

Federated Hermes International Small-Mid Company global IPO update

The Federated Hermes International Small-Mid Company (SMID) Fund can provide early access to promising growth companies around the world.

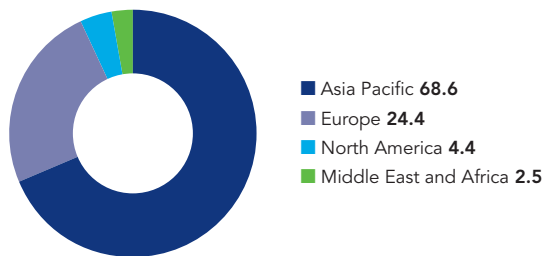
Global IPO market update

Beyond the U.S., the global initial public offering (IPO) market provides many opportunities for diligent investment management teams to pursue long-term growth. The global IPO market warmed modestly in 3Q22, raising \$45 billion, up 30% from 2Q22. Asia Pacific IPOs accounted for 68.6% of all proceeds raised this quarter, while Europe (24.4% of proceeds raised), finished strong due to Volkswagen's Porsche spin-off, raising \$8 billion through an IPO.

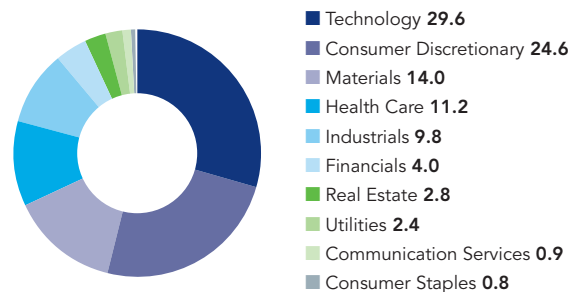
Global IPO activity – last five quarters

	3Q22	2Q22	1Q22	4Q21	3Q21
Number of deals	112	79	97	226	198
Proceeds raised (billions)	\$45.0	\$34.7	\$42.9	\$107.7	\$87.7
Median deal size (millions)	\$203.0	\$190.0	\$209.0	\$255.0	\$271.0

3Q22 Regional breakdown (%)



3Q22 Sector breakdown (%)*



As of 9/30/22. Source: Renaissance Capital. Global statistics include IPOs with a deal size of at least \$100 million and exclude closed-end funds and SPACs. Percentages represent the percentage of proceeds raised per region and sector in 3Q22.

*Totals may not add or match due to rounding.

Federated Hermes International SMID Company Fund IPO overview in 3Q22

Actively selective

The International SMID team participates in IPO discussions around the world seeking the most promising growth prospects. During the third quarter of 2022, the team considered, but did not participate, in any IPOs. The team remains actively selective in global IPO offerings and as of 9/30/22, 10.95% of the fund's holdings were purchased at IPO.



Thomas Banks, CFA
Portfolio Manager

"IPOs have always been part of our process. We selectively participate in offerings that meet our key investment criteria and that we believe offer our shareholders a way to gain exposure to companies that are still in the early stages of growth. Some of our top-performing holdings over the last few years have been companies that we initially invested in during their IPO, and we will continue to look out for promising opportunities in the non-U.S. IPO pipeline for our shareholders."

As of 9/30/22.

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Investing in IPOs involves special risks such as limited liquidity and increased volatility.

Portfolio holdings are subject to change. Portfolio composition percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on the date indicated and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes. Because this a managed portfolio, the investment mix will change.

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

International investing involves special risks including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks and differences in auditing and other financial standards.

The fund may invest in small capitalization (or "small-cap") companies. Small-cap companies may have less liquid stock, a more volatile share price, unproven track records, a limited product or service base and limited access to capital. The above factors could make small-cap companies more likely to fail than larger companies and increase the volatility of the fund's portfolio, performance and share price. Suitable securities of small-cap companies also can have limited availability and cause capacity constraints on investment strategies for funds that invest in them.