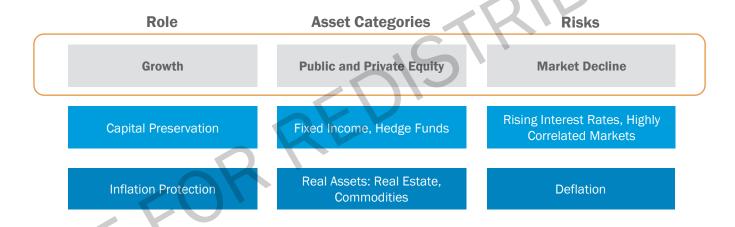
## **Quarterly Asset Class Report Global Equity**

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Role in the Portfolio Equity Review

Canterbury Consulting recommends and communicates this asset class strategy with the objective of constructing a diversified portfolio of long-only equity strategies designed to (in aggregate):

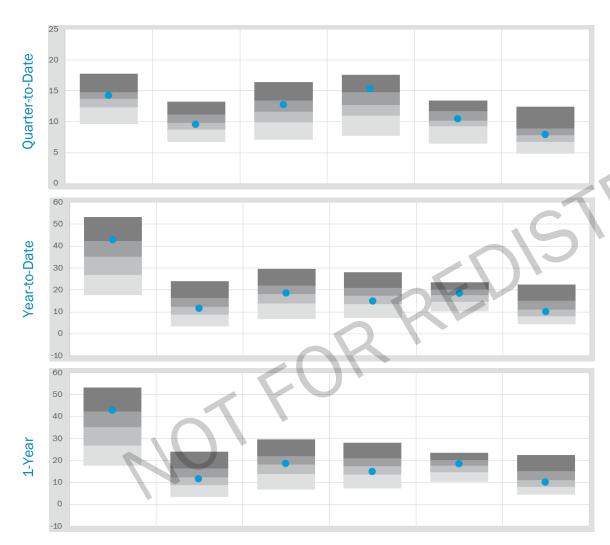
- Provide growth of portfolio assets in excess of inflation and spending rates
- Maintain comparable exposure to the global equity market
- Exhibit returns uncorrelated to fixed income markets



 Canterbury global equity portfolios are set up with a goal to deliver consistent net-of-fees excess returns and moderate tracking error versus the MSCI All Country World Index over longer periods of time.

## Performance (%) as of December 31, 2023

U.S. Large U.S. Large U.S. Small U.S. Small Non-U.S. Emerging Growth Value Growth Value Developed Markets



Blue dots represent the returns of the respective Russell & MSCI benchmarks; gray floating bar charts represent the peer groups by quartile.

## **Equity Review**

- U.S. small-cap and large-cap indices posted strong returns in the quarter.
- Small value outperformed small growth in the quarter and lagged for the year. Large growth outperformed large value in both the quarter and the year.
- Non-U.S. developed equities and emerging markets (EM) equities were also positive in the quarter. Non-U.S. developed equities held up relatively better in the quarter and year versus EM equities.

Sources: Morningstar Direct, Russell, MSCI



Equ	ity: U.S. Market Cap	Current	10 Year Avg	Deviation from Mean*	Large	Neutral	Small
	Russell Top 200 Current P/E (Large Cap)	23.94	20.54	0.94		-	
	R2000 Current P/E (Small Cap)	30.95	38.07	-0.48		-	
	Avg P/E Ratio (Large/Small)	0.77	0.57	1.41			+
uo	Russell Top 200 EV/EBITDA^ (Large Cap)	15.13	13.01	0.96		-	
Valuation	R2000 EV/EBITDA (Small Cap)	16.31	16.94	-0.17		-	
Va	Avg EV/EBITDA Ratio (Large/Small)	0.93	0.78	1.05			+
	Russell Top 200 P/S (Large Cap)	2.96	2.41	1.02			+
	R2000 P/S (Small Cap)	1.25	1.27	-0.13		-	
	Avg P/S Ratio (Large/Small)	2.37	1.90	1.21			+
Solvency	Russell Top 200 Debt/EBITDA (Large Cap)	3.61	4.09	-1.43	+	1	
	Russell 2000 Debt/EBITDA (Small Cap)	6.48	6.57	-0.05			
	Avg Debt/EBITDA Ratio (Large/Small)	0.56	0.64	-0.88		-	
_	Russell Top 200 LT EPS Gr (Fwd) (Large Cap)	4.33	8.54	-0.31		-	
Growth	R2000 LT EPS Gr (Fwd) (Small Cap)	37.84	11.22	3.65			++
	Avg Growth Ratio (Large/Small)	0.11	0.85	-0.73		-	
Economy	Case Shiller Home Price (YoY)	4.87	7.06	-0.40		-	
	Total Leading Economic Indicators	103.00	106.27	-0.51		-	
	Currency (USD v Broad Basket)	101.33	95.88	0.85		-	
	Curve Steepness 2's to 10's	-0.37	0.70	-1.35	+		

<sup>\*</sup>Deviation from mean represents how many standard deviations the current value is above or below the 10-year average, also known as the "Z-Score." '+' denotes one standard deviation, and '++' denotes two standard deviations in favor of the asset class.

- There are various metrics used to value the equity universe. Canterbury prefers Price/Earnings, EV/EBITDA, and Price/Sales.
- The P/E and P/S metrics for large and small caps trended up in the quarter, with large caps still above long-term averages and small cap metrics slightly below their long-term averages.
- The interest rate spread between the 10-year and two-year U.S. Treasury remained in negative territory for the quarter and is around 1.4 standard deviations below its long-term average.

Source: Russell



<sup>^</sup> EV/EBITDA, also known as the "enterprise multiple," is a ratio used to determine the value of a company. Unlike P/E, the enterprise multiple takes debt into account. This is often the ratio used by companies looking to acquire another business.

Equ	ity: Region (U.S./Global)	Current	10 Year Avg	Deviation from Mean*	U.S.	Neutral	R.O.W.
Valuation	S&P 500 Current P/E	22.94	20.51	0.71		-	
	MSCI ACWI Current P/E	19.60	18.37	0.42		-	
	Avg P/E Ratio (US /ACWI)	1.17	1.12	0.90		-	
	S&P 500 EV/EBITDA^	14.79	13.06	0.84		-	
	MSCI ACWI EV/EBITDA	12.58	11.74	0.62		-	
Na	Avg EV/EBITDA Ratio (US/ACWI)	1.18	1.11	0.75		-	
	S&P 500 P/S	2.59	2.19	0.99		-	
	MSCI ACWI P/S	1.96	1.64	1.12	+		
	Avg P/S Ratio (US/ACWI)	1.32	1.33	-0.18			
ý	S&P 500 Debt/EBITDA	3.69	4.08	-0.98			
Solvency	MSCI ACWI Debt/EBITDA	5.32	5.87	-0.96		)- \	
	Avg Debt/EBITDA Ratio (US/ACWI)	0.69	0.70	-0.07		_	
_	S&P 500 LT EPS Gr (Fwd)	4.66	8.72	-0.12		-	
Growth	MSCI ACWI LT EPS Gr (Fwd)	5.45	10.83	-0.06		-	
	Avg Growth Ratio (US/ACWI)	0.86	0.97	-0.09		-	
Economy	Currency (USD v Broad Basket)	101.33	95.88	0.85		-	

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- Earnings multiples and EV multiples increased slightly for U.S. equities and non-U.S. equities.
  Multiples rose above long-term averages for non-US equities in the quarter.
- Debt levels continue to be below long-term averages for both U.S. and global (R.O.W.) stocks, suggesting less concerning leverage conditions.
- R.O.W. and U.S. equities long-term growth estimates fell below their long-term averages in the quarter.
- The U.S. dollar fell in the quarter and was a relative tailwind to international returns.

Sources: MSCI, Standard & Poor's



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Equ	ity: Region (Non-U.S. Dev/Global)	Current	10 Year Avg	Deviation from Mean*	Non-U.S. Dev	Neutral	R.O.W.
Valuation	MSCI EAFE Current P/E	14.98	16.54	-0.55		-	
	MSCI ACWI Current P/E	19.60	18.37	0.42		-	
	Avg P/E Ratio (EAFE/ACWI)	0.76	0.90	-1.78	+		
	MSCI EAFE EV/EBITDA^	9.62	10.69	-0.72		-	
	MSCI ACWI EV/EBITDA	12.58	11.74	0.62		-	
	Avg EV/EBITDA Ratio (EAFE/ACWI)	0.76	0.91	-1.17	+		
	MSCI EAFE P/S	1.37	1.21	1.11			+
	MSCI ACWI P/S	1.96	1.64	1.12	+		
	Avg P/S Ratio (EAFE/ACWI)	0.70	0.74	-0.79		-	
>	MSCI EAFE Debt/EBITDA	7.31	8.25	-1.00			7
Solvency	MSCI ACWI Debt/EBITDA	5.32	5.87	-0.96		).	
S <sub>0</sub>	Avg Debt/EBITDA Ratio (EAFE/ACWI)	1.38	1.41	-0.53		-	
	MSCI EAFE LT EPS Gr (Fwd)	6.04	6.13	0.00		-	
Growth	MSCI ACWI LT EPS Gr (Fwd)	5.45	10.83	-0.06		-	
	Avg Growth Ratio (EAFE/ACWI)	1.11	0.56	0.21		-	
Economy	USD/EUR	1.10	1.14	-0.46		-	

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- The non-U.S. developed and the R.O.W. P/E ratios rose in the quarter. Valuation metrics for non-U.S. developed are slightly more attractive than R.O.W. equity valuations.
- Debt levels for both non-U.S. developed and R.O.W. stocks remained below their long-term averages in the quarter.
- Earnings growth forecasts fell for both non-U.S. developed equities and R.O.W. equities.
- The euro strengthened in the quarter and remains below its long-term average.

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## Region Mix – Emerging Markets vs. R.O.W.

Equity: Region (EM/Global)		Current	10 Year Avg	Deviation from Mean*	EM	Neutral	R.O.W.
Valuation	MSCI EM Current P/E	15.37	13.87	0.58		-	
	MSCI ACWI Current P/E	19.60	18.37	0.42		-	
	Avg P/E Ratio (EM/ACWI)	0.78	0.75	0.66		-	
	MSCI EM EV/EBITDA^	9.62	8.52	0.78		-	
	MSCI ACWI EV/EBITDA	12.58	11.74	0.62		-	
	Avg EV/EBITDA Ratio (EM/ACWI)	0.76	0.73	0.75		-	
	MSCI EM P/S	1.30	1.21	0.45		-	
	MSCI ACWI P/S	1.96	1.64	1.12	+		
	Avg P/S Ratio (EM/ACWI)	0.67	0.74	-1.50	+		-
Solvency	MSCI EM Debt/EBITDA	5.17	4.75	0.94		1	
	MSCI ACWI Debt/EBITDA	5.32	5.87	-0.96		- 1	
	Avg Debt/EBITDA Ratio (EM/ACWI)	0.97	0.81	2.58			++
Growth	MSCI EM LT EPS Gr (Fwd)	20.25	10.09	0.36		-	
	MSCI ACWI LT EPS Gr (Fwd)	5.45	10.83	-0.06		-	
	Avg Growth Ratio (EM/ACWI)	3.72	0.93	6.54	++		

- Both EM equities and R.O.W. equities valuation multiples rose in the quarter and are above historical averages. EM equities appear to be fairly discounted to global equities from a relative valuation standpoint.
- Debt levels for EM countries are slightly above long-term averages and remain below historical averages for R.O.W. equities.
- Growth expectations improved for EM equities and declined for R.O.W. equities.

Source: MSCI



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