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INTERNATIONAL EQUITY COMPOSITE REPORT

	2013				Annualized as of September 30, 2013						
	YTD	QIII	QII	QI	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	15 Yrs	20 Yrs	Since 6/30/1984
Polaris Capital International Equity Composite gross	20.03%	9.59%	0.79%	8.67%	28.50%	13.91%	13.39%	11.65%	12.00%	11.29%	12.59%
Polaris Capital International Equity Composite net	19.45%	9.41%	0.62%	8.49%	27.65%	13.16%	12.62%	10.87%	11.18%	10.43%	11.69%
MSCI EAFE Index, gross dividends reinvested	16.59%	11.61%	-0.73%	5.23%	24.29%	8.97%	6.85%	8.50%	5.89%	5.83%	9.86%

03 2013 composite returns are preliminary. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Global equity markets resumed their upward trajectory this quarter, bolstered by macro-economic strength in the U.S., tentative recovery in Europe and stabilization of growth trends in China. The MSCI EAFE Index (gross) was up 11.61%; the International Equity Composite (gross of fess) gained 9.59%. Year-to-date, the international portfolio is up 20.03% compared to 16.59% for the Index.

All 10 sectors made absolute positive contributions to the international portfolio's performance, led by cyclicals such as materials, consumer discretionary, financials and consumer staples. Defensive sectors turned in less robust, albeit positive performance. On an individual stock basis, Methanol producer Methanex, convenience food producer Greencore, tabletop accessories supplier Duni, luxury goods company Christian Dior and telecom Deutsche Telekom were among the top performers; energy supplier Thai Oil, homebuilder Persimmon, Teva Pharmaceutical and telecom KDDI Corp. detracted.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Construction activity appears to be picking up in the second half of the year (partially due to economic recovery in the U.S. and China), rallying from slower weather-related activity in the first six months of 2013. As a result, materials and industrials sector holdings were up, including building materials company CRH. The Ireland-based company was up more than 18% during the quarter, after announcing stable first half 2013 results in the face of substantial headwinds. Focused on organic growth, CRH has built a healthy balance sheet, revenue diversification, and strong international operations, all of which should position the company to capitalize on a rebound in U.S. construction activity.

Within industrials, elevator and escalator maker KONE capitalized on its large exposure to residential construction within China's strengthened affordable housing market. Konecranes announced plans to adjust its fixed cost base, given the tough pricing environment and its lower volume outlook. The company also will reduce variable costs through rationalization of the supply chain. At the same time, Konecranes is developing a new product family mainly for emerging markets, and introducing new technology that enables real time visibility into various aspects of the business. YIT's European building systems segment was demerged into Caverion at the end of June, adding to industrial sector performance.

The lead contributor to materials sector performance was Methanex, the world's largest methanol producer. The Canadian company reached a record high on strong methanol demand not only for paints and plastics but also for fuel additives and adhesives. As oil prices rise, consumers switch to methanol as an alternative to gasoline or as an additive in blended fuels. Additionally, Methanex's new growth projects are expected to expand annual operating capacity by 60% over the next three years.

Among financials, Sweden's Svenska Handelsbanken saw second quarter profits rise on the back of net interest income growth from overseas. Swedish investment holding company Investor AB was up after

Baxter International, a leading maker of dialysis products, won conditional approval from the E.U. to buy Gambro from Investor and EQT.

Flush with cash, luxury goods companies, including Christian Dior, sought acquisition targets to bolster product lines, which subsequently boosted stock performance. Italian lottery/gaming operator GTECH posted modest year-on-year gains in the second quarter, highlighting increase revenues in its Americas segment driven by a record Powerball jackpot during the period. Cross sales of Powerball in California and Mega Millions in Florida, which both launched in the second quarter, should support future like-for-like sales. Duni AB added to gains in the consumer discretionary sector, announcing increased second quarter sales within Meal Service packaging, as well as export markets growth. The company acquired Song Seng in Singapore, which specializes in single-use products on the rapidly growing take-away market in Southeast Asia.

Among the international portfolio's best performing individual stocks were Greencore Group and Deutsche Telekom. Greencore Group saw its stock price rise after September inclusion in the FTSE 250 and Irish Stock Brokerage Goodbody raised Greencore's rating to a "buy". The Germany telecom company achieved double digit returns this quarter, going on the offensive in the U.S. market through its T-Mobile USA subsidiary, with competitive rates, a strong LTE network and an iPhone offering.

Individual stock detractors included refiner Thai Oil, which declined on weaker oil prices, inventory losses and foreign exchange losses. While no third-quarter news impacted Israel-based Teva Pharmaceutical, the stock underperformed due to headwinds including pricing pressure, competition and fewer generic product launches. Like other U.K. homebuilders, Persimmon saw profit taking after strong outperformance over the past year and a half.

CURRENT ASSET ALLOCATION

In the third quarter, our research screens were dominated by attractively valued companies in the U.S. and Asian economies. While we did not conduct any new purchases or sales during the quarter, we did add to positions in the consumer discretionary sector.

The following table reflects the sector and country allocation for a representative international portfolio as of September 30, 2013.

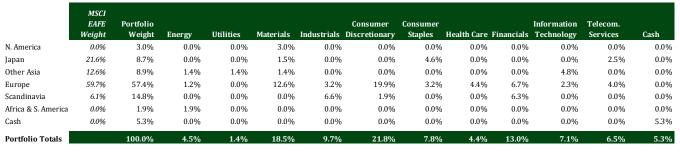


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INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGY

Macro-economic conditions worldwide appear to be slightly improving, with marginal growth evident in China, Europe and the U.S. However, there are any number of mitigating factors, including the U.S. government shutdown, currency concerns in emerging markets and China's potential liquidity crisis. We continue to de-risk the international portfolio, ensuring that we have holdings that can weather volatility and grow admirably in positive markets.

As always, we welcome questions and comments.

FOOTNOTES

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