# **American Beacon**

## **International Equity Fund**

Quarterly Sub-Advisor Contributions to Fund Performance as of December 31, 2018



| Institutional Class: AAIEX lotal Fund AUM: \$2.6 bill          |                  |        |                               |        |        |        |        | billion |
|--|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|  |                  |        | Total Net Return <sup>1</sup> |        |        |        |        |         |
|  | Sub-Advisors (%) | QTR    | YTD                           | 1 YR   | 3 YR   | 5 YR   | 10 YR  | 20 YR   |
| American Beacon International Equity Fund                      |                  | -14.07 | -16.37                        | -16.37 | 1.54   | -0.89  | 5.90   | 4.74    |
| Causeway Capital Management LLC                                | 33.6             | -14.43 | -17.63                        | -17.63 | 2.47   | -0.29  | 7.69   | 7.02    |
| Lazard Asset Management LLC                                    | 33.2             | -11.79 | -11.76                        | -11.76 | 1.68   | 0.85   | 6.69   | _       |
| Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC                              | 33.2             | -14.59 | -16.71                        | -16.71 | 2.27   | -1.84  | 5.55   | 5.47    |
| MSCI EAFE Index  |                  | -12.54 | -13.79                        | -13.79 | 2.87   | 0.53   | 6.32   | 3.52    |
| Morningstar category: Foreign Large Value                      |                  | -12.36 | -15.38                        | -15.38 | 2.20   | -0.63  | 5.19   | 4.03    |
| Better / (Worse) vs. MSCI EAFE Index                           |                  | (1.53) | (2.58)                        | (2.58) | (1.33) | (1.42) | (0.42) | 1.22    |
| Better / (Worse) vs. Morningstar category: Foreign Large Value |                  | (1.71) | (0.99)                        | (0.99) | (0.66) | (0.26) | 0.71   | 0.71    |

Periods more than one year have been annualized. Expense Ratio: 0.73%

Performance shown is historical and is not indicative of future returns. Investment returns and principal value will vary, and shares may be worth more or less at redemption than at original purchase. Performance shown is as of date indicated, and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain performance as of the most recent month end, please visit american beaconfunds.com or call 800.967.9009.

#### SUB-ADVISOR COMMENTARIES

#### Causeway Capital Management LLC ("Causeway")

- The top-performing markets in Causeway's investable universe included Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain and Switzerland. The worst-performing markets included Austria, Belgium, Norway, Ireland and Germany.
- Relative underperformance was due to holdings in the United Kingdom, Canada and Italy, but some of it was offset from holdings in Germany, China and South Korea.
- The best-performing sectors in the benchmark were Utilities, Real Estate and Communication Services. The worst-performing sectors were Energy, Information Technology and Materials.
- The Causeway sleeve's holdings in the Insurance, Banks, Food Beverage & Tobacco, and Energy industry groups, as well as an underweight position
  in the Real Estate industry group detracted from relative performance. Holdings in the Materials, Automobiles & Components, Consumer Durables &
  Apparel, and Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology industry groups, as well as an overweight allocation in Communication Services, offset some of the
  relative underperformance.

#### **Lazard Asset Management LLC**

- **Contributors:** Security selection in the Consumer Discretionary, Materials and Real Estate sectors contributed to performance. Security selection in Japan and a higher-than-benchmark allocation to the United Kingdom also contributed to performance.
- **Detractors:** Security selection in the Financials, Consumer Staples and Energy sectors detracted from performance. Security selection in Continental Europe and a lower-than-benchmark allocation to Asia ex-Japan also detracted from performance.

### **Templeton Investment Counsel, LLC**

- **Contributors:** In the Industrials sector, a combination of security selection and an underweight allocation particularly in the Capital Goods industry group made a solid contribution to relative returns. In the Information Technology sector, security selection contributed as well. From a regional perspective, in Denmark, an overweight allocation and security selection were the greatest contributors to relative performance.
- **Detractors:** The Financials sector was a relative detractor due to security selection in the Banks and Insurance industry groups. In the Energy sector, an overweight allocation and security selection held back relative returns for the quarter. In the Health Care sector, security selection primarily in the Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Life Sciences industry groups further dampened relative results. In the Materials sector, security selection weighed on relative performance. From a regional perspective, security selection in Israel and an overweight allocation to Ireland were the largest detractors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Sub-advisor returns are net of investment management fees only. Fund returns are net of all fees.

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