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The Fiera Global Equity strategy was up in absolute performance and outperformed the MSCI World index over first quarter of 2019, on a gross basis. Our relative outperformance was mainly driven by security selection, which was particularly successful in the Financials and Health Care sectors. Partially offsetting these positives was stock selection in the Industrials sector.

Among the top contributing stocks for the quarter were Moody's, MSCI, and Keyence. Moody's stock entered the quarter with a relatively low valuation and outperformed as guidance looked healthy and better than anticipated. MSCI reported overall strong numbers, in-line with expectations. The stock outperformed based on the company's positive outlook and its continuing opportunities to grow the business with client-driven demand in both indices and analytics. The company additionally continues to benefit from increased demand in ESG related products. Keyence, a Japanese factory automation software and sensor company, produced strong quarterly results. We believe the company continues to benefit from its key growth drivers including the secular trend of factory automation, continual international market share gain, best-in-class vision technology, as well as capitalization on its expanding direct salesforce.

Among the largest detractors over the quarter were CME Group and Intertek. After CME Group's strong performance over the course of 2018, driven by market volatility resulting in increased demand for hedging and hence higher trading volumes, the stock experienced a pull back as volume was off to a slower start in 2019, due to tough comparisons from last year. UK-based Testing and Certification company, Intertek, underperformed over the quarter as the stock's price was highly valued and there was no upgrade in expectations. The company negatively revised the guidance for the Products division which contributed to the stock's underperformance. We believe the company, however, continues to execute well, moving the portfolio towards attractive growth and margin opportunities.

Our sector and regional weights are driven by bottom up stock selection. As we enter the second quarter of 2019, we remain underweight the Euro Zone and Japan as we continue to seek more attractive opportunities in other parts of the world, such as Switzerland and Emerging Markets. We are currently overweight Industrials, Consumer Staples, and Health Care while underweight Energy, Real Estate, and Utilities.

	1Q19	2018
Global Equity Strategy Composite*		
Gross	15.52%	-3.00%
Net	15.28%	-3.84%
MSCI World	12.48%	-8.71%

	Avg. Wt.	Contrib. to Perf.
<b>Top Detractors</b>		
CME Group Inc.	2.51	-0.32
Svenska Handelsbkn	0.18	0.01
Intercontl. Hotels	0.44	0.07
Geberit	1.82	0.10
Intertek Group	2.67	0.10

<b>Top Contributors</b>		
Moody's Corp.	5.87	1.54
MasterCard Inc.	4.97	1.13
MSCI Inc.	3.40	1.04
Keyence Corp.	5.01	1.04
Mettler Toledo Intl.	2.61	0.66

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