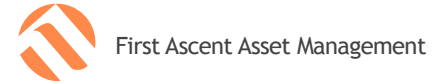


Global Diversification



Why Invest Internationally

International markets provide a wide range of investment opportunities for US investors. The US stock market represents just a little over half of the global stock market and only about 15% of global GDP.

The Cycles of Return

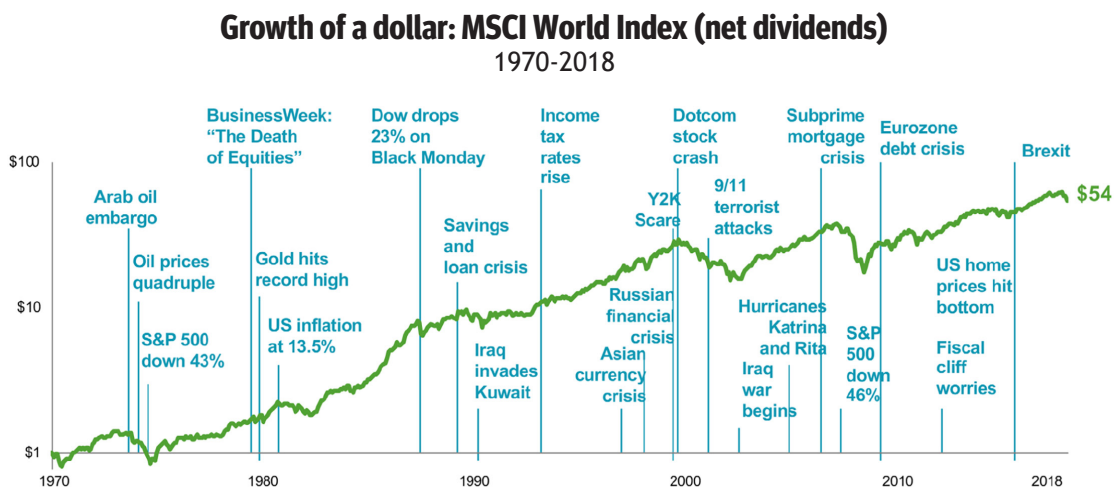
Historically, US and non-US stocks have outperformed each other in impossible to predict cycles. As you can see below, market leadership can change quickly and dramatically. Between 2007 and 2010, for example, US stocks and global stocks exchanged leadership every year for four years in a row.



In the recent past the US market has had a good run relative to international markets. But many experts believe the return outlook for international markets going forward is superior to the US market.

Is Now the Right Time?

The world is full of uncertainty and negative events. Over time, however, markets rise anyway. This graph shows the steady growth of the MSCI World Index over 50 years of crises and catastrophes.



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The message is clear. Investors cannot wait on the sidelines until the world outlook is rosy—it never is. The rewards come to investors with the discipline to stay the course despite times of trouble.