

# World ex US Core Equity 2 ETF

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## PERFORMANCE As of March 31, 2025

ANNUALIZED

Returns (%)	Q1 2025	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	Since Inception March 6, 2008
World ex US Core Equity 2 ETF (NAV)	4.81%	5.83%	4.54%	13.26%	5.58%	5.40%	4.21%
World ex US Core Equity 2 ETF (Market Price)	5.66%	6.15%	4.93%	13.37%	5.63%	5.43%	4.24%
MSCI All Country World ex USA IMI Index (net div.)	4.59%	5.50%	3.99%	11.02%	5.02%	5.02%	—

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Prior to listing on September 13, 2021, the ETF operated as a mutual fund. The NAVs of the predecessor mutual fund are used for both NAV and market price performance from inception to listing. The portfolio's benchmark is the MSCI All Country World ex USA Index (net dividends). The following World ex US Core Equity 2 ETF after-tax returns are calculated using the assumed highest marginal tax rate for capital gains and ordinary income. Income from funds managed for tax efficiency may be subject to an alternative minimum tax and/or any applicable state and local taxes: **After Tax Pre-Liquidation** 1 Year: 5.07%, 5 Year: 12.61%, 10 Year: 5.03%; **After Tax Post-Liquidation** 1 Year: 3.96%, 5 Year: 10.64%, 10 Year: 4.46%

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS Q1 2025

**The portfolio returned 4.8% for the quarter, leading the MSCI All Country World ex USA IMI Index by 0.2%.** The portfolio's emphasis on value stocks contributed to relative performance. Conversely, the portfolio's emphasis on small cap stocks detracted from 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 markets, value stocks outperformed growth stocks by 6%. The portfolio held 11% more weight in value stocks than the index, which benefitted relative performance. For example, the portfolio held less weight in Novo Nordisk, a growth stock, which returned -20% for the period. While small caps underperformed and detracted, the positive value premium outweighed this impact, and the portfolio outperformed.

Market Returns by Relative Price		Portfolio Weight Relative to MSCI All Country World ex USA IMI Index	
Value 0-50%	7.6%		+11%
Growth 50-100%	1.6%		-10%

Market Returns are computed from MSCI All Country 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 month-end averages over the period.

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## PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

Dimensional's World ex US Core Equity 2 ETF is an integrated solution that pursues size, value, and profitability premiums within non-U.S. developed and emerging all cap stocks with broad diversification, low turnover, and consideration of the impact of federal income taxes on returns. We believe that focusing on multiple premiums improves the reliability of outperformance over the market, as the premiums targeted generally don't move in lockstep. 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 *All Country ex US Markets Returns (USD), Q1 2025*

	SIZE	RELATIVE PRICE		PROFITABILITY	
		VALUE	GROWTH	HIGH PROF	LOW PROF
Large	4.9%	8.1%	1.8%	3.3%	6.5%
Small	1.9%	3.8%	0.1%	1.3%	2.4%
	Small caps underperformed large caps	Value stocks outperformed growth stocks within both large and small caps		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 All Country 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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