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Notes

1. International indexes such as EAFE and S&P Global 700 consist of foreign stocks (and ADR-based derivatives thereon), whereas global (world) indexes such as S&P Global 1200 include a mix of US and non-US stocks, generally as a proportion of global market cap.

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non-ADR-based foreign stocks in EAFE add to '100' by factor buckets. For example, in <u>Figure 1</u>, ADRs on UK stocks make up 81 per cent of UK stocks covered in the EAFE index. For convenience, we refer to this factor-bucket-percentage as the ADR-to-non-ADR ratio.

- 6. In this section, we use an ADR breakout of the S&P Global 700 index. An ADR breakout of EAFE would be preferred for transition with our prior section on ADR characteristics. However, we (and Delaware Investors) were unable to find a readily available series of monthly returns on an ADR breakout of the EAFE index.
- 7. The issue of whether ADRs provide efficient or inefficient diversification should be framed relative to another international index. Also, if the ADR

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