



Broaden Your Investment Horizons

Look beyond U.S. borders to help weather the markets

When the sun's shining in Beijing, it might be raining in New York. Similarly, the world's markets move in different cycles. Keeping your investments all moving in the same direction would be fine – as long as every investment day were sunny. But when performance drops in one place, ideally you want it to rise elsewhere, or at least ride out the storm until the next sunny cycle.

Foreign markets have room to grow

Performance is at the forefront of nearly every investor's mind, but many investors fail to consider the performance of international markets. Historically, many countries overseas have offered greater growth than the U.S. During the last 10 years (1999-2008), the U.S. market has been ranked as one of the top 10 best performing countries only three times – and never as No. 1.

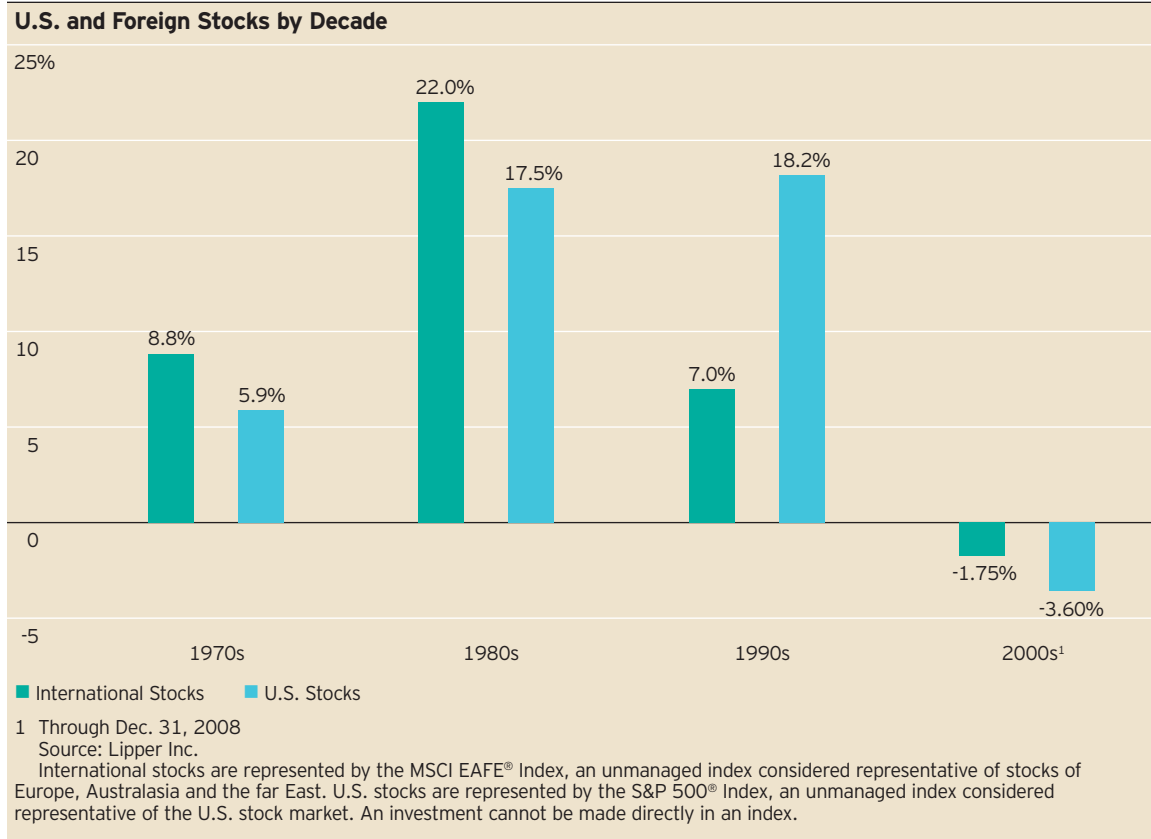
Market Leadership Changes – Best Performing Country (%) by Year									
	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003
Finland	152.60	Switzerland	5.85	N. Zealand	8.42	N. Zealand	24.24	Greece	69.52
Sweden	79.74	Canada	5.34	Australia	1.68	Austria	16.55	Sweden	64.53
Japan	61.53	Denmark	3.44	Ireland	-4.13	Australia	-1.34	Germany	63.80
Singapore	60.17	Norway	-0.89	Austria	-5.65	Norway	-7.26	Spain	58.46
Hong Kong	59.52	Italy	-1.33	Belgium	-10.89	Italy	-7.33	Austria	56.96
Canada	53.74	Netherlands	-4.09	Spain	-11.36	Japan	-10.28	N. Zealand	55.43
Greece	49.64	France	-4.31	Norway	-12.22	Switzerland	-10.31	Canada	54.60
Norway	31.70	Portugal	-9.90	U.S.	-12.39	Singapore	-11.05	Australia	49.46
France	29.27	Australia	-9.95	U.K.	-14.05	Canada	-13.19	Denmark	49.25
U.S.	21.92	U.K.	-11.53	Denmark	-14.81	Portugal	-13.19	Norway	48.11
	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008
Austria	71.52	Canada	28.31	Spain	49.36	Finland	48.65	Japan	-29.21
Norway	53.27	Japan	25.52	Portugal	48.37	Hong Kong	41.20	Switzerland	-30.49
Greece	46.06	Austria	24.64	Singapore	46.73	Germany	35.21	U.S.	-37.57
Belgium	43.53	Denmark	24.50	Norway	45.12	Greece	32.91	Spain	-40.60
Ireland	39.16	Norway	24.26	Ireland	43.86	Norway	31.43	France	-43.27
Sweden	36.28	Finland	16.69	Sweden	43.39	Canada	29.57	Canada	-45.51
N. Zealand	35.17	Switzerland	16.33	Denmark	38.77	Singapore	28.38	Germany	-45.87
Italy	32.49	Greece	16.10	Belgium	36.66	Australia	28.34	Singapore	-47.34
Denmark	30.82	Australia	16.02	Austria	36.54	Denmark	25.59	Denmark	-47.56
Australia	30.34	Singapore	14.38	Germany	35.99	Portugal	24.75	Netherlands	-48.22

Source: Lipper Inc.

The table depicts annual returns for 10 developed countries over the past 10 years, ranked from best to worst each year. Each country is represented by its respective MSCI index. An investment cannot be made directly in an index. This chart is for illustrative purposes and does not reflect the performance of any AIM fund.

U.S. versus the world – who wins?

Markets tend to move through cycles of performance. The chart below illustrates how outperformance is unpredictable: U.S. stocks outperformed foreign stocks in the 1990s but not before – or since. Please note: Index performance does not reflect the performance of any AIM fund. Performance is past performance and cannot guarantee comparable future performance. History shows that almost all investments – international or domestic – can decline in especially bad times.



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