



## 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 (2001 to 2010), the U.S. market has been ranked as one of the top 10 best-performing countries only three times – and never as first.

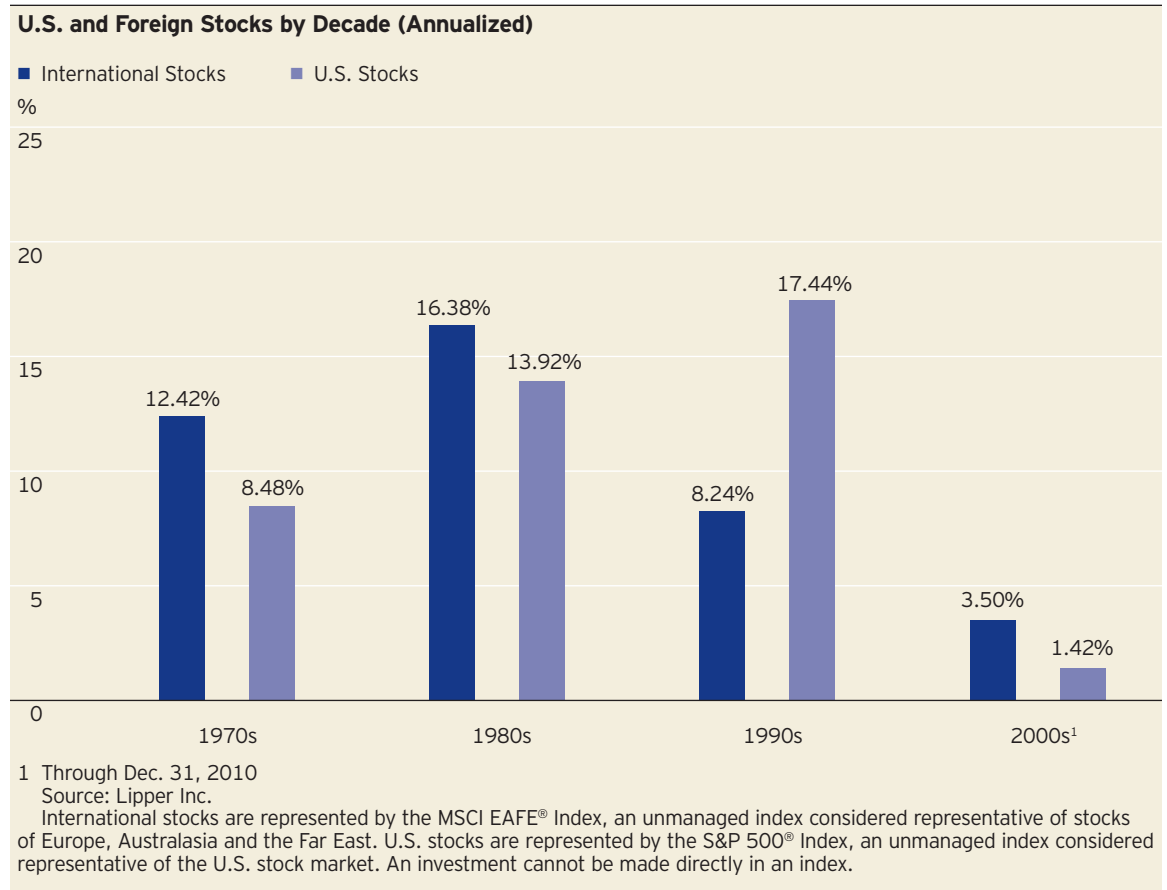
Market Leadership Changes – Best Performing Country (%) by Year										
	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
New Zealand	8.42	New Zealand	24.24	Greece	69.52	Austria	71.52	Canada	28.31	
Australia	1.68	Austria	16.55	Sweden	64.53	Norway	53.27	Japan	25.52	
Ireland	-4.13	Australia	-1.34	Germany	63.8	Greece	46.06	Austria	24.64	
Austria	-5.65	Norway	-7.26	Spain	58.46	Belgium	43.53	Denmark	24.5	
Belgium	-10.89	Italy	-7.33	Austria	56.96	Ireland	39.16	Norway	24.26	
Spain	-11.36	Japan	-10.28	New Zealand	55.43	Sweden	36.28	Finland	16.69	
Norway	-12.22	Switzerland	-10.31	Canada	54.6	New Zealand	35.17	Switzerland	16.33	
U.S.	-12.39	Singapore	-11.05	Australia	49.46	Italy	32.49	Greece	16.1	
U.K.	-14.05	Canada	-13.19	Denmark	49.25	Denmark	30.82	Australia	16.02	
Denmark	-14.81	Portugal	-13.19	Norway	48.11	Australia	30.34	Singapore	14.38	
	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
Spain	49.36	Finland	48.65	Japan	-29.21	Norway	87.07	Sweden	33.75	
Portugal	48.37	Hong Kong	41.2	Switzerland	-30.49	Australia	76.43	Denmark	30.73	
Singapore	46.73	Germany	35.21	U.S.	-37.57	Singapore	74	Hong Kong	23.23	
Norway	45.12	Greece	32.91	Spain	-40.6	Sweden	64.16	Singapore	22.16	
Ireland	43.86	Norway	31.43	France	-43.27	Hong Kong	60.15	Canada	20.45	
Sweden	43.39	Canada	29.57	Canada	-45.51	Belgium	57.49	Japan	15.44	
Denmark	38.77	Singapore	28.38	Germany	-45.87	Canada	56.18	U.S.	14.77	
Belgium	36.66	Australia	28.34	Singapore	-47.34	New Zealand	50.4	Australia	14.52	
Austria	36.54	Denmark	25.59	Denmark	-47.56	Spain	43.48	Switzerland	11.79	
Germany	35.99	Portugal	24.75	Netherlands	-48.22	U.K.	43.3	Norway	10.95	

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. Performance is past performance and cannot guarantee comparable future performance.

## 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. Past performance 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

Your sights are set on a financial goal – a college degree, new home or secure retirement. One of the best ways to help reach your goal is to partner with a strong team: a financial advisor who can provide sound guidance based on your individual needs and an investment company that can deliver a broad range of diversified strategies. Talk to your financial advisor about how an investment plan and Invesco can help you pursue your financial goals.

## About risk

Foreign securities have additional risks, including exchange rate changes, political and economic upheaval, relative lack of information, relatively low market liquidity, and the potential lack of strict financial and accounting controls and standards.

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