited from robust demand in the construction sector, particularly in Africa, where it reported significant growth in Q1

2025. Embraer shares benefited from impressive delivery numbers during the quarter, which were up 30% yoy, and from a record backlog, including a record 55-jet order from Scandinavian Airlines and a \$3.6 billion order from SkyWest. Société Générale and Barclays outperformed during the quarter, both driven by a robust European financial sector fueled by high interest margins and resilient earnings, with Société Générale benefiting from strong retail banking and asset sales, and Barclays capitalizing on a surge in equities trading.

Our top five detractors from performance this quarter were Alibaba, JD.com, PDD Holdings, BP, and Total Energies. Alibaba, JD, and PDD Holdings underperformed due to a combination of macroeconomic challenges in China and stock-specific headwinds. Weak consumer demand, a decelerating Chinese economy, and intensifying competition in the e-commerce sector pressured these companies. Alibaba faced challenges from losing market share to PDD's Pinduoduo and ByteDance's Douyin, alongside the cancellation of its cloud unit spin-off due to U.S. chip export restrictions. JD struggled with sluggish revenue growth and increased competition from PDD's low-price strategy, while PDD itself saw a 47% profit drop due to intense domestic price wars and U.S. tariff pressures impacting its Temu platform. Meanwhile, BP and TotalEnergies underperformed as energy stocks faced headwinds from declining oil prices driven by oversupply concerns, OPEC+ actions, and reduced global demand forecasts. BP specifically grappled with lower refining margins and weaker upstream production, while TotalEnergies faced challenges from softer European gas prices and increased regulatory scrutiny on its fossil fuel operations, contributing to their poor performance.

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07/21/2025 MSCI ACWI ex-US (Net) – 308.77 MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (Net) – 215.17

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