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Altrinsic Global Equity Commentary – Third Quarter 2018

Dear Investor,

The Altrinsic Global Equity portfolio delivered a 5.4% return during the third quarter, outperforming the 5.0% gain by the MSCI World Index as measured in U.S. dollars.[1] Strong equity market gains during the quarter masked a challenging environment characterized by a significant divergence in underlying stocks' performance. The dominance by a small group of high-priced and crowded U.S. tech companies continued, while a growing number of stocks across industries have stalled. We welcome the resulting value that is emerging in new areas, however, it is being presented against a backdrop of deteriorating financial conditions in a growing number of countries and a reversal of the policies that fueled the post-crisis rally in asset prices.

Table 1. 2018 Performance Summary (USD)

	Q3	YTD
AGA Global	**5.4**	**5.3**
MSCI World	5.0	5.4
MSCI ACWI	4.3	3.8

As of 09/30/18; Index source: MSCI. Returns are presented gross of fees for the Altrinsic global composite.

Although an environment characterized by the extended narrow leadership of expensive "growth" stocks typically would not be one in which we outperform, our differentiated positioning and the idiosyncratic nature of our investments in the healthcare, consumer discretionary, financial, and technology sectors led to our outperformance. The primary drivers of attribution during the third quarter included:

- Strong performance among our healthcare investments was led by Intercept and Astellas. Intercept is an emerging biopharmaceutical company focused on liver disorders. Investors are beginning to recognize the profit potential as its key drug, Ocaliva, gets approval for expanded indications, including the possible approval for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). Astellas, a Japanese pharmaceutical company, corrected temporary issues that were depressing sales of its prostate drug, Xtandi. Additionally, the market is beginning to recognize the value of Xtandi's expanded use in pre-chemotherapy.
- In the consumer discretionary sector, we benefitted from strong performance by Advance Auto Parts, the second largest auto-parts retailer in the U.S. Prior mismanagement coupled with concerns about disruption by Amazon created the value opportunity. We believe this is one of the most defensible areas of retail, and the company still has a significant runway for the new management team to further improve operating margins closer to peer levels.

- Strong performance by our financial holdings, including Aon and Mitsubishi UFJ, coupled with our lack of exposure to European banks were major drivers of performance. Relative performance was also aided by the collapse of European banks, in which we have had no exposure and only recently began to buy leading Dutch bank, ING Group, during the weakness.
- Negative attribution was derived from holdings in the industrial, materials, and consumer staples sectors. Following several years of underperformance, emerging market stocks are offering increasingly attractive opportunities. Our current exposure is only 5.0%, but we have been building positions during the recent weakness in Brazil, Turkey, India, and China. This has modestly weighed on performance.

Investment activity increased as we established positions in six companies: Charter Communications (U.S.-Cable), CVS (U.S.-Healthcare), Dufry (Switzerland-Retail), ING (Netherlands-Bank), Tenaris (Italy-Energy Services), and SMC (Japan-Industrial Automation). We exited investments in Anglo American, MS&AD Insurance, Thomson Reuters, Verizon, and XL Group. Table 2 provides a graphic depiction of the resulting portfolio risk exposure and a summary of differentiating aspects of the portfolio. These aggregate exposures are a byproduct of our bottom-up process and demonstrate meaningful differentiation versus the broad market indices. Systematic risk, measured as portfolio beta, is well below that of the broad market at .78.

Table 2. Altrinsic Global Equity Portfolio

			N. AM		EUROPE		JAPAN		OTHER	
	AGA	Index	AGA	Index	AGA	Index	AGA	Index	AGA	Index
	95.3	100.0	34.2	64.2	40.9	23.2	15.2	8.5	4.9	4.1
Cons Disc	7.3	13.3	4.8	9.0	2.0	2.3	--	1.7	0.5	0.2
Cons Stpls	11.9	7.2	5.1	3.1	5.9	3.2	--	0.6	0.9	0.2
Energy	5.5	6.5	3.4	4.2	1.1	2.1	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2
Financials	21.0	19.3	2.0	11.1	11.3	4.9	6.9	1.3	0.8	2.1
Healthcare	20.4	13.0	4.2	8.9	13.4	3.2	2.7	0.7	--	0.2
Industrials	4.9	11.6	2.5	6.3	0.6	2.8	1.8	2.1	--	0.4
Info Tech	14.4	18.8	8.6	16.5	1.1	1.4	3.1	0.8	1.5	--
Materials	3.7	4.7	1.1	1.9	2.6	1.8	--	0.5	--	0.4
Telecom	3.7	2.7	--	1.3	2.9	0.8	--	0.5	0.9	0.1
Utilities	2.4	2.9	2.4	1.8	--	0.8	--	0.2	--	0.2

Portfolio Risk Summary

- Concentration in three areas:
  - I. Quality global franchises
    - eg., Nestlé, Heineken, Roche, Chubb
  - II. Japanese companies with depressed valuation, improving financial productivity
    - eg., Sumitomo Mitsui Trust, Concordia Financial, Tokio Marine, Mitsubishi UFJ
  - III. Event driven, idiosyncratic, and/or "deeper value" plays across industries
    - eg., Nintendo, Schlumberger, Linde, Liberty Global
- Significantly overweight non-U.S. versus U.S.
- Large exposure to financials, significantly underweight Western banks

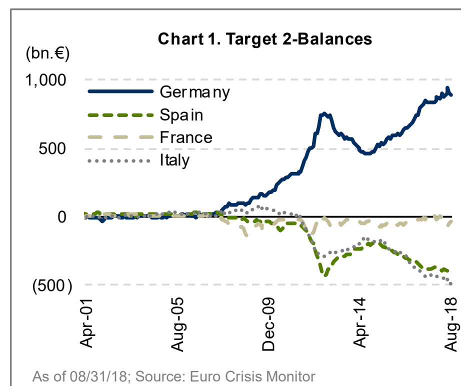
As of 09/30/18; Source: MSCI World (Net) Index. Sector and regional portfolio weights are based upon a representative fully discretionary account with the global mandate. Please note that fractional differences in the portfolio's totals may occur due to Excel's rule-based rounding. The securities identified above are not necessarily held by Altrinsic Global Advisors, LLC for all client portfolios, and should not be considered a recommendation or solicitation to purchase or sell these securities. It should not be assumed that any investment in these securities was, or will be, profitable.

Market Commentary

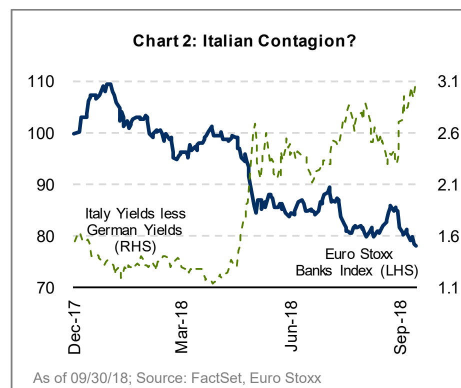
September 15th marked the 10-year anniversary of the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy filing; equity markets have climbed 285% (in local currency) from 2008 lows, and valuations have reached dangerous levels in a growing number of asset classes.[2] Aggressive and experimental central bank policies have been a major stimulant to the rise in financial assets. However, underlying debt ratios have actually risen, and major economic imbalances remain in many parts of the world. As the punchbowl is in the process of being taken away and Quantitative Easing (QE) gives way to Quantitative Tightening (QT), important cracks have begun to appear in equity markets. In some cases, such as in Italy, these cracks have a

reasonable risk of deteriorating into canyons. In other areas, including certain emerging markets, these risks appear exaggerated.

We believe the risks emanating from Italy are more severe than markets and headlines suggest. Italy is going through a slow-motion crisis that could intensify with political events as catalysts. The country suffers from high debt levels, low productivity, a large "shadow" economy, bad demographics, and substantial non-performing loans in its weak banking sector. Having been sold the merits of the European Union, its population is not experiencing the benefits and is suffering from high unemployment (11%), which is more than double that of Germany. This is giving rise to populist voices from the extremes, both with underlying anti-EU pillars, and the far right is effectively campaigning on the sensitive anti-immigration issue. EU parliamentary elections are scheduled for May 2019, but national elections could take place earlier. Chart 1 shows Target 2 balances, partially reflecting the erosion of local confidence via the flow of deposits out of Italy and into Germany.



While U.S. stock markets have mostly shrugged off these developments, European sovereign credit markets and bank equities are telling a different story. As seen in Chart 2, Italy's bonds are now at a 3% spread over German 10-year interest rates, the highest level since mid-2013. European bank stocks continue to suffer as well, down 21% year to date. The portfolio has been significantly underweight this sector for years, but we have been cautiously building positions in quality franchises in neighboring markets like ING of late given compelling valuations. We have lined up more potential investment names but will be extremely disciplined on price given the political risks, the variability of outcomes, and the inherent leverage in even the best bank.



Emerging market bonds and equities sold off amidst tightening central bank policies in the U.S., a strengthening U.S. dollar, escalating trade tensions, slowing Chinese growth, and political uncertainty in major markets. Countries with large current account deficits and exposure to dollar-based funding markets were particularly penalized. For many countries, the path forward is fraught with risk given the meaningful reliance on new credit to fund growth and the repercussions of unwinding global QE. Our eyes are wide open to this. However, we have used the recent weakness to modestly add to certain well-capitalized emerging market banks along with consumer discretionary and industrial companies, which are reliant on emerging markets but operate with their own long-term structural tailwinds for growth.

Narrow leadership by high-priced "growth" stocks, primarily the FAANGs, has persisted for several years and has recently become even more pronounced. This is typically a late-cycle phenomenon and reminds us in many ways of the final stage of the TMT bubble. In our last letter, we discussed the range of catalysts that could precipitate this breakdown: 1) the reversal of policy stimulus, most notably the transition from quantitative easing to quantitative tightening, 2) trade tensions and rising protectionist

policies, 3) the call to protect privacy and rein in anticompetitive behavior by the large tech giants, and 4) the colliding business models of large tech giants that had previously enjoyed a more uninterrupted glide path in their growth. Chinese internet stocks have begun to weaken, but the performance leadership by U.S. tech companies has continued.

Although valuations are not as stretched as they were during the TMT bubble in 2000, they are elevated by historical standards, underlying profit margins are near peak levels, policy regimes are reversing, and there is a new and potentially dangerous actor on the scene. The proliferation of passive, algorithmic, and factor-based methodologies have grown to dominate liquidity in markets. The condition of certain ETFs further complicates this, as the real liquidity in the underlying assets is much less than the liquidity that is promised to holders of the ETFs. The inherent pro-cyclicality resulting from these buyers with little or no regard for underlying fundamentals or valuations presents risks. A very small portion of the buying and selling in the U.S. equity market is being done by investors who care about underlying fundamentals, company strategy, management talent, capital allocation, and the competitive landscape to name just a few of the ingredients to successful long-term investing. This is not healthy. Under these conditions, we prefer to be among the few rather than the many.

Another concern involves the expansive use of "factors" in investing, research, and the evaluation of portfolios. At best, this proliferation has eroded the usefulness of “factors.” At worst, this is a source of dangerous “crowding” and liquidity risk in certain asset classes. These factors are commonly used to determine “value” and “growth,” which can often be misleading. We are suspicious of many current representations of “value,” especially of the use of “value factors” that are primarily based on current-snapshot metrics. These “factors” typically lead to structural exposure biases in deep-cyclical, highly leveraged, and or other lower-quality businesses, which should sell for low valuations. There are occasions when opportunities do emerge in these areas, and we have at times had major investments in highly cyclical businesses (buying during the commodity crisis in 2002, amidst financial crises, and other downturns). We believe that these labels and “factors” offer little insight into true intrinsic value.

What does “value” mean to us? We evaluate “value” in an absolute sense, taking a long-term view, applying principles of “normalized” and sustainable long-term growth rates, margin levels, working capital requirements, etc. and adjust for the appropriate degree of risk. A short-term “factor” has very little bearing on our determination of value. Instead, we responsibly approach investments as if we were to buy a business outright with our own capital. We draw upon our network and experiences derived from years of global engagement in industry food chains, allowing us to filter information through a nuanced lens. Effectively, this is a private equity approach to the public equity markets.

Taking a long-term view and investing like an owner will not make you immune to short-term volatility, but our experience and belief is that the risk-adjusted profile and long-term results will be superior.

Markets won’t always go straight up, interest rates and credit spreads won’t always be low, the global economy won’t always grow at a synchronized and healthy pace, and the pro-cyclical nature of current fund flows may sometime give way. An episode of increased volatility is long overdue. We will look to take advantage of any dislocation with the time horizon, diligence, and mindset of our long-term intrinsic value discipline.

Sincerely,

John Hock
John DeVita
Rich McCormick

"The less prudence with which others conduct their affairs, the greater the prudence with which we should conduct our own affairs." –Warren Buffet[3]

[1]*Performance is presented gross of management fees and includes the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see Important Considerations and Assumptions at the end of this letter for additional disclosures.*
[2]*Calculated using the MSCI World (Net) Index from March 9, 2009 through September 30, 2018.*
[3] *From Berkshire Hathaway's 2017 letter*

ALTRINSIC GLOBAL EQUITY COMPOSITE
FULL DISCLOSURE PRESENTATION

	Total Firm	Composite Assets			Annual Performance Results				Ex-Post Standard Deviation (3 Yr Annualized)	
Year to Date	Assets (millions)	USD (millions)	% of Firm Assets	Number of Accounts	Composite Gross	Composite Net	MSCI World (Net)	Composite Dispersion	Composite	MSCI World (Net)
Q3 2018	6,656	729	11%	6	5.33%	4.67%	5.43%	N.A.	8.53%	9.03%
2017	7,259	1,153	16%	7	16.71%	15.74%	22.40%	0.25%	9.92%	10.23%
2016	7,107	1,116	16%	8	11.91%	10.98%	7.51%	0.24%	10.82%	10.92%
2015	8,927	1,523	17%	13	-0.97%	-1.81%	-0.87%	0.16%	10.78%	10.80%
2014	11,656	2,295	20%	18	2.37%	1.51%	4.94%	0.19%	11.00%	10.23%
2013	14,261	3,069	22%	20	24.40%	23.37%	26.68%	0.29%	13.53%	13.54%
2012	12,586	3,128	25%	21	12.95%	12.00%	15.83%	0.32%	16.37%	16.74%
2011	10,683	2,361	22%	18	-5.49%	-6.29%	-5.54%	0.30%	18.85%	20.15%
2010	10,621	2,087	20%	12	13.55%	12.60%	11.76%	0.35%	22.52%	23.72%
2009	9,278	1,524	16%	10	29.80%	28.72%	29.99%	0.42%	20.24%	21.40%
2008	5,537	1,553	28%	13	-32.19%	-32.78%	-40.71%	0.27%	16.34%	17.02%
2007	7,582	2,437	32%	17	1.17%	0.31%	9.04%	0.30%	8.26%	8.10%
2006	5,574	1,918	34%	16	17.02%	16.04%	20.06%	0.08%	8.05%	7.64%
2005	2,563	321	13%	8	8.61%	7.70%	9.49%	N.A.[1]	10.82%	9.66%
2004	1,603	242	15%	Five or fewer	19.48%	18.60%	14.72%	N.A.[1]	14.29%	14.74%
2003	871	162	19%	Five or fewer	46.75%	45.69%	33.10%	N.A.[1]	15.80%	17.46%
2002	561	77	14%	Five or fewer	-12.51%	-13.17%	-19.88%	N.A.[1]	N.A.	N.A.
2001	491	135	28%	Five or fewer	-10.15%	-10.83%	-16.82%	N.A.[1]	N.A.	N.A.
2000*	520	175	34%	Five or fewer	-0.87%	-1.24%	-10.91%	N.A.[1]	N.A.	N.A.

N.A. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient period of time.

N.A.[1] - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

*Results shown for the year 2000 represent partial period performance from July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

Altrinsic Global Equity Composite is a diversified (60 - 100 holdings), bottom-up, fundamental, value oriented, Global, all cap portfolio, benchmarked to the MSCI World (Net) Index (accounts have the ability to invest in 144A stocks). The MSCI World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. Portfolios in the composite may invest in countries that are not in the MSCI World (Net) Index. Additional information is available upon request. The minimum account size for this composite is $5 million. Prior to January 1, 2004, the minimum account size for this composite was $10 million. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. Prior to April 1, 2006 the exchange rate source of the composite was Bloomberg 4pm New York close and the exchange rate source of the benchmark was WM Reuters 4pm London close.

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