

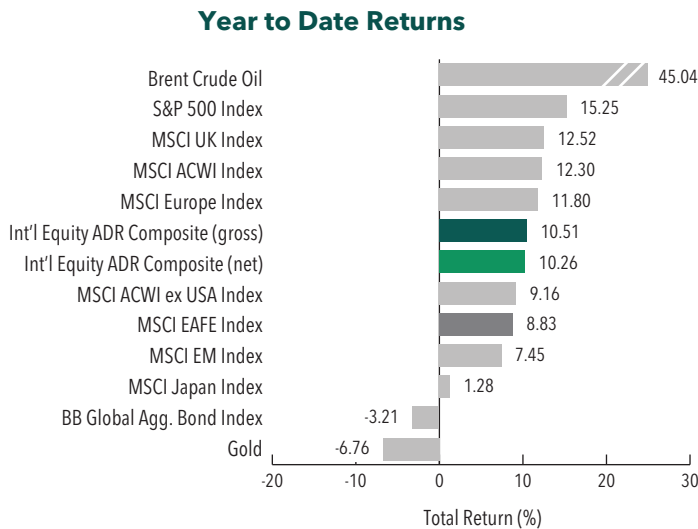
# INTERNATIONAL EQUITY ADR

## 2Q 2021 Commentary

(All MSCI index returns are shown net and in U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted.)

### Markets Review

Global Markets (total return) performed as follows:



Sources: SS&C Advent, Bloomberg

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Global equity markets continued to climb, with the MSCI ACWI Index posting its fifth straight quarter of positive performance. Overall, the MSCI ACWI Index gained 7.39% during the period. Concurrently, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index increased 1.31%. In terms of style, value stocks underperformed their growth counterparts during the quarter, with the MSCI ACWI Value Index trailing the MSCI ACWI Growth Index by 5.14%.

The MSCI EAFE Index increased 5.17%, while the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index climbed 5.48%. Regionally, within the MSCI EAFE Index, Europe & Middle East and the U.K. were the strongest performers, while Asia, though still posting a positive return, trailed. On a sector basis, ten out of the eleven sectors within the MSCI EAFE Index delivered gains, led by Health Care, Consumer Staples and Information Technology. Meanwhile, Utilities (the only sector to produce a negative return), Communication Services and Energy were the worst-performing sectors.

By the end of the quarter, roughly three billion vaccine doses had been administered worldwide. The bulk of the vaccines administered were in developed countries, as many developing countries continued

to struggle with supply issues, in addition to rising infection rates. However, as vaccination efforts progressed, conditions improved by the end of June. Furthermore, G7 leaders pledged to provide 870 million vaccine doses to COVAX, a worldwide initiative aimed at equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, for distribution among low- and middle-income countries.

On the trade front, positive traction was made in various trade relationships as the U.S. and China continued their dialogue and the U.S. and the European Union agreed to suspend a 17-year trade dispute related to government subsidies to Boeing and Airbus.

Lastly, geopolitical conflicts captured numerous headlines as tensions between Israelis and Palestinians turned violent. Furthermore, relations between the U.S. and Russia continued to sour after Russian hackers shut down the Colonial Pipeline, though no evidence has been traced back to the Russian government.

### Performance and Attribution Summary

For the second quarter of 2021, Aristotle Capital's International Equity ADR Composite posted a total U.S. dollar return of 5.74% gross of fees (5.63% net of fees), outperforming the MSCI EAFE Index, which returned 5.17%, and the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index, which returned 5.48%. Please refer to the table below for detailed performance.

Performance (%)	2Q21	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception*
Int'l Equity ADR Composite (gross)	5.74	39.29	10.77	11.23	7.84
Int'l Equity ADR Composite (net)	5.63	38.70	10.33	10.80	7.34
MSCI EAFE Index (net)	5.17	32.35	8.26	10.27	6.56
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (net)	5.48	35.72	9.37	11.07	6.58

\*The inception date for the International Equity ADR Composite is June 1, 2013. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns are presented gross and net of investment advisory fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Aristotle Capital Composite returns are preliminary pending final account reconciliation. Please see important disclosures at the end of this document.

From a sector perspective, the portfolio's outperformance relative to the MSCI EAFE Index can be entirely attributed to security selection, while allocation effects had a slightly negative impact. Security selection in Materials, Financials and Industrials contributed the most to the portfolio's relative performance. Conversely, security selection in Health Care and Consumer Discretionary and an underweight in Health Care detracted from relative return.

Regionally, security selection was primarily responsible for the portfolio's outperformance, while allocation effects also had a positive, although smaller, impact. Security selection in the U.K. and exposure to Canada contributed the most to relative performance, while security selection in Asia and exposure to Emerging Markets detracted.

## Contributors and Detractors for 2Q 2021

Relative Contributors	Relative Detractors
Ashtead Group	Sony
Brookfield Asset Management	Kubota
Heineken	Credicorp
LVMH	Nidec
Dassault Systemes	Close Brothers

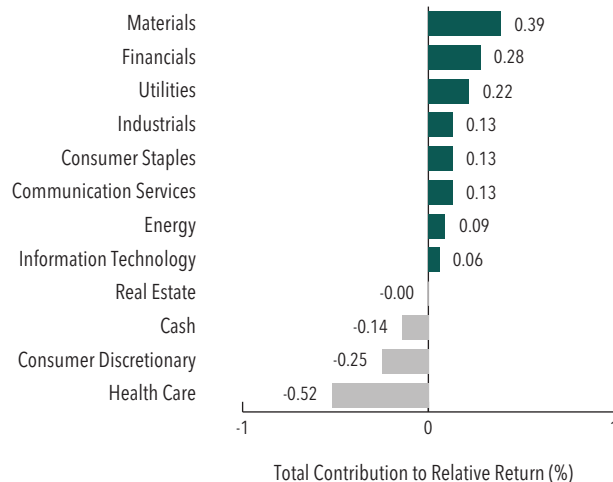
**Ashtead Group, a U.K.-headquartered construction, industrial and general equipment rental company, was the top contributor for the period.** Shares rose as the company returned to growth, with rental revenue up double digits for the quarter. As a result of the unprecedented conditions in 2020, management made what we consider to be the prudent decision of sourcing liquidity by pausing greenfield openings, bolt-on acquisitions and the company's share buyback program. However, after weathering the uncertain market, Ashtead resumed all plans and launched a new share buyback program of £1 billion over the next two years during the quarter. Additionally, the company unveiled its Sunbelt 3.0 strategic plan that will further expand Ashtead's location network, improve operational efficiency and solidify market share. Through this difficult period, we believe the company has demonstrated its resiliency, forward-looking and opportunistic mindset, and focus on continuously improving the business, which can unlock value in the long run.

**LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the luxury goods company, was also a leading contributor for the quarter.** Shares advanced as the company was able to return to growth after several quarters of revenue decline induced by the global pandemic. The improvement in results was led by Fashion and Leather Goods, the firm's largest and most profitable division, followed by the Wines & Spirits division. Within Watches & Jewelry, recently acquired Tiffany boosted the division's performance. We believe, recent results demonstrate LVMH's resilience, thanks to its diversified portfolio of leading brands, financial strength and, in our opinion, ability to continue to innovate. Additionally, LVMH announced a strategic partnership with Google Cloud to accelerate innovation and develop new cloud-based artificial intelligence solutions. Management feels that these forward-looking partnerships will allow the company to create new, personalized customer experiences that can lead to additional long-term growth opportunities.

**Conglomerate Sony, maker of the PlayStation videogame console, was the quarter's largest detractor.** Shares pulled back after the company's full-year 2021 guidance indicated a year-over-year decline in operating profit, heightening concerns surrounding the

## Total Contribution to Relative Return by Sector versus MSCI EAFE Index

Second Quarter 2021



Source: FactSet

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company's Gaming and Imaging & Sensing segments. Nevertheless, management remained optimistic, as it stated that it still expects to exceed the 14.8 million PlayStation 4 sold in the second year after the product's launch. Additionally, the company continued to invest in the customer experience and offering of its Gaming segment by partnering with Discord, an instant messaging and digital distribution platform popular with gamers, and funding Epic Games, a videogame and software developer. While the company continues to enjoy success in the Gaming segment after its launch of the PlayStation 5, the Pictures segment has dragged due to the restrictions related to the pandemic. However, management has remained active and forward thinking in the space by signing deals with both Netflix and Disney to bring their titles to the streaming platforms. We believe these deals will continue to strengthen Sony's brand and can improve profitability of the business unit. The company believes these investments and partnerships across various business segments will allow Sony to accomplish its long-term goal of integrating technology, entertainment and content to enhance collaboration and synergies across its diverse business units.

**Japan-based agricultural and construction equipment manufacturer, Kubota, was one of the largest detractors for the period.** Shares fell, likely in response to management's cautious guidance citing ongoing logistical issues impacting product delivery into the U.S., cost headwinds and supply issues in North America. Delays in shipments from Japan, given a shortage of containerships and bottlenecks at U.S. ports, prevented the firm from properly restocking its U.S. dealers. So far, the low levels of inventory appear to have had little negative impact on Kubota's market share. We see this as a short-term situation and instead are focused on the company's brand recognition and technological leadership, which have, in our opinion,

allowed it to continue gaining share outside of Japan. Furthermore, Kubota's reported results were strong, as revenues increased by double digits, driven by robust sales in Thailand and China. According to the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, retail sales of small-size tractors increased 64% year-over-year during the first quarter of 2021. We are confident in Kubota's ability to weather short-term volatility, continue winning market share and improve profitability.

## Recent Portfolio Activity

Buys	Sells
None	None

Consistent with our long-term horizon and low turnover, there were no new purchases or sales completed during the period.

## Conclusion

As the world continues to slowly inch forward in its battle against the pandemic, various headlines such as trade relations, central bank decisions and geopolitical conflicts have shared the spotlight. Although broad economic factors are taken into consideration as part of our analysis, we spend the vast majority of our efforts focusing on individual companies that, in our opinion, possess a combination of qualities which are both sustainable and difficult to reproduce. We will persist in our quest of identifying what we perceive to be high-quality businesses, trading at discounts to our estimate of their intrinsic value, that possess catalysts for appreciation which are within management's control. It is our belief that a diversified portfolio of investments in these companies will hold up best regardless of the environment and can optimize risk-adjusted performance for our clients.

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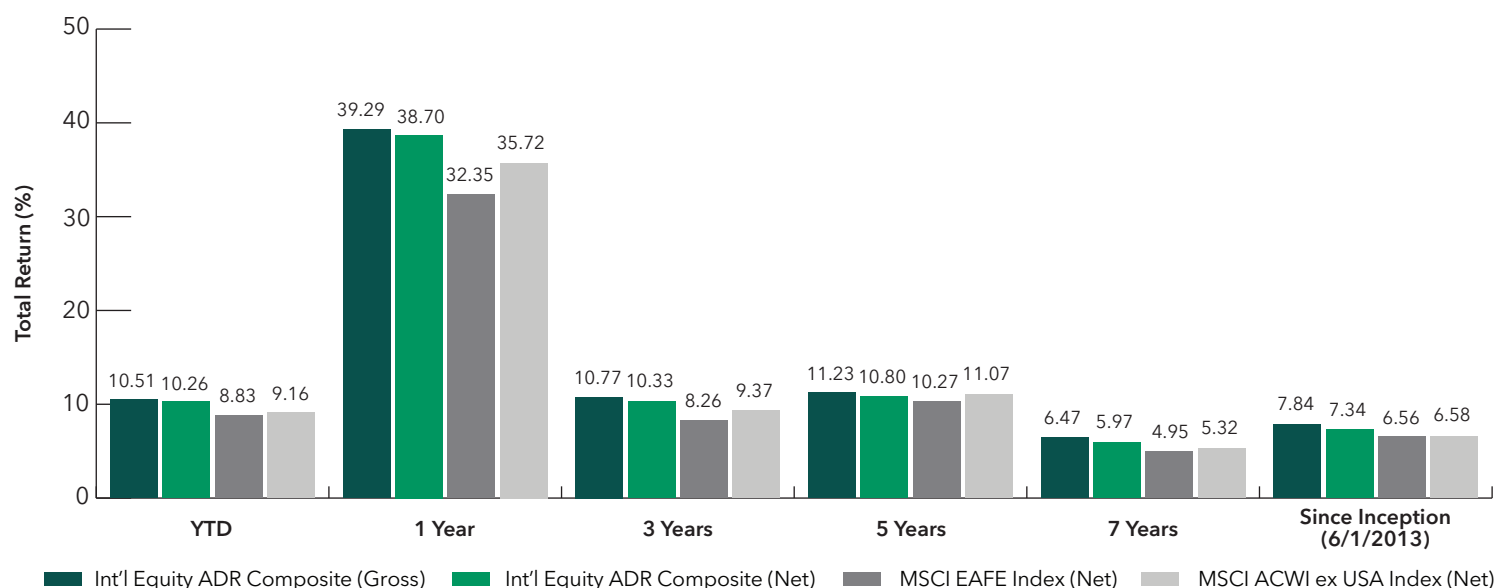
Returns are presented gross and net of investment advisory fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. For example, a 0.5% annual fee deducted quarterly (0.125%) from an account with a ten-year annualized growth rate of 5.0% will produce a net result of 4.4%. Actual performance results will vary from this example.

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## Aristotle International Equity ADR Composite Performance

All Periods Ended June 30, 2021



Year	Int'l Equity ADR Composite (Gross %)	Int'l Equity ADR Composite (Net %)	MSCI EAFE Index (Net %)	MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net %)
2021 YTD	10.51	10.26	8.83	9.16
2020	9.91	9.47	7.82	10.65
2019	23.21	22.80	22.01	21.51
2018	-8.44	-8.76	-13.79	-14.20
2017	23.82	23.32	25.03	27.19
2016	0.71	0.11	1.00	4.50
2015	1.41	0.73	-0.81	-5.66
2014	-4.31	-4.73	-4.90	-3.87
6/1/13 - 12/31/13	11.04	10.68	13.75	10.34

Composite returns for all periods ended June 30, 2021 are preliminary pending final account reconciliation.

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