

Reality Check

Todd Global Intrinsic Value Equity Income Review

	1Q 2017	1 Year	3 Years *	5 Years *	Since Inception * (01/01/11)
Global Intrinsic Value Equity Income (Gross)	6.2%	15.7%	5.4%	9.9%	10.4%
(Net)	6.1%	15.1%	4.7%	9.3%	9.8%
MSCI ACWI	7.1%	15.7%	5.7%	9.0%	7.8%

* Annualized Total Returns. Please refer to the attached Performance Disclosure for further information.

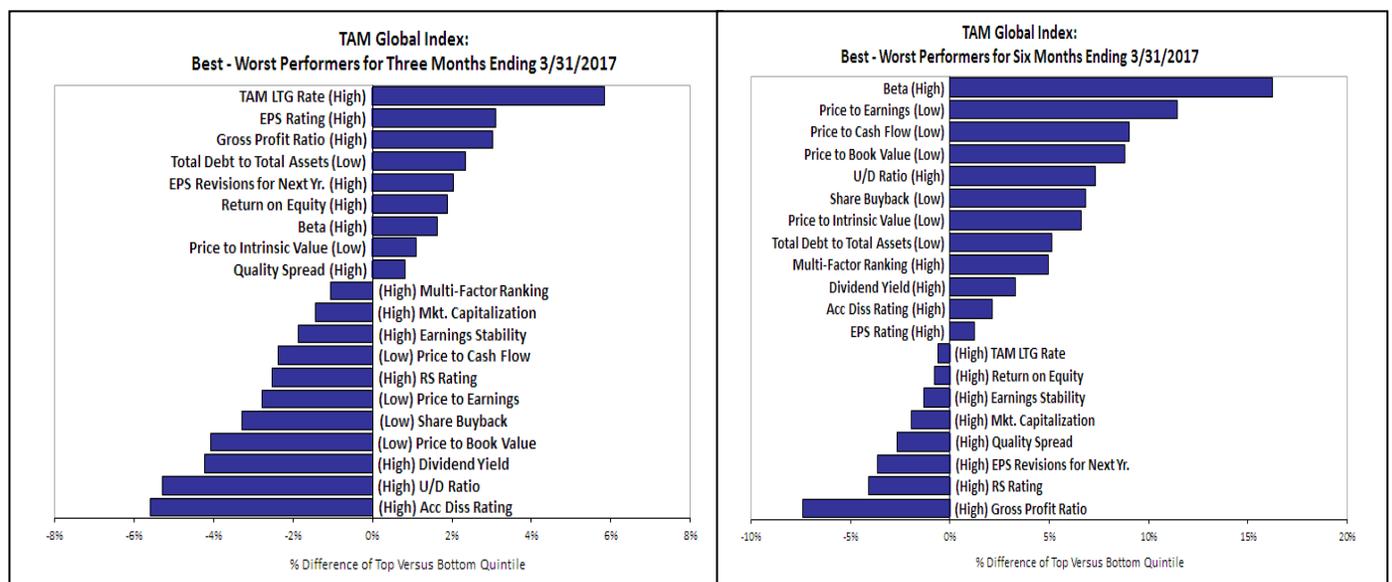
Most Global markets performed well during the first quarter as the concept of synchronized global economic growth gained some traction. US markets returned over 6%, while the ACWI ex-US returned 8%. Emerging markets outperformed developed markets, and international markets outperformed US markets. The market feels like it needs a reality check, as overall market direction acts as though it believes in the synchronized growth story but internal measurements do not fully reinforce that belief. The amount of negative yielding securities declined a bit, but still represents a large portion of the sovereign market. Sector leadership was a mixed bag with some economically sensitive and some safety sectors performing best, and investors rewarded fewer of the factors we study (see page two) than in the prior quarter. Let's do that check and see what we think reality will be later this year:

- **International Economies-** International growth rates are accelerating, and leading economic indicators continue to improve. The recovery from depressed energy prices, competitive devaluations and depressed capital spending continues. It provides a constructive backdrop for the first time in some years.
- **US Economy-** Economists expect US GDP growth to be over 2% for Q1, better than most recent first quarters. The Atlanta Fed suggests 0.5%. This disparity may be confusing investors. Analyst's estimates indicate growth is expected to strengthen through the year.
- **Rates-** US, Chinese, and Japanese Central Bankers have pursued higher rates. As deflation fears have cooled and pro-growth policies have gained traction, they are raising rates for the best of reasons; better anticipated growth. While rates are rising, they are nowhere near tight for any developed economies we track. The ECB is tapering the pace of bond purchases from 80 B Euros per month through March to 60B Euros from April through the end of 2017.
- **Earnings-** Both the US and International markets are seeing earnings recover after the earnings recessions of 2015-2016. Revisions have been widespread and positive, and we expect this trend to continue as Q1 earnings are reported in coming weeks.
- **International Politics-** Concerns about France voting to pull a "Brexit" have decreased after the recent Netherlands election repudiated populism. They still need to hold that vote, and Italian and German elections are scheduled for later this year, in what some observers are calling the "neverendum."

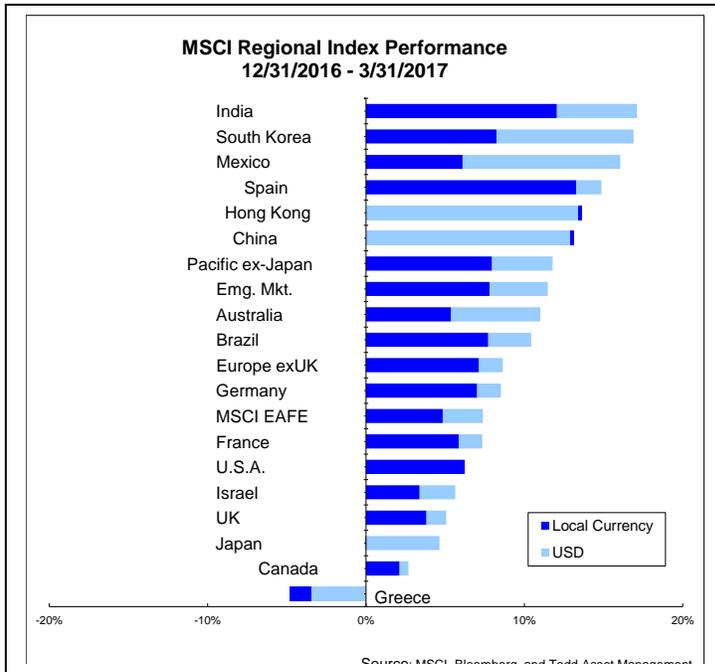
- **US Politics-** President Trump and the “Trump Trade” of US reflation are starting to be questioned. With few high profile wins and a couple of false starts in the first hundred days, investors are questioning whether the administration’s expected stimulative fiscal policies are likely.
- **Geopolitics-** Tensions are heightened as the new US administration is putting their “fingerprints” on US policy abroad.

Markets are consolidating as we enter the second quarter. While economic and earnings trends look good, investors want to have some of their fears about politics alleviated. We believe this is likely as the year progresses. The French elections start later in April and will likely be decided the first week of May. German elections are slated for September. Italy is electing the leadership for their Democrat party in May, after which a snap election could be held for national elections. The UK just called a snap election and still looks forward to the drama resulting from invoking article 50 to begin the process of leaving the EU. All of these may weigh on investors’ minds. On balance though, we believe probabilities favor a strengthening economic expansion and higher prices towards year end. Seasonally, the May through October period is usually volatile for markets. As stronger economic indicators fall into place, a better market outlook is probable at year end.

Our customary charts that illustrate the factors being rewarded within the marketplace during the first quarter of 2017 and the trailing six months period are presented below. Over the past six months (right chart below), attractive valuation, good technical credentials and high beta were rewarded. Our Multi-factor ranking also performed well. The first quarter saw a significant rotation as Beta was one of the few factors that worked in the quarter and for the six month period. Factors the market sought in the first quarter highlighted high and visible earnings growth as well as good quality ratings and attractive Price-to-Intrinsic Value.

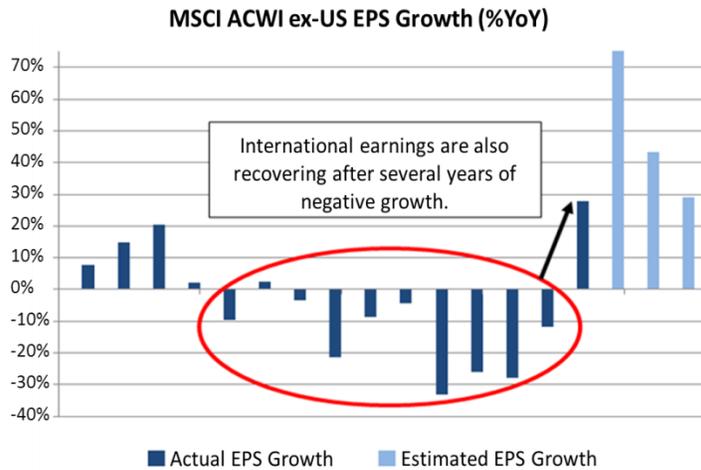


Source: Bloomberg. TAM estimates



Emerging markets dominated the leaderboard during the quarter. A weaker dollar made most of them look better as the EM currencies rebounded from depressed positions. Currency was a tailwind for most international markets. Even taking that into consideration, the laggards had a disproportionate representation from the larger developed markets.

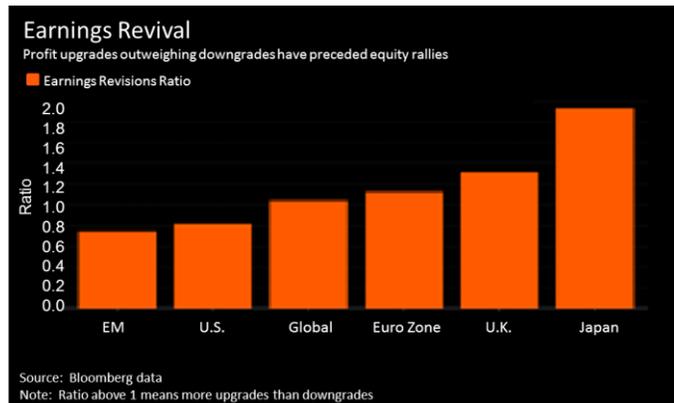
Interesting Charts we saw this quarter



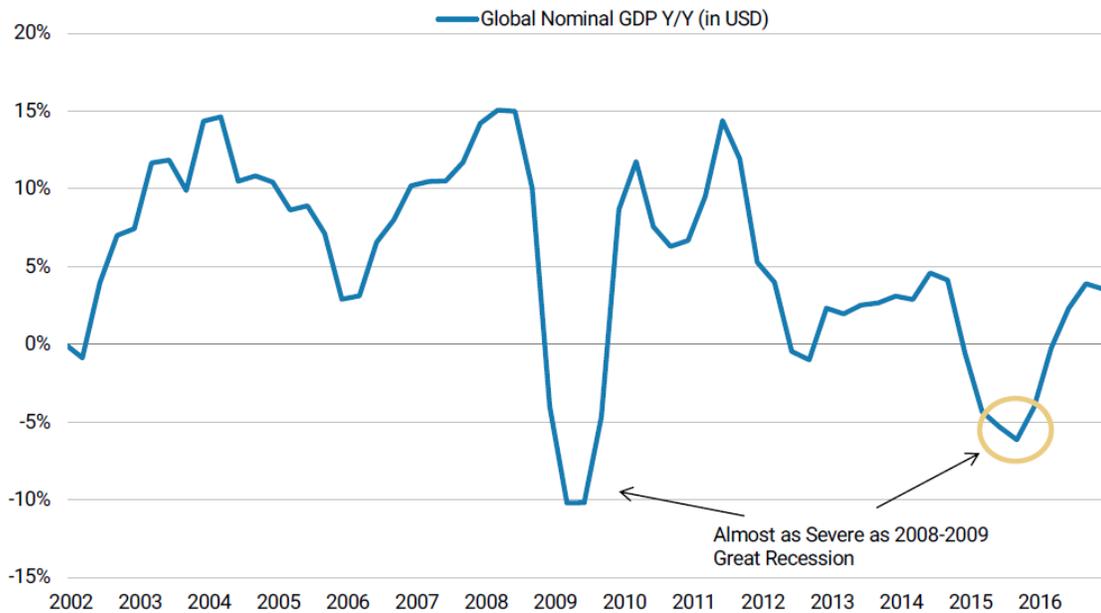
Earnings recoveries are unfolding in both the International and US markets. Some of the comparisons should be very strong from the depressed base of last year.

Source: Bloomberg, MSCI and TAM

Europe, the UK and Japan are seeing the highest ratio of upgrades to downgrades among earnings estimates globally. We believe there is a stronger recovery unfolding in international markets, and think they should outperform the US in coming quarters.



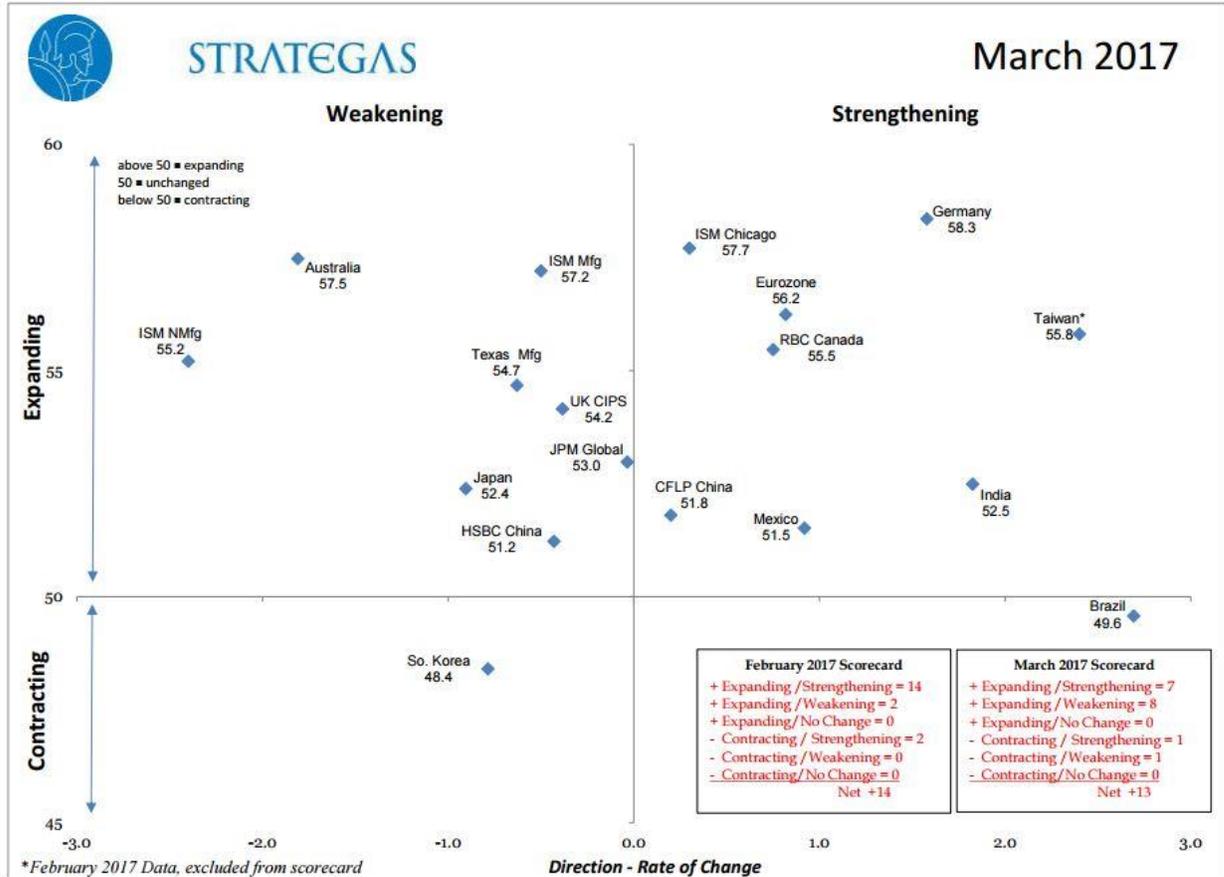
Global Nominal GDP in US Dollars Has Rebounded from Significant Contraction in 2015



Source: Haver Analytics, Morgan Stanley Research as of 4Q 2016.

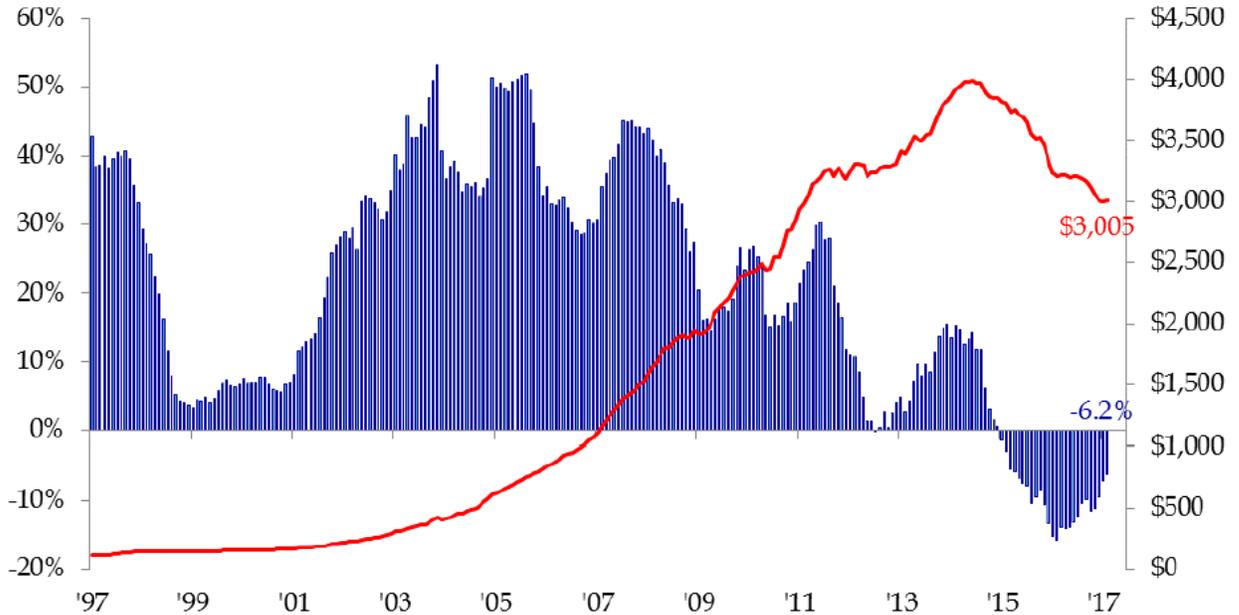
Most economists never called the global slowdown of 2015 and 2016 a recession, but we think the chart above highlights how challenging this time period was. While US growth remained moderately positive, the specter of deflation hurt most other developed markets and most emerging markets were contracting in 2015. When you consider how heavily commodities influence many emerging markets, the reason for weakness becomes clear. *The recovery from this depressed base is what probably allows international markets to post better earnings and performance comparisons in upcoming quarters.* Pent up demand exists in those markets and they are earlier in their recovery than the US is.

Global Economic Activity Is Expanding



The Purchasing Managers Indexes are an indicator of the economic health of manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors. If you examine them worldwide, most of them are above 50 (above 50 indicates expansion, below 50 indicates contraction) and many are strengthening. This is a constructive environment for growth.

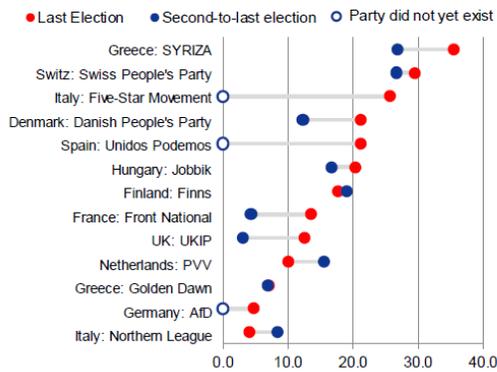
**China Foreign Exchange Reserves:
Y/Y% (LHS) vs. \$Bn (RHS)**



Source: Strategas

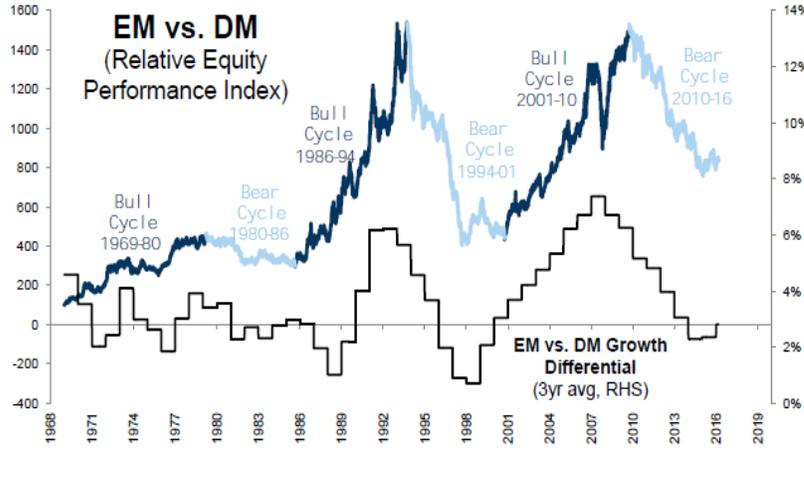
Populists' progress

Select parties' % of the vote in last election vs. previous election



Source: Goldman Sachs

Two concerns investors worry about are the flight of capital from China (chart above), and the rise in populism (chart left). We would note that the Chinese government manages their reserves and the recent decline would not occur without their approval. Additionally, we will find out more about populism with the upcoming French Election, but we do not expect it to result in a threat to the European Union. If anything, it may prompt governments to become more pro-growth.



Source: FactSet, Haver Analytics, Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

When Emerging Market growth is increasing compared to developed markets, EM stocks tend to outperform DM stocks, and vice versa. When this occurs, broader index managers, like those following the ACWI ex-US, tend to outperform those focused on developed markets. Emerging Market growth is starting to increase compared to the Developed Markets, as a result of the resurgence in the commodity trade. If history is a guide, this may bode well for managers like us and should last for some years to come.

Performance Review

The GIVEI strategy increased +6.2% (gross) during the quarter, underperforming MSCI ACWI index return of +7.1%. The yield trade that dominated the first half of 2016 seems to have passed, however investor preference for fundamental factors has continued this quarter which should support our investment process.

Stock selection was additive toward performance during the quarter, however our sector and regional exposure more than offset this and drove our underperformance. Our best performing areas during the quarter were Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary and the United Kingdom. Our worst performing areas were Info. Technology, Industrials, Canada and Europe ex-UK. Factor analysis shows that high quality companies with superior profitability that were attractively valued on Price-to-Intrinsic Value outperformed. Technical metrics and shareholder returns (yield and share buybacks) both detracted from performance.

We are overweight the Consumer Staples, Energy, Financials, and Industrials sectors. We are underweight the Consumer Discretionary, Health Care and Info. Technology sectors. Regionally, we are overweight the US, UK and Canada. We are underweight Emerging Markets, Europe ex-UK and Japan.

Our top five contributors to performance during the quarter were Philip Morris International, British American Tobacco, Coach, Dow Chemical and Eaton. Philip Morris International is having success building out their smokeless/e-cigarette brand, while pricing in traditional



products remains firm. British American Tobacco announced a well-received agreement to buy Reynolds for \$49B, creating the world's largest tobacco company. Coach has refreshed their product lineup and is seeing encouraging sales trends in China and Europe. Dow Chemical reported improved volume growth paired with cost cutting measures, which should continue to help drive margins and earnings growth in 2017. Eaton has been able to successfully navigate difficult market environments via cost saving initiatives that should structurally improve margins over time. An improved growth outlook in China and the US, particularly in auto and housing, helped give shares a lift during the quarter.

Our worst five detractors from performance during the quarter were Vermilion, Chevron, General Electric, Sun Life Financial and AT&T. Vermilion and Chevron shares sold off as oil prices weakened in the latter half of the quarter. General Electric is seeing declining equipment orders and future cash flow generation remains challenging. Sun Life reported weak results as its main investment business saw outflows on \$10B during the quarter. AT&T shares sold off early in the quarter as investors became concerned that newly elected President Trump would block the acquisition of Time Warner.

As always, we are here to assist you. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact any of us.

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The composite performance has been compared to the following benchmark. The index is unmanaged, and not available for direct investment; it includes reinvestment of dividends; it does not reflect management fees or transaction costs:

MSCI ACWI (Gross) Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.