

# International Small Cap ETF

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### PERFORMANCE As of March 31, 2025

	ANNUALIZED			
Returns (%)	Q1 2025	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception March 23, 2022
International Small Cap ETF (NAV)	4.89%	5.20%	2.94%	2.93%
International Small Cap ETF (Market Price)	5.37%	5.42%	3.47%	3.10%
MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (net div.)	3.40%	3.58%	0.81%	0.89%

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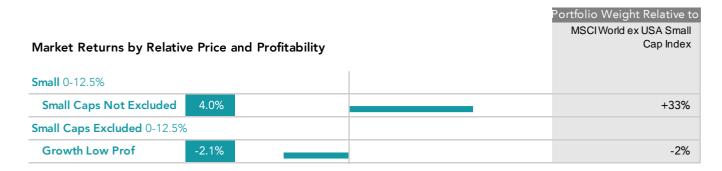
The portfolio's benchmark is the MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends).

# **PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS Q1 2025**

The portfolio returned 4.9% for the quarter, leading the MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index by 1.5%. The portfolio's exclusion of small cap stocks with high relative prices and low profitability contributed to relative performance.

Global equity markets declined in the first quarter of 2025, with the MSCI All Country World IMI Index returning -1.6%. Developed and emerging markets highlighted the benefits of country diversification, with the MSCI World ex USA IMI Index returning 5.8%, and the MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index returning 1.7%, each exceeding the US, where the Russell 3000 returned -4.7%. While global markets reacted to ongoing threats of tariffs and retaliation, some countries like China and Mexico led US returns by double digits notwithstanding. Global inflation remained stubborn in January and February, leaving upcoming central bank rate cuts in question. Globally, value stocks outperformed growth stocks, while both the small cap and profitability premiums were negative.

In non-US developed markets, small cap growth stocks with low profitability underperformed other small caps by 6%. The portfolio held 2% less weight in these names than the index, benefitting relative performance and leading to outperformance.



Market Returns are computed from MSCI World ex USA IMI Index published security weights and Dimensional computed security returns. Company size designations are based on total market capitalization in each country or region. Relative price (e.g. Value and Growth) designations are based on price-to-book ratios. Profitability ("Prof") designations are based on operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense, scaled by book. Unless shown, underlying holdings in REITs and Utilities, identified by GICS code, and stocks without size, relative price, or profitability metrics, rights, warrants, cash, cash equivalents, ETFs, and bonds are excluded. Weights are based on monthend averages over the period.

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# **PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE**

Dimensional's International Small Cap ETF is designed to capture the returns associated with the small cap premium in non-US developed markets by investing in the smallest 12.5% of stocks by market capitalization in each eligible country or region. Within this universe, the portfolio is designed to target higher-expected-return securities by excluding stocks with both the highest relative prices and lowest profitability as well as stocks with high asset growth. Valuation theory says that stocks with such characteristics have lower expected returns than other small cap stocks. Consistent with valuation theory, empirical research shows that stocks with these characteristics have had particularly low average returns historically. Additionally, the portfolio excludes real estate investment trusts (REITs) from purchase to allow investors to customize their real estate exposure. The portfolio uses information in market prices every day to systematically pursue higher expected returns while managing risks and controlling costs.

# **EQUITY MARKET OVERVIEW** Non-US Developed Markets Returns (USD), Q1 2025

SIZE

Large 6.1%

Small 3.6%

Small caps underperformed large caps RELATIVE PRICE

VALUE	GROWTH
9.4%	2.7%
6.1%	1.1%

Value stocks outperformed growth stocks within both large and small caps

**PROFITABILITY** 

HIGH PROF	LOW PROF
4.7%	7.4%
3.4%	3.8%

High profitability stocks underperformed low profitability stocks within both large and small caps

# Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Market Returns are computed from MSCI World ex USA IMI Index published security weights, Dimensional computed security returns and Dimensional classification of securities based on size, value, and profitability parameters. Within the US, Large Cap is defined as approximately the largest 90% of market capitalization in each country or region; Small Cap is approximately the smallest 10%. Within the non-US developed markets, Large Cap is defined as approximately the largest 87.5% of market capitalization in each country or region; Small Cap is approximately the smallest 12.5%. Within emerging markets, Large Cap is defined as approximately the largest 85% of market capitalization in each country or region; Small Cap is approximately the smallest 15%. Designations between value and growth are based on price to book ratios. Value is defined as the 50% of market cap with the lowest price to book ratios by size category and growth is the highest 50%. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. High profitability is defined as the 50% of market cap with the highest profitability by size category and low profitability is the lowest 50%. REITs and utilities, identified by GICS code, and stocks without size, relative price, or profitability metrics are excluded from this analysis. GICS was developed by and is the exclusive property of MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. Countries not in the Dimensional investable universe are excluded from the analysis. Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. MSCI data © MSCI 2025, all rights reserved.

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