

Pioneer International Equity Fund

Performance Analysis and Market Commentary | September 30, 2024

Average Annual Total Returns for Class Y Shares

	Month-to-Date	Quarter-to-Date	Year-to-Date	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Pioneer International Equity Fund (INVYX)	-0.14%	7.56%	14.37%	25.08%	6.95%	10.77%	6.55%
Morgan Stanley Capital International – Europe, Australasia, Far East (MSCI EAFE) NR Index* (Benchmark)¹	0.92%	7.26%	12.99%	24.77%	5.48%	8.20%	5.71%

¹The Fund's performance benchmark is shown. Information on any additional benchmark for regulatory purposes can be found in the prospectus.

Gross expense ratio: 1.00% Net Expense Ratio: 0.76%

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Market Review

- During the quarter, the MSCI EAFE returned 7.26%. At the regional level, Japan returned 5.72%, Europe returned 8.11% and emerging markets returned 8.72% (represented by the MSCI Japan, Europe and Emerging Markets Indices, respectively). Bond markets also finished the quarter with positive returns as interest rates fell broadly in most developed markets leading to a strong return of 6.98% for the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index.
- Market sentiment was motivated by investor anticipation for what should be the beginning of a prolonged rate cutting cycle by the US Federal Reserve (Fed). In addition, at quarter end, investors across global markets welcomed news out of China regarding stimulus measures to help boost their sluggish economy.

Market Review (continued)

- During the quarter, the Fed reduced the Federal Funds rate by 50 basis points (bps) which investors greeted warmly as large cap indices finished the quarter in positive territory. Although shares finished lower on the day of the larger-than-expected rate cut, they quickly rebounded as technology shares and other risk assets moved higher. For example, credit spreads in high yield markets moved tighter as new issuance was oversubscribed. In the wake of this interest rate policy shift, stocks were also helped by other economic data showing positive trends including higher than expected retail sales and signs of life in the housing market.
- Similarly, in Europe the European Central Bank reduced its key rate for the second time this year to 3.5%. A move in line with expectation amidst slowing economic and inflation data in the Euro region. Although European performance was slightly behind the US, returns finished positive as investors affirmed the move given the expectations for a gradual reduction of interest rates. In addition, favorable inflation data from the US, stronger than expected quarterly earnings reports in aggregate, and a reduction in political risks following elections in the UK and France also helped European stocks in the period.
- In Japan, where monetary policy has diverged, rising inflation led the Bank of Japan (BoJ) to raise its key short term interest rate to 0.25%, which led to heavy losses at the beginning of August. However, equity markets quickly stabilized as the local economy expanded and the BoJ indicated it would not increase rates in the future when markets are unstable.
- During the quarter, market breadth widened as equal weighted indices outperformed market weighted and value stocks outperformed growth. The top performing sectors included utilities, real estate and communication services. The laggards included energy and information technology, which were the only two EAFE sectors to produce a negative return in the period.

Performance Review

- During the quarter, Pioneer International Equity Fund Class Y shares returned 7.56% outperforming the 7.26% return of the Fund's benchmark – the MSCI EAFE. The outperformance for the quarter was driven entirely by security selection with sector allocations detracting slightly from relative returns.
- At the sector level, the Fund's security selection in health care and consumer discretionary were the primary contributors to relative returns, along with an overweight to the materials sector. Conversely, an underweight to defensive sectors, such as real estate and consumer staples, along with security selection in industrials weighted on results the most. From an individual security perspective, Alibaba Group and CRH were two of the top contributors to performance in the period.
- **Alibaba Group** benefited from renewed investor optimism in an economic revival in China given the implementation of new stimulus measures. In our view, their core e-commerce business has performed well despite increased competition and we continue to hold the shares in the portfolio. Furthermore, the stock's valuation is attractive, in our view, given its strong free cash flow generation and shareholder friendly policies.
- Another top contributor, from the materials sector, was **CRH**, a global manufacturer of building materials used in construction projects. The stock rebounded in the quarter after recent weakness, which we believe was overdone. CRH has attractive fundamentals, in our view, due to its industry leading margins and free cash flow generation. We remain confident that US infrastructure stimulus will drive a multi-year period of investment from which they will benefit. In addition, CRH remains committed to recouping cost inflation in the coming years, which should improve margins over time.
- On the negative side, **Subaru** and **Samsung Electronic** were among the largest individual detractors from performance. The top detractor in the period was Subaru, a Japanese automobile manufacturer. The shares fell during the period as worries over a slowing US economy and a stronger Yen weighed on the stock. Subaru is an example of a Japanese exporter that has benefitted from the weak Yen (large Japanese manufacturing presence) and strong US consumer (80% of their business in North America). We maintain our position in the stock as we believe the drivers of medium-to-longer-term performance for the stock and Japan will prevail i.e., a weaker yen making Japanese companies more competitive, de-globalization and an improvement in shareholder returns.
- Samsung Electronic is one of the world's leading technology companies, and is a global leader in memory semiconductors. They also design and manufacture smartphones, complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) sensors, and a wide-range of white goods. The stock has faced challenges this year, as the company has fallen behind its competitors in core memory products that work with other companies' artificial intelligence processors. We continue to hold the stock as we believe that it is only a matter of time until Samsung will be able to produce this product. In addition, we think the core memory business fundamentals will improve. We believe the company is attractively valued, and given its corporate structure, could benefit greatly from Korea's Value-Up program, which incentivizes companies to improve corporate governance to enhance shareholder value.

Top Relative Detractors and Contributors – Third Quarter 2024

Relative Contributors	Average % of Portfolio	Relative Detractors	Average % of Portfolio
— Alibaba Group	1.7%	— Subaru	2.1%
— Novo Nordisk	0.0%	— Shell	3.4%
— ASML	0.0%	— Samsung	1.6%
— Persimmon	3.2%	— Hensoldt	1.8%
— CRH	3.9%	— Edenred	1.6%

Securities listed above are holdings of the Portfolio, or benchmark components that were not held in the Portfolio, and the average percentage of the Portfolio's invested assets they represented during the quarterly period shown, in descending order from greatest to least, in terms of contribution to or detraction from the Portfolio's performance relative to the benchmark. See glossary at end of document for more information about performance attribution.

Top 10 Holdings (as of September 30, 2024)

	% of Portfolio		% of Portfolio
1. CRH (CRH)	4.2%	6. Deutsche Telekom (DTE)	2.9%
2. Sanofi (SAN)	3.4%	7. Relx (REL)	2.9%
3. Persimmon (PSN)	3.4%	8. Fujifilm (FUJIIY)	2.8%
4. ABN AMRO Bank (ABN)	3.3%	9. Sumitomo Mitsui Financial (SSUMY)	2.8%
5. KB Financial (KRX)	3.0%	10. Merck (MRK)	2.7%

The portfolio is actively managed and current information is subject to change. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security.

Market Outlook and Positioning

- Slowing inflation in the US and Europe and expectations of improving earnings could pave the way for a continuation of the broadening of the rally outside of the US mega-cap growth stocks. The continuation of this rotation depends on the strength of earnings growth in these companies and the economic outlook. In this environment, assessing market fundamentals and buying stocks with strong balance sheets at attractive valuations, with lower levels of leverage is critical, in our view.
- As long-term investors we will continue to adhere to our investment process that is focused on both quality and valuation, which we believe can lead to strong risk adjusted returns over time. We continue to uncover opportunities in high quality stocks that are attractively priced, and that we believe can perform across the market cycle. Overall, we seek to minimize risks from macro factors by identifying idiosyncratic risks. There were no material shifts in the portfolio's sector or geographic positioning during the quarter as we remain focused on our "all weather" process that seeks to invest in quality stocks with attractive valuations as our major top-down investment themes remain intact. Buy and sell decisions that occurred during the period were largely focused on idiosyncratic changes or rebalancing ideas within the same sector, with a more favorable risk/reward profile.

See glossary of frequently used terms for definitions.

Market Outlook and Positioning (continued)

- Although both the US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank have moved to reduce shorter-term interest rates, we believe we are in a regime shift that is still marked by quantitative tightening as central banks are still in the early stages of reducing their balance sheets. This has led us to favor shorter duration stocks. However, the financials sector continues to be among our largest overweights, influenced by our “From Quantitative Easing to Quantitative Tightening” theme. In spite of the likelihood of global rates coming down, we still find a range of international banks attractive, due to their continued strong earnings potential, excess levels of capital, shareholder friendly policies, and what we believe are attractive valuations.
- Given the cyclical exposure in the financial portion of the portfolio and the underweight to some of the more defensive sectors, we have dialed back our exposure to cyclicalities in the remainder of the portfolio. Thus, even in traditionally cyclical sectors, our stock selection has focused on companies less sensitive to the traditional economic cycle. For example, the portfolio is slightly underweight industrials and the stocks that we do own within the sector, we believe, are less sensitive to the traditional industrials cycle.
- In Japan, we maintain a neutral weight relative to the benchmark but focus our exposure in companies that, in our view, can benefit from the weaker yen and an improved competitive positioning globally. In addition, we are finding great opportunities in the nascent re-industrialization in Japan, driven not only by the weakened Yen, but also geopolitics.
- In Europe, despite weaker economic output, we are overweight and have invested in an array of companies that we believe have attractive valuations relative to their earnings power. This includes a higher weight to over-capitalized banks that focus on traditional banking services. We also have invested in several companies that operate globally and are global leaders in their fields, but have lower valuation than their global peers because their headquarters and listing happen to be in Europe. We are happy with the potential to take advantage of the mis-pricing of these companies, given their historic ability to generate strong returns for investors, even as we maintain a less cyclical overall exposure to economic activity in Europe.

Performance Attribution: Additional Information

This performance attribution seeks to identify and quantify the drivers of portfolio performance relative to that of its benchmark. Using FactSet software, we create hypothetical subportfolios by segmenting the portfolio and its benchmark, then measure the value (weight) and returns of those hypothetical subportfolios. This lets us measure the performance impact of a decision to overweight or underweight a portfolio segment. It also lets us measure the performance impact of a specific security selection within each segment.

The **MSCI EAFE NR Index** is an unmanaged, commonly used measure of international stocks. The **MSCI Japan NR Index** measure the performance of the large and mid-cap segments of Japan's market. The **MSCI Europe Index** captures large and mid-cap representation across 15 Developed Markets (DM) countries in Europe (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.). The **MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Free Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. Indices are unmanaged and their returns assume reinvestment of dividends and do not reflect any fees or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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Glossary of Frequently Used Terms

Alpha – measures risk-adjusted performance, representing excess return relative to the return of the benchmark. A positive alpha suggests risk-adjusted value added by the manager versus the index.

Beta – measures an investment's sensitivity to market movements in relation to an index. A beta of 1 indicates that the security's price has moved with the market. A beta of less than 1 means that the security has been less volatile than the market. A beta of greater than 1 indicates that the security's price has been more volatile than the market.

Basis Point – A unit of measure used to describe the percentage change in the value or rate of a financial instrument. One basis point is equivalent to 0.01% (1/100th of a percent) or 0.0001 in decimal form. In most cases, it refers to changes in interest rates and bond yields.

Correlation – The degree to which assets or asset class prices have moved in relation to one another. Correlation ranges from -1 (always moving in opposite directions) through 0 (absolutely independent) to 1 (always moving together).

Cost of Capital – Represents a calculation of the minimum return a company would need to justify a capital-budgeting project, such as building a new factory.

Credit Spreads (or Spreads) – The differences in yield between two fixed-income securities with similar maturities.

Dividend yield – refers to a stock's annual dividend payments to shareholders, expressed as a percentage of the stock's current price.

Earnings Per Share (EPS) - The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock.

Price to Earnings (P/E) Ratio – The price of a stock divided by its earnings per share.

Standard Deviation – A statistical measure of the historic volatility of a portfolio; a lower standard deviation indicates historically less volatility.

Trailing P/E (price/earnings) – The sum of a company's price-to-earnings, calculated by taking the current stock price and dividing it by the trailing earnings per share for the past 12 months.

Wide Moat – a type of sustainable competitive advantage possessed by a business that makes it difficult for rivals to wear down its market share.

Upside/Downside Capture – The ratio of the upside and downside of an investment versus a benchmark. These ratios explain how an investment typically performs in relation to a benchmark index.

Yield Curve (Curve) – A yield curve is a line that plots the interest rates, at a set point in time, of bonds having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates.

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A Word about Risk

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