

As of March 31, 2025

## Market Review

Global Equities (as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index) declined for a second consecutive quarter, losing 1.32% as aggressive U.S. trade policy fostered global market uncertainty. Emerging Markets outperformed Developed Markets overall for the period, with the latter weighed down by tariff-related volatility in the U.S. and the former benefiting from dollar weakness. Europe was the top performing region, with lower interest rates, easing inflation, and commitments to infrastructure and defense spending elevating growth prospects in Germany. Spain, Norway and Italy also had strong market returns for the period. Energy and Financials were the strongest global sectors while Information Technology shares lagged, both coinciding with investor preference for value stocks over more growth-oriented shares. Higher-quality, more profitable stocks, which often command premium pricing, were also out of favor. Investors also preferred large-cap stocks over small-caps as global growth prospects weakened amid trade concerns.

## QVS Factor Performance

The RS Global team's proprietary QVS (Quality, Valuation and Sentiment) Model evaluates over 10,000 global companies in search of the best investment opportunities. It is designed to identify companies that have the potential to consistently create shareholder value, are reasonably valued, and exhibit favorable market sentiment. The model helps us focus our resources, as we conduct additional research only on companies with the strongest model recommendations.

Stocks in the highest-ranked quintile of the model outperformed stocks ranked in the lowest quintile for the period, led by the Valuation factor, though Quality and Sentiment were also positive. Overall returns were also positive across regions, and underlying Quality, Valuation and Sentiment factor spreads were also mostly positive. The model was stronger in Asia/Pacific ex Japan, North America and Europe, and weaker in Japan.

## Performance and Positioning

The Victory RS Global Fund (the "Fund") returned -4.75% (Class A Shares at net asset value) for the period, while its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index (net) (the "Index"), returned -1.32%.

Negative stock selection in the Industrials, Communication Services and Consumer Discretionary sectors detracted from relative performance for the period. Stock selection was positive in the Information Technology sector. By region, stock selection was negative in North America, Emerging Markets and Europe, while an underweight to North America and an overweight to Asia/Pacific ex Japan provided positive allocation impacts. Country-level detractors included the United States, Germany and Japan, while contributors included Spain, Canada and Austria.

Individual detractors from relative performance included data-driven advertising platform provider Trade Desk, Inc., digital infrastructure solutions company Vertiv Holdings Co., and air transporter Delta Air Lines, Inc., all based in the United States.

Positive contributors included Canadian gold producer Agnico Eagle Mines Limited and Spanish multinational financial services firm Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. The Fund also benefited from not owning U.S.-based semiconductor company Broadcom Inc., which performed poorly within the benchmark.

## Outlook

U.S. trade policy may be a headwind for global growth in the near term. Despite recent performance, economic activity in Europe, the U.K. and elsewhere remains subdued. Further tightening of trade may raise the prospect of recession despite any local economic stimulus.

That said, what is most important is to stay the course and be true to our quality-oriented investment process. We remain keenly aware of market volatility and will stay vigilant when constructing our portfolios, remaining sector- and region-neutral, as we believe that strong risk management should stand at the forefront. Making correct macro allocation calls can be immensely challenging; therefore, we do not forecast regional performance. In our view, stock selection can be far more impactful to strategy performance than allocation.

We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

***The Victory RS Global Markets Team***

| Top Ten Holdings                | % Fund |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Apple Inc.                      | 5.24   |
| NVIDIA Corporation              | 4.17   |
| Microsoft Corporation           | 3.87   |
| Amazon.com, Inc.                | 2.60   |
| Alphabet Inc. Class C           | 2.52   |
| Meta Platforms Inc. Class A     | 2.45   |
| Eli Lilly and Company           | 2.07   |
| Mastercard Incorporated Class A | 1.94   |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.            | 1.90   |
| McDonald's Corporation          | 1.84   |

| Region Allocation | % Fund |
|-------------------|--------|
| North America     | 62.12  |
| Europe            | 12.96  |
| Asia/Pac x Japan  | 6.14   |
| Emerging          | 4.71   |
| Japan             | 4.48   |
| Other             | 3.72   |
| United Kingdom    | 3.53   |
| Cash              | 1.82   |
| [ETF]             | 0.51   |

### Investment Performance (%)

Average Annual Returns as of March 31, 2025

| Victory RS Global Fund<br>(Class A – RSGGX) | Q1 2025 | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Since<br>Inception<br>(5/16/11) | Expense Ratio |      |
|---|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|------|
|   |         |        |        |        |        |         |                                 | Gross         | Net  |
| A Shares, without sales charge              | -4.75   | -4.75  | 5.00   | 7.86   | 15.60  | 10.51   | 10.45                           | 1.17          | 0.85 |
| A Shares, with sales charge (max. 5.75%)    | -10.24  | -10.24 | -1.03  | 5.76   | 14.23  | 9.85    | 9.98                            | 1.17          | 0.85 |
| MSCI All Country World Index (Net)          | -1.32   | -1.32  | 7.15   | 6.91   | 15.18  | 8.84    | –                               | –             | –    |

Source: Victory Capital data analyzed through Zephyr

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**The MSCI All-Country World Index (ACWI)** is a free float-adjusted, market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of large- and mid-cap stocks across developed and emerging markets.

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