



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.

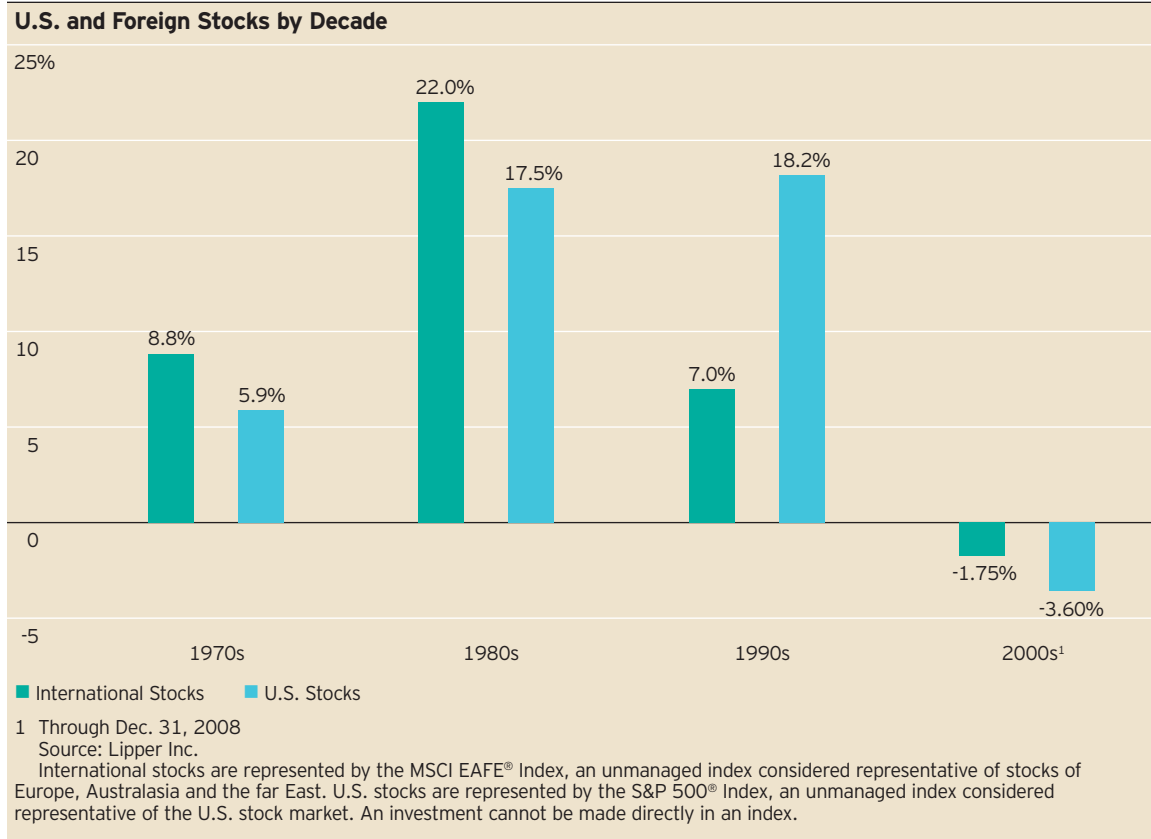
| Market Leadership Changes – Best Performing Country (%) by Year | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | 1999 | | 2000 | | 2001 | | 2002 | | 2003 |
| Finland | 152.60 | Switzerland | 5.85 | N. Zealand | 8.42 | 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.



Talk to your financial advisor

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