Fiera Apex International ADR Strategy



As of September 30, 2025

Market Environment

The international benchmark (MSCI AC World Ex-US) was up 7% in the third quarter, slightly underperforming the US equivalent benchmark, the Russell 1000 Index, which gained 8%.¹ During the quarter, emerging markets outperformed developed markets and in contrast to the US market, value outperformed growth. From a sector perspective, materials, consumer discretionary, technology, and communication services outperformed the overall benchmark, while consumer staples, healthcare, utilities, real estate, industrials, and energy underperformed. At a regional level, Latin America, Canada, Developed Asia, Emerging Asia, and Japan outperformed, whereas Developed Europe, Emerging Europe, the UK, and Australasia were detractors.

Global markets were mostly strong during the quarter, continuing the rebounding strength from the second quarter due to strong earnings, some trade clarity, continued AI momentum, and rising expectations and follow through for the Fed to ease, despite some mixed inflation and signs of weaker labor markets. In addition, policies in Europe to increase spending/targets on infrastructure and defense aided the outlook.

During the quarter, long-term yields were slightly lower, the dollar was little changed, and commodity prices were slightly higher. Global central banks continued to be in an easing mode, though at a more moderate pace, while the Fed resumed its easing policy with the markets pricing in additional cuts ahead.

Performance

The International ADR portfolio outperformed the benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex-US Index for the third quarter of 2025. The portfolio returned 7.2% (net of fees), pacing ahead of the benchmark which was up 6.9%¹.

In terms of attribution, stock selection drove the outperformance, while allocation was a slight detractor during the quarter. From a sector perspective during the quarter, the source of the outperformance was stock selection in the Health Care, Financial, and Consumer Staples sectors, while Communication Services, Technology, and Material sectors provided some offset. From a regional perspective, the portfolio benefitted from our exposure to Europe, which was partially offset by our exposure to the UK and our underexposure to Asia and the Americas. The portfolio is most overweight in the Industrials and Health Care sectors and most underweight in the Materials, Utilities, Energy, and Consumer Staples sectors. Regionally, the portfolio is materially overweight Developed Europe and the UK; and underweight Asia and Japan.

Within the context of this discussion, it is important to remember that sector allocation and regional allocation are typically a function of our secular thematic and bottom-up investment process, which aims to point us towards where the opportunity set is most attractive, rather than the result of any top-down decision-making on our part.

^{1.} Source: FactSet, as of September 30, 2025. Please refer to Index Definitions at the end of this document. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Inherent in any investment is the potential for loss.

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	1 Year (%)	3 Years (%)	5 Years (%)	10 Years (%)
International ADR (Net)	20.61	22.15	10.70	9.85
MSCI ACWI ex-US Index	16.45	20.67	10.26	8.23

All figures are expressed in US dollars. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Inherent in any investment is the potential for loss. Net performance is shown after the deduction of expenses and management fees. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. Performance results include the reinvestment of dividends and interest. Dividends received from ADRs are included net of foreign withholding taxes. **Return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.**

Outlook

As we look ahead, the combination of decent growth and earnings, central banks easing policies, and more attractive valuations in international markets relative to the U.S., continues to paint a fairly attractive outlook. However, many risks remain on the horizon that we must be mindful of, including trade policies, the economic backdrop, the geopolitical landscape, and the delicate balance between inflation, employment, and interest rates ahead. Thus far, markets have focused more on the potential growth ahead (OBBBA in the U.S. as well as policies in Europe and Asia), global monetary easing, and incremental clarity around tariffs, rather than on tariff headwinds related to growth and inflation or rising debt levels. In addition to tariffs, ongoing conflicts and geopolitical tensions are also contributing to the level of uncertainty.

Given these factors as well as rising expectations, we expect global markets to remain volatile ahead. These risk factors are somewhat offset by valuations in most international markets which remain attractive, especially relative to the US. Given the broad opportunity set that international markets offer, we continue to remain excited about our portfolio which consists of durable franchises with what we view as strong long-term prospects.

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Index Definitions: Please note that it is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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