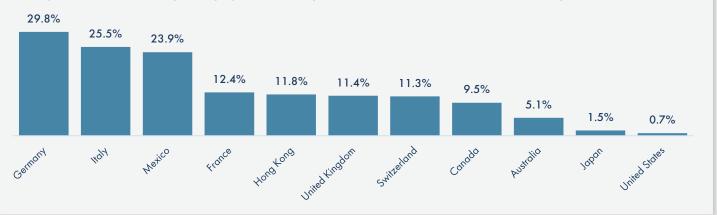


## THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL YTD PERFORMANCE BY COUNTRY

Recent changes in the geopolitical environment are acting as a catalyst for international out-performance, and the importance of including a large portfolio weight in international markets continues to grow.



## DIVERSIFICATION ACROSS INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

The VPI Global Equity Pool is highly diversified across several key international markets. These countries all have their own respective growth tailwinds.



Note: YTD performance (December 31, 2024 to July 7, 2025) depicts the performance of major stock markets in CAD. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Source: Bloomberg, Value Partners Investments.





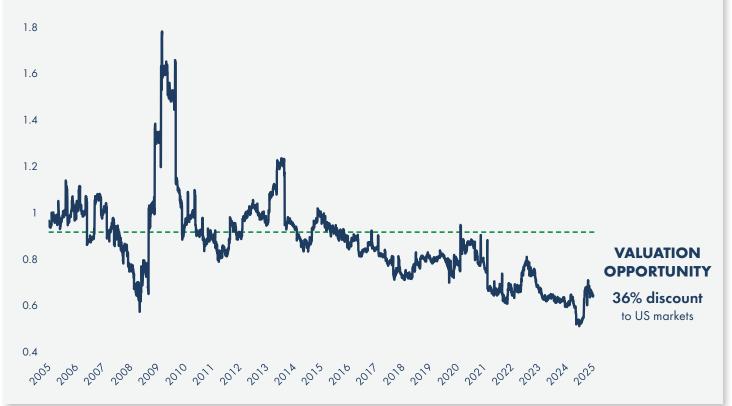
## **EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD**

International opportunities are expanding on the back of US imposed tariffs which bodes well for growing trade relationships and investment outside of North America. For example, Germany is significantly boosting defense and infrastructure spending, to drive growth and meet NATO commitments:



## INTERNATIONAL REMAINS HIGHLY UNDERVALUED RELATIVE TO OTHER MARKETS

**GLOBAL DEVELOPED MARKETS VS UNITED STATES VALUATION** 



Note: Expanding Opportunities Abroad amounts shown in Euros and as of March 18, 2025. Valuation chart shows trailing P/E multiples of the MSCI EAFE and S&P 500 Index between June 30, 2005 and June 30 2025. Source: German Parliament, Bloomberg, Value Partners Investments.



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Note: Dividend figures are as of fiscal year end. Source: Bloomberg, Value Partners Investments.

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Note: Currency for Itochu is Japanese Yen. Currency for AIA is USD. As of July 10, 2025. Source: Itochu and AIA's investor relations websites.

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## **STANDARD PERFORMANCE DATA**

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	15 YEAR
SERIES A	<b>9.5</b> %	13.1%	8.3%	2.8%	<b>5.9</b> %
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Note: As of June 30, 2025. Series A units. Source: Value Partners Investments Inc.

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