# **International Equity Strategy**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018



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The Fiera Capital International Equity strategy was up in absolute performance and outperformed the MSCI EAFE index for the quarter.

Intertek, the UK-based Testing and Certification company, experienced strong organic growth in its Product group - responsible for the safe execution and delivery of products - as well as a recovery in the Resources segment, led by increased demand in Intertek's Mining services. Furthermore, we believe Intertek's new strategy around Quality Assurance continues to be on track as a growth driver for the company. UK-based valve actuator manufacturer Rotork reported overall positive results. The company experienced improvements in many of their end markets including both upstream and downstream segments of Oil & Gas, and saw steady progress in its Industrial markets.

Fanuc, the Japanese leader in factory automation, robotics and CNC systems underperformed over the quarter. Fanuc's guidance came in below expectations, mainly due to the company's conservative outlook on the growth rate in the Robomachine division, where demand is largely driven by the smartphone industry. While we acknowledge the lumpier nature of the business, we believe that the long-term growth drivers are still intact.

Our sector and regional weights are driven by bottom-up stock selection. As we enter the third quarter of 2018, we are underweight the Euro zone and Japan as we continue to find more attractive individual opportunities in other parts of the world, such as Switzerland, the UK, and Emerging Markets. We are currently overweight Industrials, Consumer Staples, and Information Technology while underweight Financials, Energy, and Telecoms.

	2Q18	YTD18
International Equity Strategy		
Composite*		
Gross	1.09	0.19
Net	0.86	-0.26
MSCI EAFE	-1.24	-2.75

	Avg.	Contrib.
Top Detractors (%)	Wt.	to Perf.
Fanuc Corporation	2.34	-0.56
<b>Keyence Corporation</b>	6.61	-0.54
Taiwan Semicndctr	3.36	-0.53
Svenska Handelsbanke	2.29	-0.24
Fuchs Petrolub SE Pr	1.78	-0.13

# **Top Contributors (%)**

Intertek Group plc	4.53	0.69
L'Oreal SA	4.50	0.46
Rotork plc	3.18	0.41
Canadian National Ra	2.87	0.36
SAP SE	3.52	0.33

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