

Todd Q1 2023 Global Intrinsic Value Equity Income Review

	1Q2023	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	7 Years*	10 Years*
GIVEI (Gross)	-1.6%	-0.5%	19.7%	4.8%	7.1%	6.8%
(Net)	-1.7%	-1.1%	19.0%	4.2%	6.5%	6.2%
MSCI ACWI (Net)	7.3%	-7.4%	15.4%	6.9%	9.2%	8.1%
MSCI ACWI Value (Net)	1.2%	-5.5%	15.2%	4.3%	6.8%	5.9%

* Annualized Total Returns. Please refer to the attached Performance Disclosure for further information.

Performance Review

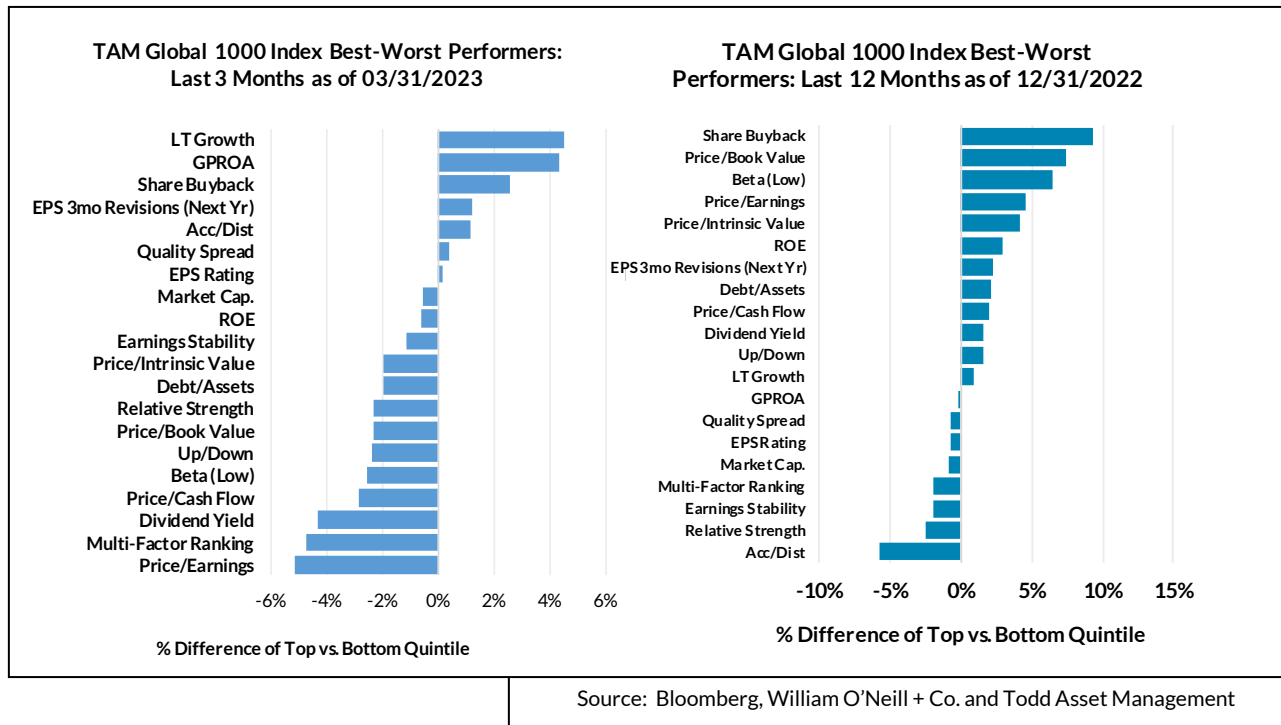
Our GIVEI strategy underperformed both indexes in the quarter and remained significantly ahead on a one year basis. The primary reason for this is the underperformance of Higher Yielding Stocks (see the factor analysis below) versus Lower Yielding stocks for the first quarter. The current yield at the end of the quarter was 5.1% versus the ACWI yield of 2.3%.

Performance for the first quarter was largely a 180 degree reversal from 2022 as the groups that worked through last year were among the largest laggards and vice-versa. Interest rates, which had been on an impressive move higher, took a breather in March and actually finished the quarter slightly lower than the start of the year in most developed markets. This coincided with various stresses that cropped up in the banking sector and increased the odds that rate hiking campaigns in the US and other areas would likely come to an end soon. This anticipation likely drove much of the outperformance from Technology and Consumer areas that were beaten down last year as policy got increasingly more restrictive. Bank stresses also revealed the impact that tighter policy has had on the real economy. As Warren Buffet once quipped, “only when the tide goes out do you learn who has been swimming naked.” Credit Suisse and several speculative US banks were the bad actors that were revealed this cycle. While this raised questions around systemic risk and overall credit health in the banking sector, things look to be contained. Credit default swaps, which are a good barometer of risk, have risen but are nowhere near levels we saw back in the Great Financial Crisis (2008) or European Debt Crisis (2010-11) on the banks we track. Capital positions at these banks also look to be much healthier than they were 15 years ago and offer more protection against any further stresses that may crop up. Stay tuned but the upcoming earnings season will give us all a good, timely glimpse at how sturdy the outlooks are for various parts of the market.

It is interesting that despite the anxiety the market digested in March, the ACWI ex-US finished the quarter up +7% and most developed market equity indices beat the S&P 500. That’s against a headwind from a resurgence of concentration in US markets that was largely driven by the FANG and Friends (which drove nearly 90% of the S&P 500’s return YTD). China’s reopening and improving GDP growth estimates in Europe are two meaningful offsets to various headwinds that cropped up in the quarter. Effects from the removal of “Zero Covid” restrictions in China late last year continue to show up with Non-Manufacturing PMI data rising to the highest level in more than

5 years. Chinese leadership has been reluctant to release much stimulus so this recovery is likely to be more organic and not as juiced as reopening episodes in the US. The dramatic drop in natural gas prices and Europe’s successful navigation of the winter months have been big drivers of growth estimate upgrades. This improved sentiment seems to be finding its way into industrial metals and some emerging market currencies as well. Prices of copper and iron ore are both up sharply over the past 6 months. Most emerging market currencies are up vs the US Dollar over the past 6 months as well. Oil prices have been trending lower since last summer, however the OPEC production cuts of several million barrels helped to lift prices of Brent over \$85/bbl.

Factor Performance¹



Our customary factor work picked up on the outperformance of Growth over Value in the quarter. This is a complete reversal from 2022, which you can see in the chart above. Growth was the best performing factor for the quarter along with a few Quality measures while Value and Relative Strength ranked at the bottom. Value underperformed mostly in March as Financial and Energy stocks got hit the hardest when banking stress became elevated. The most important factor is that Higher Dividend Yielding stocks underperformed Lower Dividend stocks by over 4% for the first quarter. It is almost impossible for this strategy to outperform the indexes when this happens as every stock in this strategy has an above average yield.

The underperformance in the first quarter was equally driven by our stock and sector selection. Stock selection in Financials, Consumer Staples and Information Technology were big drivers of our underperformance in the quarter. Sector selection in Information Technology and Energy hurt performance as well. From a regional perspective, our stock selection in the US and Europe accounted for all of the underperformance while our sector selection in Emerging Markets helped offset the underperformance.

We remain overweight Energy, Consumer Staples and Financials. We also remain underweight Consumer Discretionary, Technology. Among regions, we are overweight Europe, Canada and the United Kingdom. We are underweight Emerging Markets and Japan. Given the global focus of this strategy, we are able to find income outside of traditional high yielding US sectors (i.e. Consumer Staples, Utilities, REITs, etc.).

Our top five contributors to performance during the quarter were Bae Systems, Orange SA, LyondellBasell, Broadcom and National Grid. Bae Systems benefited from increased military sales from European Countries. Orange SA reported a strong fourth quarter, increased guidance for the year and raised its dividend. LyondellBasell is a beneficiary of increased commodity demand for the second half of the year. Broadcom reported a strong fourth quarter as well while raising forward guidance. Lastly, National Grid benefited from investors seeking safe havens in the first part of the year.

Our worst five detractors from performance during the quarter were Lincoln National, Citizens Financial, Pfizer, Huntington Bancshares and British American Tobacco. Lincoln National, Citizens Financial and Huntington Bancshares all were hurt from the Silicon Valley and Signature Bank failures in the beginning of the year. Pfizer was weak as the company is trying to reset its earnings after the COVID strength over the last couple of years. British American Tobacco was affected by the potential of a ban on Methanol cigarettes from regulators.

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MSCI ACWI (Net) – 345
MSCI ACWI Value (Net) –297

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1. The TAM Global 1000 index is a combination of the 500 largest US listed international companies by market cap and the S&P 500. This list is used for factor analysis where the index is ranked/sorted by a certain factor then divided into quintiles. Returns are then calculated on a monthly basis for each quintile.

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The composite performance has been compared to the following benchmark. The index is unmanaged, and not available for direct investment; it includes reinvestment of dividends; it does not reflect management fees or transaction costs. The volatility of the index and a client account will not be the same.

MSCI ACWI (net) Index is a float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The net index considers the impact of tax withholdings on dividend income.

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