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Global Portfolio Strategy June 2016 Launching the International Large-Capitalization Model Portfolio, High Dividend Yields, Worth the Price?

Using the International Stock Selection Framework to Pick Large-Cap Stocks

- We're launching an International Large-Cap Model Portfolio, the product of our quantitative model and judgment. The portfolio will be comprised of between 60 and 80 positions, with a ±3.5% to 6% tracking error and an investment horizon of about one year. The goal of the portfolio is to outperform by +4.5% per annum, similar to the live performance of our International Stock Selection Model that's generated +4.1% of annual alpha since its launch in June 2008. The initial portfolio is presented in Exhibit 1; the regional allocation of the portfolio is detailed in Exhibit 2.
- The portfolio has a median free cash flow yield of 10.5%, compared to just 4.8% for the large-cap universe. On a P/E basis, it's valued at 13.2x trailing earnings, while the universe is at 18.0x. In terms of profitability, the ROE is 11.1%, versus 9.9% for the universe, and also offers a free cash flow margin advantage with the portfolio at 7.9% versus 6.0% for the universe.

Dividend Yielders, a New State of Affairs

- Since the beginning of the 2000s, there's been a dramatic change in the way companies have used their cash. They're returning more of it to shareholders as payout ratios have gone up while in comparison the level of capital spending vis-à-vis dividends paid has declined steadily.
- This trend has been fully endorsed by the market. Stocks with the highest capital spending-to-depreciation ratios have fared poorly while the return of cash to shareholders has been applauded. It's consistent with our Bretton Woods II narrative; companies are more capital-light while maintaining high free cash flow margins.
- High dividend yielders are now clearly expensive. That's particularly the case when excluding the financials from the analysis; with relative forward-P/E ratios and free cash flow yields at extreme levels, in the top *percentile* of their historic range. This raises a major question mark on the high dividend yield strategy. They're now in a position where their valuations are demanding, making the upside less of a sure thing.

Dividend Sustainability is the Key for Performance

- Despite long-term alpha generation the recent performance of dividend yielders has been more erratic. This volatility combined with highly stretched valuations, are reasons to question a pure dividend yield strategy.
- Sustainability of dividend payments is of the essence. That's why the intersection between high dividend yield and quality-related factors has generated more outperformance than a simple dividend yield approach; both over the long-run and in the post-Crisis period. This approach has also provided a more stable return stream.
- We find that when combined with high dividend yields three factors have worked best in achieving a consistent and sustainable equity income strategy. The first factor is the level of cash held as a share of the market capitalization, a direct guaranty that companies will be able to pay future dividends; that factor also helps offset concerns over the higher leverage inherent among the top dividend yielders. Second, free cash flow yield, an additional valuation metric linked to the ability to pay; that assuages concerns about how expensive this cohort has become. Finally, return-on-assets has been helpful as a measure of profitability to the shareholder; the intersection of this factor with dividend yield has outperformed nearly 60% of the months since 2009, by far the best result among the factors.
- Appendix 1 on page 10 applies cash-to-market-capitalization, free cash flow yield and return-on-assets to high dividend yielding stocks producing a list of issues with strong dividend sustainability characteristics.

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Conclusions in Brief

• Since the beginning of the 2000s, there's been a dramatic change in the way companies have used their cash:



• Outside the U.S., dividends remain the preferred method of returning capital to shareholders...



Sustainability of dividend payments is of the essence...



• With such a high payout ratio, dividend yield has become an increasingly important part of the stock market's total returns:



• ...But today high dividend yielders are clearly expensive:



 ...With the intersection between high dividend yield and quality-related factors generating greater outperformance:



Launching the International Large-Capitalization Model Portfolio

Marrying Our Quantitative Approach and Judgment

We are launching an International Large-Cap Model Portfolio, the product of our quantitative model and judgment, comprised of between 60 and 80 positions, with a ±3.5% to 6% tracking error and an investment horizon of about one year. The goal of the portfolio is to outperform by between +4-5% per annum before transaction costs, in line with the live performance of the best quintile of our International Stock Selection Model since its inception in 2008.

The initial portfolio is presented in **Exhibit 1**; the regional allocation of the portfolio is detailed in **Exhibit 2**. The portfolio has a median free cash flow yield of 10.5%, compared to just 4.8% for the large-cap universe from where it's drawn. On a P/E basis, it's valued at 13.2x trailing earnings, while the universe is valued at 18.0x. In terms of profitability, the ROE of the portfolio is 11.1% versus 9.9% for the universe, and also offers a free cash flow margin advantage of +1.9 percentage points against the universe's 6.0% level.

Exhibit 1: The International Large-Capitalization Model Portfolio As of Mid-June 2016

	-		Price at	Price	Local Currency	Developed Markets (ex-U.S.) Index					Price at Inclusion	Price	Local Currency	Developed Markets (ex-U.S.) Index
Symbol	Company	Weight	(Local)	06/13/16	Code	Weight	Symbol	Company	Weight		(Local)	06/13/16	Code	Weight
CYCLICALS							GROWTH-O	RIENTED (Cont.)						
Consumer D	urables and Annarel						IMRIN	Imperial Brands PLC	24	%	36.13	36.13	GRP	
UG FP	Peugeot SA	2.1 %	13.09	13.09	EUR		WN CT	George Weston Limited	2.1	70	112.88	112.88	CAD	
7261 JP	Mazda Motor Corp.	2.1	1,654.00	1,654.00	JPY		MEO GY	METRO AG	2.1		27.84	27.84	EUR	
FCA IM	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.	1.7	5.94	5.94	EUR		CO FP	Casino Guichard-Perrachon SA	2.1		50.04	50.04	EUR	
		5.9 %				6.0 %	FCG NZ	Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited	2.1		5.47	5.47	NZD	
Ketail and O	larding Cycle & Carriage Limited	0.0 %	3315	3315	SCD			Carlsberg A/S Class B	2.1		612.50	612.50	GBP	
SW FP	Sodexo SA	0.9 %	91.78	91.78	FUR		BATSIN	British American Tobacco n I c	0.6		41.48	41.48	GBP	
MKS LN	Marks and Spencer Group plc	0.9	3.60	3.60	GBP		SAP CT	Saputo Inc.	0.4		37.79	37.79	CAD	
PNDORA DC	Pandora A/S	0.3	927.00	927.00	DKK				14.7	%				12.9 %
		3.0 %				5.5 %	OTHER							
Media	W/PP Pic	0.2 %	1517	1517	CPD		Financials							
WFF LIN	WFF FIC	0.3 %	13.17	13.17	GBF	20 %	CC FP	Credit Industriel & Commercial SA	2.5	96	165 50	165.50	FLIR	
Capit al Equi	pment	0.5 %				2.0 %	BMO CT	Bank of Montreal	2.4	/0	82.52	82.52	CAD	
8053 JP	Sumitomo Corporation	2.2 %	1,011.00	1,011.00	JPY		DANSKE DC	Danske Bank A/S	2.2		180.50	180.50	DKK	
ACS SM	Actividades de Construccion y Servicios SA	2.1	26.87	26.87	EUR		4 HK	Wharf (Holdings) Ltd.	2.1		44.35	44.35	HKD	
8002 JP	Marubeni Corporation	1.7	4/5.00	475.00	JPY		83 HK	Sino Land Co. Ltd.	2.1		12.04	12.04	HKD	
8015 IP	Toyota Tsusho Corp	1.0	205.90	205.90	IDV SEK		CM CT	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2.1		0.40	102.02		
1, 1100		8.5 %	2,255.00	2,235.00	, , ,	8.9 %	8591 IP	ORIX Corporation	1.8	1	.392.00	1.392.00	IPY	
Commercial	Services						INGA NA	ING Groep NV Cert. of Shs	1.3		9.97	9.97	EUR	
None							8304 JP	Aozora BankLtd.	1.1		354.00	354.00	JPY	
		0.0 %				1.2 %	POLIIT	Bank Hapoalim BM	1.1		18.89	18.89	ILS	
4188 IP	Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Comoration	21 %	503.10	50310	IPY		8316 JP HSRA IN	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc. HSRC Holdings plc	0.4	5	4 31	3,154.00	GRP	
4005 IP	Sumitomo Chemical Co. Ltd.	1.0	453.00	453.00	IPY		1158/1121	histe fioldings pie	22.3	%	1.51	1.51	05.	15.4 %
UPM1V FH	UPM-Kymmene Oyj	0.6	16.66	16.66	ÉUR		Capit al Mai	kets						
		3.7 %				5.7 %	IGM CT	IGM Financial Inc.	1.6	%	36.65	36.65	CAD	
Transport s	D	2.2			5110		III LN	3i Group plc	0.3		5.41	5.41	GBP	1.4
LHA GY RMG IN	Deutsche Lutthansa AG Roval Mail Dic	2.1 %	5.19	5 1 9	CRP		Insurance		1.9	%				1.4 %
9201 IP	lapan Airlines Co. Ltd.	1.3	3.470.00	3.470.00	IPY		SREN VX	Swiss Re AG	2.2	%	81.60	81.60	CHF	
9022 JP	Central Japan Railway Company	1.3	18,570.00	18,570.00	JPY		NN NA	NN Group N.V.	2.1		26.69	26.69	EUR	
		6.2 %				3.5 %	MPLAU	Medibank Private Ltd.	1.7		3.17	3.17	AUD	
GROWTH-OR	IENTED						-		6.1	%				5.5 %
Software an	d Services						Energy	Oil Service Refiners and Other						
OTC CT	Open Text Corporation	1.9 %	76.47	76.47	CAD		REP SM	Repsol SA	2.2	%	11.17	11.17	EUR	
HEXAB SS	Hexagon AB Class B	1.0	306.40	306.40	SEK		5020 JP	JX Holdings Inc.	2.1		415.90	415.90	JPY	
SGE LN	Sage Group plc	0.7	6.13	6.13	GBP		VPK NA	Royal Vopak NV	1.6		45.49	45.49	EUR	
	1.6	3.6 %				2.4 %			5.9	%				4.8 %
None	a semiconductors						Exploration None	and Production						
None		0.0 %				29 %	None		0.0	%				0.6 %
Health Care							Telecommu	inications						
Pharmaceuti	cals and Biotechnology						9432 JP	Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation	2.7	% 4	,529.00	4,529.00	JPY	
ATLN VX	Actelion Ltd.	2.2 %	156.20	156.20	CHF		8 HK	PCCW Limited	2.1		5.10	5.10	HKD	
BAYN CY	Raver AC	1.5	88.06	159.70	FLIR		WIC 55	minicom international cellular SA Swedish DK	5.1	%	4/0.10	4/0.10	SEK	63 %
JAZZ US	Jazz Pharmaceuticals Plc	0.7	148.57	148.57	USD		Utilities		5.1	,0				0.5 /0
	-	5.1 %				9.1 %	9502 JP	Chubu Electric Power CompanyIncorporated	2.5	% 1	,516.50	1,516.50	JPY	
Health Care	Equipment and Services						EOAN GY	E.ON SE	2.2		8.32	8.32	EUR	
2784 JP	Alfresa Holdings Corporation	2.0 %	2,292.00	2,292.00	JPY	1.6 %	EDF FP	Electricite de France SA	1.1		10.64	10.64	EUR	4.2 0/
		2.0 %				1.0 %			5.7	/0				4.3 %
							TOTAL		100.0	%				100.0 %
Source:	Empirical Research Partners	Analysis												

Exhibit 2: The International Large-Capitalization Model Portfolio As of Mid-June 2016

		Continental							
	Canada	U.K.	Europe		Japan	(ex-Japan)	(ex-Japan)		
Portfolio Weight	10.5 %	9.3 %	40.1	%	25.8	% 13.2	%	1.1	%
Benchmark Weight	7.8	14.5	43.6		22.7	10.7		0.6	

Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

High Dividend Yields: Worth the Price?

A New State of Affairs

Since the beginning of the 2000s, there's been a dramatic change in the way companies have used their cash. Exhibit 3 shows that excluding financials and utilities they're returning more cash to shareholders as payout ratios have gone up, while in comparison the level of capital spending vis-à-vis dividends paid has declined steadily. The pattern seems common to all sectors, the dividend payout ratios are up in most of them, particularly in the growth-oriented sectors (see Exhibit 4).



That trend has been fully endorsed by the market and the return of cash to shareholders has been applauded (see Exhibit 5). Meanwhile, stocks with the highest capital spending-to-depreciation ratios have fared poorly (see Exhibit 6). It's consistent with our Bretton Woods II narrative; companies are more capital-light while maintaining high free cash flow margins. So higher dividend payout ratios make sense and the market is rewarding that behavior. On the other hand, a lower level of capital expenditure also makes sense and again the market is penalizing those issues with high investment ratios.



¹ Equally-weighted USD-hedged returns. Stocks ranked across, and returns are relative to, the universe.

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With such a high dividend payout ratio across the market, the dividend yield has become an increasingly important part of the stock market's total returns. Dividend returns accounted for only a third of the non-U.S. developed market total return during the 40 years ending in 2010, but that share's been closer to half since then (see Exhibit 7). There's a specific pattern in the U.S. where share buybacks account for a significant share of the cash returned to shareholders, but in the rest of the developed world dividends remain the preferred method of returning capital to shareholders (see Exhibit 8).



With this preference intact the hurdle rate to reach the highest quintile of dividend yield has become higher post-Crisis across the non-U.S. developed markets (see Exhibit 9). Cross-region comparisons of dividend yield are complicated by different tax regimes, shareholder attitudes and business cycles. One consequence of this divergent regional behavior is that the U.S. again stands out as dividend yield is a less useful way of quantifying what's inexpensive there (see Exhibit 10).



¹ Equally-weighted returns. Stocks ranked across, and returns relative to, the region. Data for Canada and the U.K. drawn from our expanded universes. Canadian data begins in 1990.

With dividend payout ratios and bond yields trending in opposite directions over the past two decades, the gap between them is close to a historical high in all regions (see Exhibit 11). That's one rationale investors have used to justify an investment in dividend yielders as they're supposed to behave as "bond-proxies", and indeed their performance has become more correlated with that of bonds over the last few years (see Exhibit 12). Another important attractiveness for "bond-proxy" hunters is the supposed stability of dividends as long-term dividends strips are expected to be more stable than short-term ones, this would suggest that the dividend yield has some stability built in.¹



High Dividend Yielders' Characteristics: A Different Lot

The key characteristic today of high dividend yielders is their pricing: they're clearly expensive. That's particularly the case when excluding the financials from the analysis; with relative forward-P/E ratios and free cash flow yields at extreme levels, in the top percentile of their historic range (see Exhibits 13 and 14). It's also worth highlighting that the re-rating of those stocks has been especially pronounced since the Crisis, with the change in relative valuation since 2009 being quite acute. That again suggests that the "bond-proxy" theme has played an important role as the very low bond yield environment started post-Crisis.



¹ Belo, F., Collin-Dufresne, P. and Robert S. Goldstein, June 2015. "Dividend Dynamics and the Term Structure of Dividend Strips," The Journal of Finance, Volume 70, Issue 3.

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This analysis raises a major question mark on whether the recent outperformance of high dividend yielding stocks more recently can continue, as they're now in a position where their valuations are stretched. Any upside seems less certain to us.

Investing in high dividend yielders also comes with a number of biases which are important to highlight as they create exposure to several underlying factors. We'll have to take those into account in the following section when selecting issues to invest in. Most obvious is a sector bias, among high dividend yielders we find an abundance of the usual suspects: financials, energy, telecom and utilities stocks (see Exhibit 15). On a regional basis Japan is highly underrepresented (see Exhibit 16). High yielders tend to have better free cash flow margins (see Exhibit 17), but they're at a disadvantage when profitability is measured with return-on-equity or return-on-assets (see Exhibit 18). They're also more leveraged although this is a good example of how the sector mix creates bias: on a sector-neutral approach the result is less pronounced (see Exhibits 19 and 20).





Conclusion: Dividend Sustainability is the Key for Performance

We showed in Exhibit 10 earlier that the performance of dividend yielders has been very good in the non-U.S. developed markets. The recent past though shows a rockier picture with an erratic performance throughout the past few years (see Exhibit 21). This is typical of the behavior of this cohort: while the long-term performance is solid, the relative performance on shorter windows has always been more uneven. It's also worth noting that due to the large share of energy issues among high dividend yielders there's been a considerable drag in performance in the last couple of years. That's an example of how the sector bias can create adverse effects for investors. This recent volatility combined with highly stretched valuations, are reasons to question a pure dividend yield trade.

Sustainability of dividend payments is of the essence. Although these stocks are expensive on a number of metrics they are, by definition, the cheapest ones in terms of dividend yield. The risk then is to lose this last appeal if dividends are cut. That's why the intersection between high dividend yield and quality-related factors has generated much more outperformance than a simple dividend yield approach; both over the long-run and in the post-Crisis period (see Exhibits 22 and 23). This intersection has also provided a more stable return stream (see Exhibit 24).



' Equally-weighted USD-hedged returns

Source: Corporate Reports, Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

¹ Equally-weighted USD-hedged returns



We find that when combined with high dividend yields three factors have worked best in achieving a consistent and sustainable equity income strategy. The first factor is the level of cash held as a share of the market capitalization, a direct guaranty that companies will be able to pay future dividends; that factor also helps offset concerns over the higher leverage inherent among the top dividend yielders. Second, free cash flow yield, an additional valuation metric linked to the ability to pay; that assuages concerns about how expensive this cohort has become. Finally, return-on-assets has been helpful as a measure of profitability to the shareholder; the intersection of this factor with dividend yield has outperformed nearly 60% of the months since 2009, by far the best result among the factors. On the opposite side, a high payout ratio is a negative, as it is associated with sustainability issues.

In conclusion, high dividend yielders have become too expensive to be simply bought as a cohort. That highlights our fears over single factor betting as an investment approach that we touched on in recent U.S. research.² Instead investors should emphasize the sustainability of dividends for a more reliable bet. Appendix 1 on page 10 applies cash-to-market-capitalization, free cash flow yield and return-on-assets to produce a list of high-yielding stocks with strong sustainability characteristics.

² Stock Selection: Research and Results June 2016. "Picking Big Growers - What Works, Low-Beta Strategies - Duck and Cover."

Appendix 1: Developed Markets (ex-U.S.): Large and Mid-Capitalization Stocks Best Quintile of Dividend Yield with Attractive Stability Metrics Sorted by Sector and Composite Rank

As of Early-June 2016

					Qui	intiles (1=Best; 5	5=Wor	st)		-			
			Local		Free	Cach		Average	Coro	lemo:	- VTD		Market
		Price	Currency	Dividend	Flow	-to-Market		the	Model	P/F-	Return	C	anitalization
Cumebal	Company	(Less)	Controlley	Viald	Vield ¹	Conitalization	DO A	Three	Deals	F/L-	(Lesel)	4	
Symbol	Company	(LOCAI)	Code	field	riela	Capitalization	RUA	Inree	Rank	Ratio	(LOCAI)	((JSD Million)
Consumer C	y ciicais. Jurables												
FR FP	Valeo SA	44.55	EUR	1	1	2	2	1.7	3	12.5 x	(4.2)	%	\$11.873
PSN LN	Persimmon Plc	19.76	GBP	1	2	3	1	2.0	1	10.5	2.9		8,472
BKG LN	Berkeley Group Holdings plc	31.59	GBP	1	1	4	1	2.0	2	8.0	(14.3)		6,071
Retail and O	Other Consumer Cyclicals												
1880 HK	Belle International Holdings Limited	4.40	HKD	1	1	1	1	1.0	1	8.9 x	(24.4)	%	\$4,697
FLT AT	Flight Centre Travel Group Limited	32.20	AUD	1	2	1	1	1.3	2	12.7	(18.1)		2,378
WMH LN	William Hill PLC	2.94	GBP	1	1	3	1	1.7	2	13.0	(23.9)		3,614
MKS LN	Marks and Spencer Group plc	3.67	GBP	1	1	4	2	2.3	1	11.4	(15.1)		8,325
	IUIAG	12.57	EUR	1	1	2	4	2.3	2	11.3	(22.1)		8,201
	Li & Fung Limited	3.93	HKD	1	1	4	2	2.5	1	12.6	(22.7)		4,293
Media	Tabcorp Holdings Einited	4.40	AUD		'	2		2.5	2	19.5	(5.9)		2,755
PSM GY	ProSiebenSat 1 Media SE	42.96	FUR	1	1	3	1	17	2	169 x	(8.1)	%	\$10 576
ETL FP	Futelsat Communications SA	15.77	FUR	i	i	2	2	1.7	1	11.3	(42.9)	,,,	3.967
TL5 SM	Mediaset Espana Comunicacion SA	11.09	EUR	1	1	4	1	2.0	1	19.2	14.7		4,551
SESG FP	SES SA FDR (Class A)	18.56	EUR	1	1	4	2	2.3	4	14.5	(24.0)		11,472
MMB FP	Lagardere SCA	20.28	EUR	1	1	2	4	2.3	1	11.3	(21.9)		2,999
SKT NZ	SKY Network Television Limited	5.07	NZD	1	1	5	1	2.3	3	14.2	14.7		1,416
Capit al Equ	ipment												
MEO1V FH	Metso Oyj	21.11	EUR	1	1	2	1	1.3	4	18.2 x	7.0	%	\$3,521
BOKA NA	Royal Boskalis Westminster N.V.	30.30	EUR	1	1	2	2	1.7	2	13.9	(15.6)		4,404
8053 JP	Sumitomo Corporation	1,049.50	JPY	1		1	4	2.0	1	8.0	(13.6)		12,007
SKAB SS	Skanska AB Class B	1/5./0	SEK	1	1	2	5	2.0	2	13.9	(10.0)		8,916
6002 JP	Marubern Corporation	492.60		1	2	1	4	2.0	2	3.0	(19.6)		7,909
54 HK	Hopewell Holdings Limited	24.80	HKD	1	2 na	2	2	2.0	2	14.7	(9.0)		2 8 2 4
8031 IP	Mitsui & Co I td	1 291 50	IPY	1	1	1	5	2.0	1	12.3	(8.5)		21 362
EN FP	Bouvques SA	27.65	FUR	i	2	i	4	2.3	2	17.7	(20.2)		10,708
Indust rial C	ommodities				-	-			-		(====,		
EVK GY	Evonik Industries AG	25.92	EUR	1	1	2	2	1.7	3	14.0 x	(11.7)	%	\$13.651
UPM1V FH	UPM-Kymmene Oyj	16.90	EUR	1	1	3	2	2.0	1	11.8	3.2		10,132
ILCO IT	Israel Corporation Ltd.	699.50	ILS	1	1	1	4	2.0	1	NM	(0.9)		1,409
YAR NO	Yara International ASA	284.00	NOK	1	2	4	1	2.3	3	9.6	(22.0)		9,324
Transport s													
BPOST BB	bpost SA	23.89	EUR	1	2	2	1	1.7	1	14.6 x	6.5	%	\$5,433
293 HK	Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	12.08	HKD	1	2	1	3	2.0	1	7.7	(8.1)		6,162
HPHT SP	Hutchison Port Holdings Trust	0.45	USD	1	1	2	4	2.3	2	19.1	(10.2)		3,920
SGC LN	Stagecoach Group plc	2.51	GBP	1	3	2	2	2.3	2	9.4	(14.2)		2,047
AIR NZ	Air New Zealand Limited	2.22	NZD	1	5	1	1	2.3	1	4.8	(21.8)		1,742
Technology	: Software and Services												
	Silverlake Avis I td	0.53	SCD	1	2	4	1	23	3	14.2 v	(184)	%	\$1.028
Technology	Hardware and Semiconductors	0.55	565	•	2	-		2.5	5	14.2 X	(10.4)	70	\$1,020
ERICE SS	LM Fricsson Telefon AB Class B	61.20	SEK	1	2	1	2	1.7	2	12.9 x	(22.2)	%	\$24,136
VMS SP	Venture Corporation Limited	8.41	SGD	1	1	2	2	1.7	1	14.1	9.0		1,703
303 HK	VTech Holdings Limited	85.20	HKD	1	2	3	1	2.0	2	14.0	6.0		2,734
7751 JP	Canon Inc.	3,104.00	JPY	1	3	2	2	2.3	2	16.9	(15.5)		38,449
STM FP	STMicroelectronics NV	5.08	EUR	1	2	1	4	2.3	3	27.1	(16.4)		5,194
Consumer S	taples												
CCL AT	Coca-Cola Amatil Limited	8.71	AUD	1	2	2	2	2.0	2	16.2 x	(3.8)	%	\$4,853
CO FP	Casino Guichard-Perrachon SA	51.46	EUR	1	1	1	5	2.3	1	17.5	28.8		6,518
Financials:													
Banks, Cons	umer Finance and Other		5115								(2.0)		
KF FP	Eurazeo SA Conworth MI Canada Inc	50.45	EUR	1	1	na	2	1.0	1	16.9 X	(2.8)	%	\$4,631
	Wharf (Holdings) I to	45.60	LKD	1	1	na	2	2.0	1	11.6	27.9		17847
17 HK	New World Development Co. Ltd	7 54	HKD	1	÷	na	3	2.0	1	9.6	0.2		9169
PEGIN	Provident Financial PLC	27 31	GRP	1	3	na	1	2.0	3	15.8	(16.5)		5 697
19 HK	Swire Pacific Limited Class A	87.00	HKD	i	2	na	3	2.5	2	13.4	3.1		16,351
ASX AT	ASX Limited	44.82	AUD	1	3	na	2	2.5	2	20.1	8.1		6.382
SPSN SW	Swiss Prime Site AG	85.20	CHF	1	2	na	3	2.5	3	24.0	13.3		6,095
Capit al Mar	ket s												
IGM CT	IGM Financial Inc.	36.64	CAD	1	1	na	2	1.5	1	12.5 x	5.2	%	\$6,891
CIX CT	CI Financial Corp.	27.78	CAD	1	2	na	1	1.5	3	14.2	(7.4)		5,919
ADN LN	Aberdeen Asset Management PLC	2.65	GBP	1	1	na	2	1.5	2	13.7	(1.3)		4,840
HGG LN	Henderson Group plc	2.48	GBP	1	2	na	1	1.5	2	14.9	(17.6)		3,866
PTM AT	Platinum Asset Management Ltd	6.29	AUD	1	2	na	1	1.5	2	17.3	(20.1)		2,699
PPTAU	Perpetual Limited	42.97	AUD	1	2	na	1	1.5	2	15.2	(5.0)		1,456
EMG LN	Man Group Pic	1.24	GBP	1	2	na	2	2.0	2	9.4	(27.9)		3,006
	CAM Holding AC	2.00	GBP	1	2	na	2	2.0	2	16.7	(24.4)		2,000
	CAM Holding AG	812		1	2	rid.	2	2.0	3	18.0	(24.4)		2,077
Insurance		0.12	AUD	•	2	nu	-	2.0	2	15.7	(11.0)		1,705
FLF FP	Fuler Hermes Group S A	76 49	FUR	1	1	na	3	2.0	1	104 x	(8.4)	%	\$3.683
SAMAS FH	Sampo Oyi Class A	38.12	EUR	1	2	na	3	2.5	3	13.8	(14.6)	/-	24,063
Energy:					-		-		-		/		,
Integrated	s, Oil Service, Refiners and Other												
PFC LN	Petrofac Limited	7.26	GBP	1	1	1	5	2.3	2	8.7 x	(5.8)	%	\$3,575
DLEKG IT	Delek Group Ltd.	712.00	ILS	1	1	1	5	2.3	2	23.2	(6.6)		2,204
Telecommu	nications												
BEZQ IT	Bezeq The Israel Telecommunication Corp. Ltd.	7.24	ILS	1	1	3	1	1.7	3	14.2 x	(12.4)	%	\$5,216
FNTN GY	freenet AG	24.07	EUR	1	1	2	2	1.7	5	12.3	(18.3)		3,459
8 HK	PCCW Limited	5.13	HKD	1	1	2	3	2.0	1	15.5	16.5		5,086
	Proximus SA de droit public	28.25	EUR	1	1	4	2	2.3	5	16.2	(3.5)		10,868
3 ITI 3P	Starnub Llu	3.57	SGD	ſ	2	4	1	2.5	2	17.7	(0.6)		4,555
		14.40	FUD	1	1	,	4	2.0	2	100	(125)	0/	\$ 8 7 5 1
SEV FP	FNGIE SA	14.49	FUR	1	1	1	4	2.0	2	10.U X	(12.5)	70	30,701 37027
FOAN GY	E.ON SE	8 4 4	FUR	í	1	1	5	2.3	∠ 1	10.8	(0.0)		18 4 4 3
ACE IM	Acea S.p.A.	11.97	EUR	i	i	2	4	2.3	1	12.5	(15.7)		2.878
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