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Hi, I'm John Goetz. I'm one of the portfolio managers here at Pzena Investment Management. And this second quarter of 2026, I'm going to talk about our global investment products. Wow. Second quarter. I think we should entitle it the return of optimism. I mean, despite the fact that here we are, you know, in July with kind of, I'll call it a sketchy ceasefire agreement in Iran and yet the markets are just, you know, flying up especially in the second quarter on what I call the return to optimism. What is driving the optimism shifted a little bit? You'll get our newsletter shortly and what we're featuring there is a whole discussion of semiconductors and supply chain of components into the AI optimism.

Clearly when you have something like Taiwan Semi which we've owned multiple times over our 30-year history being over half MSCI Taiwan index you know that you have a boom in the semiconductor supply chain. So so we're going to talk about that because that's really carrying the markets right now. It's actually quite a concentrated effect when you look at it globally back to AI optimism. So, I just want to give you all a heads up, you know, on the newsletter and look for some of the math behind why we think we're a little too extended there in terms of what we're expecting. So, let me talk about our global investment products.

One of the big contributions to our performance this quarter was actually in healthcare. It turns out that Humana, a managed healthcare company that focuses primarily on Medicare Advantage product here in the United States, really turned the corner in terms of reaching the depths of despair about profitability and that stock has really gone forward.

You've probably heard us talking now for probably two years about our increasing opportunity in healthcare. Baxter, CVS Health are two other stocks that are big contributors in this quarter. So I'll just say that our due diligence and research in the healthcare sector is really starting to pay off. That's heavily masked in the overall performance if you look at our global product performance a little bit less than the broad indices which had a great return this quarter. A little bit ahead of value in the case of our global value product. Those returns are all double digit and for a quarter to be talking about double digit return trailing the global index is clearly what I'll call a very positive and optimistic quarter when you think about it in terms of global returns.

So, so the driver on our side was some returns, some good returns in healthcare, also some good returns in the remaining technology that we did have exposed to semiconductor

supply chain so we've been harvesting profits there, two examples that we took some additional profits in this quarter and are mostly out include Nokia which is a really a network company whether it's, you know, undersea cable that's going to serve data centers or even in the telecom networks that we have across the world is now viewed as part of this AI investment wave that has driven up the stock from our standpoint. It's reached fair value. So, we're on our way out and harvesting profits there.

The other area is TDK. This is probably one of the more interesting examples of the switching of psychology. What TDK does is it manufactures the equipment and the heads that manage high-speed disc drives. So if you think about your laptops of old used to have a disc that was spinning inside there. They make the heads that read the data which is of course the high technology part of that. Interestingly, for almost 10 years, I would say TDK stock was going down because we perceive solid state memory replacing disc drives. Now, that's back in vogue because we have such high demand for memory that we're thinking that data centers and servers in general will incorporate a higher volume of disc drives in the future. So that's driven up the valuation of TDK and we're harvesting some of those profits as well.

Where the new opportunities are is also where the biggest losers were in the quarter for us and that's in the AI loser bucket. There's a bunch of businesses out there today that the world has concluded will not do as well in the future as it has done in the past and actually outright shrink into the future. One of the things we bought this quarter was Accenture. And Accenture, if you just backed up two years ago, you would say in the IT outsourcing world globally, that Accenture is a leader in both the consulting side of that business as well as business process outsourcing where they actually take over functions from the companies that they serve. Why were they the leader is they were great at transforming how companies deal with information, how they connect to customers and really reorient the business to a digital world. Interestingly, what the world is concluding here with AI is we don't need them anymore.

The one driver behind that is there's a lot of coders that work for Accenture. It makes sense that coding is getting turned over to AI but we would say hey that coding getting turned over to AI is an advantage inside of Accenture in terms of improving their efficiency and helping clients. So we think the negativity in IT outsourcing is overdone and again look for our materials on that because I would say that IT outsourcing is an area we're doing a lot of research work in because actually if you looked at the gap between the IT winners in this case semiconductors in the quarter a company like TSMC or Samsung going up or more than doubling and watch the big drops in the losers like IT outsourcers this has added to the pain of the software apocalypse that we had earlier in the year.

So software that are deemed to be losers and IT outsourcing are things that are showing up in our first quintile and creating the opportunity for the future of research. So, healthcare started to work, harvesting some of the high-flyers and finding new opportunities in the bucket that I'm going to call for this call the AI losers from the market standpoint. We're sifting through that. We're going to do research and software and IT so look forward to exciting new buys in the future. Thank you.

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