

# INTERNATIONAL VALUE

## MARKET COMMENTARY

The MSCI World ex-USA Index declined -14.7% in the second quarter of 2022. The MSCI World ex-USA Value Index returned -12.4% while the MSCI World ex-USA Growth Index declined -17.3%. All eleven MSCI World ex-USA GICS sectors declined in the quarter.

Several economic developments in the quarter sparked fears of a recession. Economic growth around the world is stalling, the war in Ukraine showed little signs of abating, and inflation continues to be a global phenomenon on extended supply chain disruptions. Eurozone inflation hit 8.6%. France and Spain experienced new inflation records in June, while Germany remained elevated. Elsewhere, inflation in Australia and Canada continues to accelerate. The Reserve Bank of Australia raised interest rates by the most in 22 years, while the Bank of Canada hiked their key interest rate by the most since 1994. United Kingdom inflation rose to a 9.1% rate, the highest in 40 years. Higher rates are generally bad for equities. It becomes more costly to borrow, increasing the cost of capital, which is the rate used to discount future cash flows. Higher rates impair long-duration equities disproportionately because most of the intrinsic value is derived from a terminal value estimate far into the future. In general, growth stocks are longer duration securities than value stocks. Unsurprisingly, value has historically outperformed growth in periods of elevated inflation and interest rates.

Despite value's recent outperformance, the valuation spread between growth and value remains wide because the spread at the period's outset was extreme. The MSCI World ex-USA Value trades at 9x forward P/E (consensus FY1) compared to the MSCI World ex-USA Growth at 17x. At both a forward and normal P/E of less than 9x, the portfolio trades at an even larger discount. We believe these large spreads and the macroeconomic backdrop should continue to benefit value relative to growth, which should be a conducive environment for our investment approach.

## ATTRIBUTION – 2Q22

The Hotchkis & Wiley International Value portfolio (gross and net of management fees) significantly outperformed the MSCI World ex-USA Index in the second quarter of 2022 and outperformed the MSCI World ex-USA Value Index. Relative to the primary benchmark, stock selection in consumer discretionary was the largest positive contributor to relative outperformance. Positive stock selection in financials and the

overweight in energy also helped. Stock selection and the underweight in healthcare was the largest detractor from performance in the period. Stock selection in energy, the overweight in industrials, and the underweight in utilities detracted modestly. The largest positive contributors to relative performance in the quarter were Points.com, Cenovus Energy, BAE Systems, Suncor Energy, and ING Groep; the largest detractors were Credit Suisse, Royal Mail, Ericsson, Koninklijke Philips, and CNH Industrial.

## LARGEST NEW PURCHASES – 2Q22

Siemens is a diversified industrial conglomerate with attractive assets in smart infrastructure, digital industries, and healthcare. Shares have lagged the market due to fears of a European recession, creating an opportunity for us to re-establish a position at an attractive valuation. Despite Siemens's excellent balance sheet and portfolio of high-quality businesses, SIE trades at a discount to the market and to its peers.

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