

## Todd Q2 2023 International Intrinsic Value Opportunity Review

	2Q 2023	YTD	1 Year	3 Year*	5 Year*	7 Year*	Since Inception* (07/01/14)
International IV Opportunity (Gross)	4.06%	4.86%	13.66%	9.46%	3.44%	5.11%	2.02%
International IV Opportunity (Net)	3.84%	4.41%	12.72%	8.55%	2.57%	4.23%	1.17%
MSCI ACWI ex-US (Net)	2.44%	9.47%	12.71%	7.22%	3.52%	6.32%	3.01%
MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (Net)	2.96%	8.27%	12.19%	10.42%	2.65%	5.70%	1.64%

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

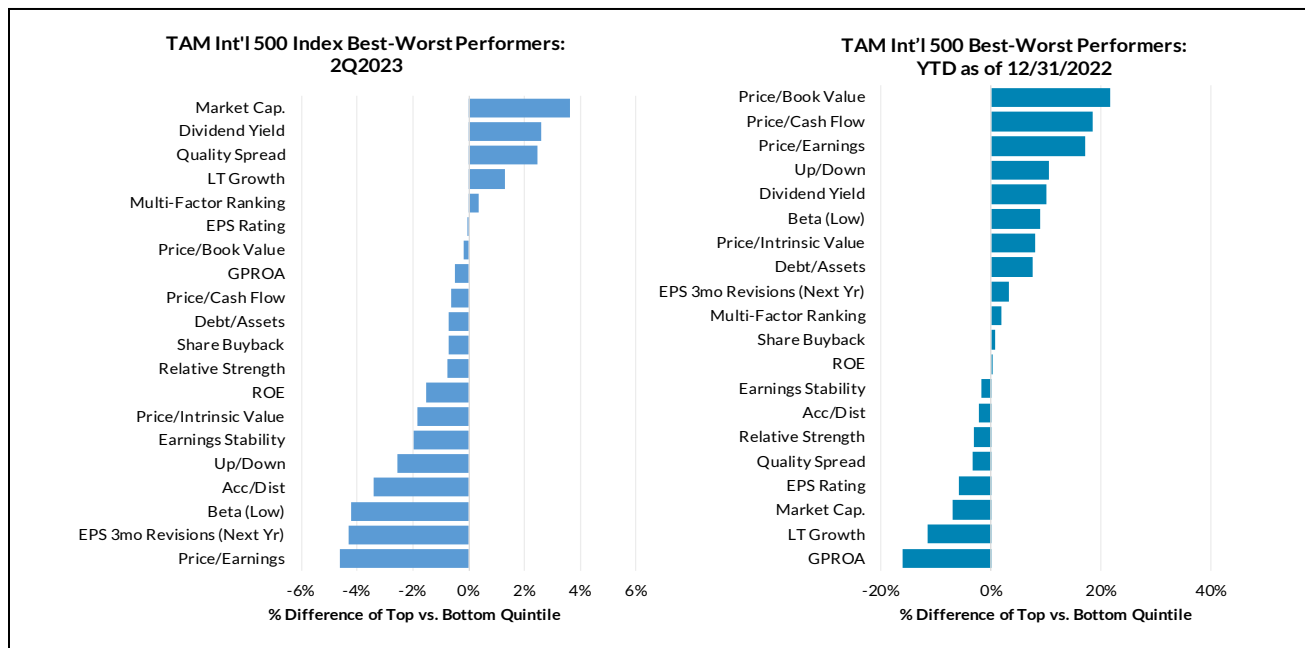
### Performance Review

We entered this year with a near unanimous call from consensus for a recession in 2023. Banking sector turmoil in March gave this forecast more credence and the recession trade got pulled forward. You didn't see it much at the index level, but our factor work showed a big shift in market internals as Value metrics materially underperformed in March, April and May. Given that the opportunity strategy is deeper value, performance lagged during this phase. Our relative performance bottomed in early May and finished ahead of the index for the quarter while still lagging year-to-date.

Overwhelming consensus is rarely rewarded in this business and that is proving true again this year. While we pulled forward recessionary forecasts in the first half of 2023, analysts are now pushing out that forecast into 2024 and beyond. The market, in its infinite wisdom, seems to be confirming lower immediate recession risks as well. Interest rates have increased and are approaching highs for the year in most developed markets. The Dollar just traded to 52-week lows following a better US CPI print. We can also see a number of foreign country indices at or near all time highs (e.g. Japan's Nikkei, German DAX, French CAC 40, etc.). This is likely reflective of both higher policy rates and better near term growth prospects. Economic data continues to send conflicting signals. The manufacturing sector globally is weak with most PMI readings in contractionary territory while services sectors are largely ok. Economic activity really hasn't been synchronous since the pandemic and that may simply be what we're seeing. Goods and manufacturing ran hot into last year as supply chain issues remained prevalent. Now that those pressures are abating, we are seeing more destocking and inventory adjustments which have led to the current soft patch. Services industries took longer to get up to speed through the pandemic. The other dynamic that challenged the recession call was an underappreciation for the amount of stimulus and liquidity that remains in the system from growth boosting initiatives announced during the heart of the pandemic. Yes, policy tightening has been significant over the past year. However most economies are still sitting on excess savings and liquidity, likely offsetting the impact of higher rates more than economists expected. This isn't to say we've sidestepped a recession, however the markets seem to have over played the recession card this year. Earnings

season again will be telling to see if we continue to reprice a lower immediate risk of recession as we move through the second half of the year.

### Factor performance<sup>1</sup>



Source: Bloomberg, William O'Neill + Co. and Todd Asset Management

Our factor work showed a broadening out in the month of June from what had been a very narrow set of metrics that were working. Year-to-date through the end of May, only 2 factors (LT Growth and Quality Spread) had any meaningful amount of outperformance while most Value metrics lagged. This changed in June as imminent recession expectations were pushed out leading to more participation from Value and Yield. Historically, our factor work has a tendency to narrow when uncertainty gets elevated, recessions get priced in and fundamentals become a bit disconnected from reality. This is usually short lived and we were happy to see investor preference broaden out last month.

Regionally, the strategy's outperformance for the quarter was driven by stock selection in Emerging Markets, Pacific ex-Japan, Japan and Canada. The UK and Europe were the two regions that detracted from performance. From a sector perspective, Health Care, Technology and Materials were responsible for most of the outperformance. Pharmaceuticals, Semiconductors and several heavy metals miners were the industries that drove returns in these sectors. Financials and Industrials were the two largest detracting sectors as several developed market banks and a staffing company in Europe lagged in the quarter.

Our top 5 performers for this quarter were Tokyo Electron, Flex, YPF, Bayerische Motoren (aka BMW) and Chugai Pharmaceutical. Electric Vehicle (EV) demand and increased expectations for the adoption of artificial intelligence in a variety of industries lifted sentiment for semiconductor names

like Tokyo Electron. Flex Ltd. rallied in the 2nd quarter as they saw robust growth across auto, industrial, and health solutions. This led management to raise FY24 earnings guidance and raise FY expectations for operating margins above 5% for the first time. YPF outperformed during the quarter as Argentinian stocks soared in anticipation of a changing political regime and that the new government will be more market friendly and stabilize the economy. BMW rallied as management expressed optimism about EV deliveries and potential margin expansion driven by EV segment. Chugai Pharmaceutical has benefitted from capital flows into the Japanese equity markets during the quarter along with better-than-expected sales of cancer treatment Alecensa and export sales of Hemlibra.

Our bottom 5 performers for this quarter were Capri Holdings, Vale, Randstad, TotalEnergies and ArcelorMittall. Capri struggled during the quarter as the Chinese consumer demand recovery optimism waned after some weak consumer related economic data points were released and management lowered guidance for the upcoming quarter. Iron ore sales at Vale missed expectations during the quarter due to inventory restocking and weaker prices which led earnings estimates to come down for 2023. Randstad saw shares fall during the quarter as temporary staffing volumes continued to decline throughout North America and Europe. This caused top-line growth to stall and management turned cautious on the outlook. TotalEnergies traded weaker on the back of lower crude prices during the quarter. This was exacerbated by lower-than-expected production volumes. ArcelorMittall traded lower during the quarter on weaker than expected results as the company witnessed price erosion and lower year-over-year shipments due to maintenance at two of the company's furnaces in Europe.

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MSCI ACWI ex-US (Net) – 282

MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (Net) – 280

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