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## Market in Review

Following the dramatic equity market sell-off during the first quarter of 2020, as the novel coronavirus shook the foundations of economies and societies globally, markets reversed course sharply in the second quarter of the year. Many indexes rebounded to where they had started at the beginning of the year, specifically in North America, and interestingly in China as well, almost as if a global pandemic and economic lockdown had never occurred.

Markets have been fueled by record amounts of liquidity provided by central banks and fiscal stimulus from governments that have powered money supply relative to economic growth and, in turn, have aided financial assets. But the debt that has been created will not disappear any time soon, and it was layered upon a financial system that was already heavily indebted. Equity multiples have expanded in this environment, and there has also been evidence of speculative investment activity on the part of retail investors, among others. Many growth stocks, particularly in the most popular sector, Technology, are showing signs of valuation excess, and the historic performance gap between growth stocks and value stocks has widened even further. The level of success achieved by central banks and governments regarding reflation efforts will determine which sectors do better down the road. Most major markets are positioned for low growth and deflation, certainly not for the inflation which the powers that be are trying to create.

Following the market drawdown and partial recovery in the first half of the year, little remains in the way of rotation in market leadership, with growth-oriented businesses outperforming their value peers, and larger capitalization stocks outperforming the smaller capitalization universe. In this environment, it is a challenge for fundamental investors to keep up with indexes that have essentially become both narrative- and momentum-led. Marathon maintains its belief that a focus on the supply side, long term fundamentals, and a valuation discipline remains important to preserve capital.

## Portfolio Performance

In the second quarter of 2020, the Harbor Diversified International All Cap Fund (Institutional Class, "the Fund") returned 16.71%, outperforming its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Ex. US (ND) Index, which returned 16.12%.

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# Harbor Diversified International All Cap Fund

Manager Commentary

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During the quarter, a tidal wave of economic stimulus swept equity markets off of the COVID-19-induced lows experienced near the tail end of March. Stock selection within Europe, particularly in the U.K., and emerging markets contributed positively to performance. Stock-specific exposure within Japan, which is more domestically orientated, along with stock-level exposure in Hong Kong weighed slightly on relative returns.

From a sector standpoint, stock selection within Consumer Discretionary and Materials contributed positively to overall performance. Conversely, stock-level exposure within the Information Technology and Health Care sectors weighed on performance. Additionally, relative gains delivered from the Fund's overweight exposure to Industrials were more than offset by stock-specific exposure in that sector.

## Contributors and Detractors

Contributing to performance was mining giant Anglo American Platinum. Severe volatility in company shares continued into the second quarter; however, this time in the Fund's favor. The reopening of automotive manufacturing plants and early signs of improving economic activity helped reduce levels of uncertainty in the demand outlook for input materials. This, in turn, drove shares in Anglo American Platinum up over 70.0% (in USD terms).

HelloFresh also contributed during the quarter. The group raised its guidance, as COVID-19 restrictions led to increased demand for its product and based on the continued strong performance of company shares.

Taiwan-based, high-end, bicycle frame maker Giant Manufacturing delivered positive performance, as investors speculated that the COVID-19-induced surge in demand for bicycles could be sustained for some time as, for example, commuters look for ways to avoid mass transportation. The company's shares soared over 100.0% (in USD terms) during the quarter.

In contrast, U.K. foodservice company Compass Group was the largest detractor from performance during the period, and the group launched its largest-ever equity raise to help survive the COVID-19-imposed lockdown. During May, the company announced that revenues had fallen significantly in March and April, as nearly its entire customer base, which includes offices, airports, sporting venues, and schools, had closed, and in the process, destroyed demand for its wholesale food services.

Not owning Canada-based e-commerce company Shopify weighed on relative returns. The company is an obvious beneficiary of COVID-19-induced restrictions resulting in shoppers choosing online e-commerce rather than brick and mortar retailers.

South African packaged goods company Tiger Brands also detracted from performance during the quarter. The group warned of hefty write-downs related to its export business in light of the deteriorating global outlook.

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## Buys and Sells

A position was initiated in Bank Mandiri, the largest bank in Indonesia, as market concerns surrounding COVID-19 provided an opportunity for investment at an attractive valuation. The top four banks in Indonesia control around 55.0% of the market and a majority of industry profitability. Bank Mandiri has the lowest cost of funds in the sector, thanks to a wide deposit-taking network, and its lending is mostly corporate and retail, where net interest margins tend to be high. This allows the company to maintain high operational returns on assets and equity while keeping leverage low. Although it is a government-linked bank, overt interference from the government has been minimal, allowing the outfit to be professionally managed.

Chilean copper producer Antofagasta operates in a consolidated market structure. However, valuation had reached its desired peak, and therefore the position was sold to deploy capital elsewhere.

## Outlook

The team at Marathon-London continues to focus on, look for, and invest in companies that exhibit favorable supply-side dynamics and have management teams with a track record of allocating capital efficiently. We are not looking to become epidemiologists, macro prognosticators, or react to market volatility. Instead, we remain committed to our long term investment philosophy and the search for good stewards of our clients' capital.

For Marathon-London's MSCI All Country World Ex. US Strategy and our emerging markets model, in particular, the Fund's relative performance over the year-to-date period, and specifically over the last three years, has been largely influenced by the Fund's relative weighting to China versus the MSCI All Country World Ex. US Index weighting, which has grown significantly over that period. That material underweight exposure is a residual of Marathon-London's bottom-up stock selection process, which is anchored around the capital cycle investment philosophy employed by the team and not reflective of top-down or 'macro' factors. However, it is worth continuing to highlight to our investors that Marathon views the continuation of debt-funded growth, in conjunction with direct government-backed injections of capital, in that market as perpetuating overcapacity across several key industries and fostering poor capital allocation decisions by management teams of companies domiciled in that market. These dynamics are not a recipe for success over the long term, in our view. This opinion is also supported by empirical data and longer term rates of return within that market. Marathon-London, therefore, continues to find better opportunities to deploy our clients' capital elsewhere within the emerging markets opportunity set.

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## ECONOMIC SECTORS

	% of Net Assets
Industrials	19.47
Financials	14.09
Consumer Discretionary	13.96
Consumer Staples	12.40
Information Technology	10.04
Health Care	9.19
Communication Services	8.29
Materials	7.94
Energy	2.48
Utilities	0.55
Real Estate	0.52

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

Company Name	% of Net Assets
1. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co	1.58
2. Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	1.51
3. Roche Holding AG	1.49
4. Coloplast AS	1.14
5. Vestas Wind Systems AS	0.98
6. Novo Nordisk AS	0.97
7. Intertek Group plc	0.91
8. Barrick Gold Corp.	0.89
9. Baidu Inc. ADR	0.88
10. HelloFresh SE	0.88

## TOP TEN COUNTRIES

Country	% of Net Assets
Japan	17.20
United Kingdom	15.31
Canada	7.41
Denmark	4.81
France	4.56
Taiwan	4.43
Australia	4.37
Germany	4.35
South Korea	3.85
Switzerland	3.59

## TOTAL RETURNS

	Three Months	1 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Since Incp. (11/02/2015)	Expense Ratios Net	Gross
Harbor Diversified International All Cap Fund - INST	16.71%	-8.26%	N/A	N/A	2.07%	0.80%	0.95%
MSCI All Country World Ex. US (ND) Index	16.12%	-4.80%	N/A	N/A	3.71%		

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