

VICTORY RS INTERNATIONAL FUND QUARTERLY COMMENTARY



As of March 31, 2025

Market Review

International Equities (as measured by the MSCI EAFE Index) gained 6.86% during the quarter, significantly outpacing the United States. Europe was the top performing region, with lower interest rates, easing inflation, and commitments to infrastructure and defense spending elevating growth prospects in Germany. Spain, Norway, Italy and the United Kingdom also had strong market returns for the period, while the Asia/Pacific and Japan regions had weaker performance. Energy and Financials were the strongest global sectors while Information Technology shares lagged, both coinciding with investor preference for value stocks over more growth-oriented shares. Higher-quality, more profitable stocks, which often command premium pricing, were also less favored. Investors also preferred large-cap stocks over small-caps as global growth prospects weakened amid trade concerns.

QVS Factor Performance

The RS Global team's proprietary QVS (Quality, Valuation and Sentiment) Model evaluates over 10,000 global companies in search of the best investment opportunities. It is designed to identify companies that we believe have the potential to consistently create shareholder value, are reasonably valued, and exhibit favorable market sentiment. The model helps us focus our resources, as we conduct additional research only on companies with the strongest model recommendations.

Stocks in the highest-ranked quintile of the model outperformed stocks ranked in the lowest quintile for the period, led by the Valuation factor, though Quality and Sentiment were also positive. Overall returns were also positive across regions, and underlying Quality, Valuation and Sentiment factor spreads were also mostly positive. Among EAFE regions, the model was stronger in Asia/Pacific ex Japan, Europe and the United Kingdom and weaker in Japan.

Performance and Positioning

The Victory RS International Fund (the "Fund") returned +6.75% (Class A Shares at net asset value) for the period, while its benchmark, the MSCI EAFE Index (net) (the "Index"), returned +6.86%.

Negative stock selection in the Consumer Discretionary, Financials, Materials and Health Care sectors detracted from relative performance for the period. Stock selection was positive in the Consumer Staples and Industrials sectors. By region, stock selection was negative in Europe and Asia/Pacific ex Japan and positive in the United Kingdom and Japan. Country-level detractors included France and Denmark, while contributors included Spain and Switzerland.

Individual detractors from relative results included U.K.-based bakery chain Greggs plc, Dutch semiconductor equipment maker ASM International N.V., and Japanese electrical equipment company Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.

Positive contributors to active performance included Spanish multinational financial services firm Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., German insurer and asset manager Allianz SE, and U.K.-based soft drink maker Coca-Cola HBC AG.

Outlook

U.S. trade policy may be a headwind for global growth in the near term. Despite recent performance, economic activity in Europe, the U.K. and elsewhere remains subdued. Further tightening of trade may raise the prospect of recession despite any local economic stimulus.

That said, what is most important is to stay the course and be true to our quality-oriented investment process. We remain keenly aware of market volatility and will stay vigilant when constructing our portfolios, remaining sector- and region-neutral, as we believe that strong risk management should stand at the forefront. Making correct macro allocation calls can be immensely challenging; therefore, we do not forecast regional performance. In our view, stock selection can be far more impactful to strategy performance than allocation

We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Victory RS Global Markets Team

Top Ten Holdings	% Fund
Roche Holding Ltd. Dividend Right Cert.	2.93
Allianz SE	2.85
SAP SE	2.70
Novartis AG	2.61
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.	2.50
Nestle S.A.	2.48
HSBC Holdings Plc	2.36
Shell Plc	2.26
Barclays PLC	2.17
Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	2.10

Source: FactSet

Region Allocation	% Fund
Europe	46.65
Japan	20.84
United Kingdom	17.97
Asia/Pac x Japan	10.29
Other	2.22
Cash	1.98
[ETF]	0.05

Source: FactSet

Investment Performance (%)

Average Annual Returns as of March 31, 2025

Victory RS International Fund (Class A – GUBGX)	Q1 2025	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (2/16/93)	Expense Ratio	
								Gross	Net
A Shares, without sales charge	6.75	6.75	5.71	7.48	12.24	6.26	5.99	1.41	1.13
A Shares, with sales charge (max. 5.75%)	0.64	0.64	-0.37	5.38	10.92	5.63	5.80	1.41	1.13
MSCI EAFE Index (Net)	6.86	6.86	4.88	6.05	11.77	5.40	–	–	–

Source: Victory Capital data analyzed through Zephyr

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Carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a prospectus or summary prospectus containing this and other important information, visit www.vcm.com/prospectus. Read it carefully before investing.

All investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principal.

International investments may involve risk of capital loss from unfavorable fluctuation in currency values, from differences in generally accepted accounting principles or from economic or political instability in other nations. Emerging markets involve heightened risks related to the same factors as well as increased volatility and lower trading volume. Investments in small- and mid-cap companies typically exhibit higher volatility. The value of your investment is also subject to geopolitical risks such as wars, terrorism, environmental disasters, and public health crises; the risk of technology malfunctions or disruptions; and the responses to such events by governments and/or individual companies.

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expenses. One cannot invest directly in an index.

The MSCI EAFE Index measures the performance of large- and mid-cap stocks in the developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The index covers approximately 85% of the free-float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

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