

# Global Equity ADR

August 2025 Monthly Update



## Performance

Total Return (%) Periods Ended August 31, 2025

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Equity ADR (Gross)	-0.78	9.42	10.56	16.79	8.05	11.42	9.67
HL Global Equity ADR (Net)	-0.78	8.77	9.67	15.88	7.22	10.55	8.79
MSCI All Country World Index	2.51	14.67	16.33	18.20	12.51	11.65	8.03
MSCI World Index	2.64	14.12	16.17	19.04	13.41	12.21	8.23

Performance returns are of the composite. The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. Global Equity ADR composite inception date: November 30, 1989 corresponds to that of the linked Global Equity composite. MSCI All Country World Index, the benchmark index, and MSCI World Index, the supplemental index, are shown gross of withholding taxes. Please read the above performance in conjunction with the disclosures on the last page of this report.

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Comm Services	17.6	8.7	10
Health Care	13.1	8.7	5
Industrials	14.8	10.8	5
Cash	2.6	—	2
Cons Discretionary	10.8	10.6	1
Real Estate	1.2	1.9	-1
Energy	2.2	3.6	-1
Utilities	0.0	2.6	-2
Materials	0.8	3.6	-2
Info Technology	22.9	26.1	-3
Cons Staples	2.0	5.6	-3
Financials	12.0	17.8	-6

Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Europe ex EMU	12.0	6.8	5
Cash	2.6	—	2
Europe EMU	9.7	7.7	2
Japan	6.5	4.9	2
Pacific ex Japan	3.0	2.5	1
Frontier Markets	0.0	—	0
Middle East	0.0	0.2	-1
Emerging Markets	8.1	10.4	-2
Canada	0.0	2.9	-2
US	58.1	64.6	-6

"HL": Global Equity ADR model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World Index.  
 "Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

## Investment Perspectives

### Market

The MSCI ACWI Index rose 2.5% in August. All regions and nearly all sectors advanced, led by Materials, which benefited from higher commodity prices. Meanwhile, Information Technology (IT) lagged on concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure costs. Japan surged after striking a trade deal with the US while emerging markets were weighed down by India, which fell after the US imposed hefty tariffs and by South Korea and Taiwan, where heavy exposure to large AI tech companies hurt returns. Value again outperformed, as the cheapest quintile beat the most expensive by over 350 basis points.

### Portfolio

The portfolio sharply underperformed in August as style headwinds weighed on our holdings across most sectors and regions. Those portfolio holdings that did not deliver on growth expectations, or that signaled uncertainty over future growth, were particularly hard-hit. For example, shares of The Trade Desk, the leading independent demand side platform (DSP) for digital advertising, fell 37% in the month after reporting a deceleration in revenue guidance and increased competition from Amazon's DSP. We think the company's guidance was intentionally conservative amid current market volatility and uncertainty. We expect rapid growth beyond the walled gardens of the ad giants over the long run, and as the only scaled, objective third party DSP, The Trade Desk is well positioned to benefit from this growth.

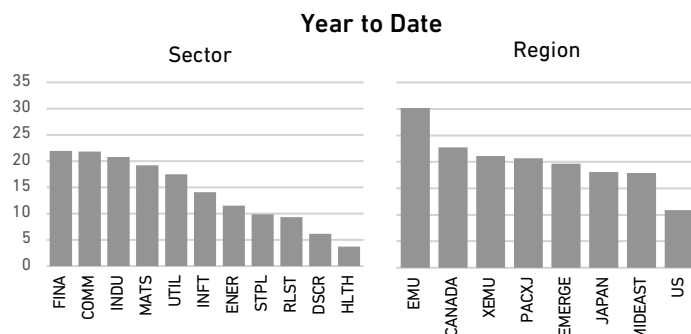
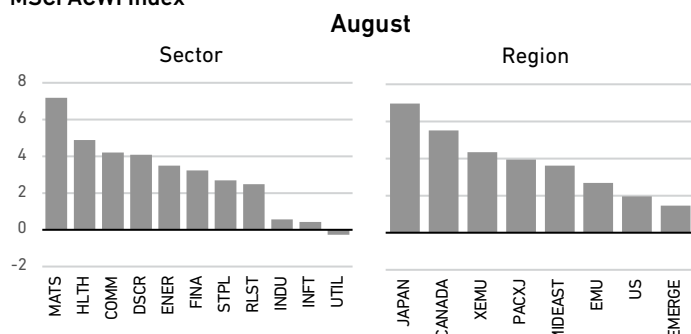
## Ten Largest Holdings

Company	Market	Sector
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
Tencent	China	Comm Services
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Sony	Japan	Cons Discretionary
Netflix	US	Comm Services
Meta Platforms	US	Comm Services
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Amphenol	US	Info Technology
CME Group	US	Financials

Ten Largest Holdings are the top ten holdings by weight. Please read the disclosures on the last page, which are an integral part of this presentation.

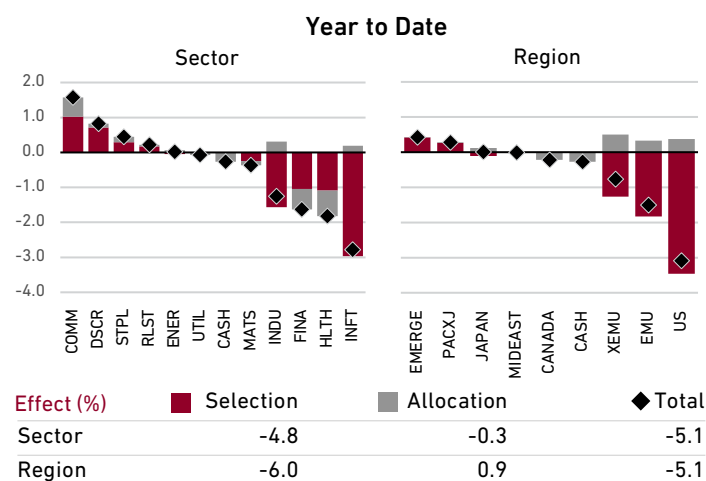
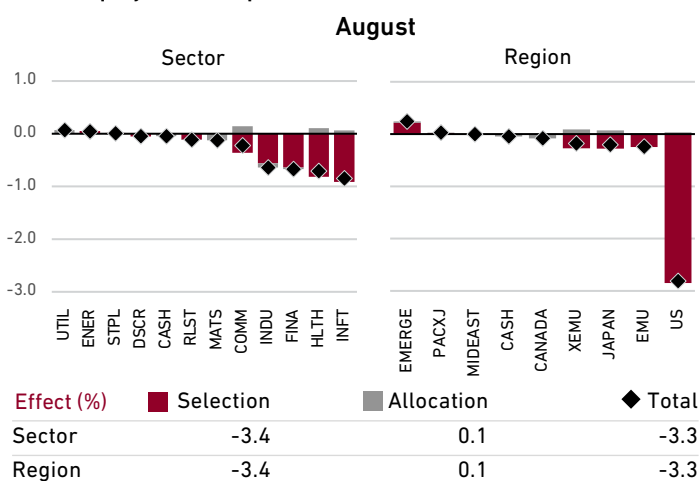
## Index Performance (USD %)

### MSCI ACWI Index



## Performance Attribution Effect (%)

### Global Equity ADR Composite vs. MSCI ACWI Index



- In **Industrials**, electrical conduit manufacturer Atkore's shares fell after announcing the year-end retirement of its CEO alongside the lack of price and volume recovery in the PVC pipe market.
- In **Health Care**, Chugai Pharmaceutical reported that the weight loss effect and tolerability shown in phase 3 studies of orforglipron, the GLP-1 weight-loss drug co-developed by Chugai and Eli Lilly, were below investor expectations. Vertex Pharmaceuticals announced that its newest non-opioid drug, called VX-9 93, failed in a phase 2 study.
- In **Consumer Discretionary**, Sony's results exceeded consensus expectations thanks to growth in its gaming and image sensors businesses.

- The cheapest quintile of stocks in the MSCI ACWI Index have outperformed the most expensive quintile by over 20 percentage points, presenting a significant style headwind for our quality-growth portfolio.
- In **IT**, consultant Globant reported slowing demand as tariff uncertainty weighs on customer business sentiment, while Salesforce shares lagged after suggesting customer uptake of agentic AI may be slower than originally hoped.
- In **Health Care**, UnitedHealth Group stock fell after reports of a US Department of Justice investigation. We have since sold our holding.
- In **Communication Services**, streaming platform Netflix delivered strong results, with management noting that they have not seen headwinds from potentially declining economic conditions in the US.

## Relative Returns (%)

**August**

Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.2	0.32
Tencent	China	COMM	0.6	0.32
Alphabet	US	COMM	2.5	0.16
NVIDIA	US	INFT	5.1	0.12
Genmab	Denmark	HLTH	<0.1	0.07

Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
The Trade Desk	US	COMM	<0.1	-0.58
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	HLTH	0.1	-0.44
Apple*	US	INFT	3.9	-0.34
Tradeweb	US	FINA	<0.1	-0.32
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.2	-0.26

**Year to Date**

Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Tencent	China	COMM	0.5	0.97
Netflix	US	COMM	0.6	0.76
Apple	US	INFT	4.1	0.72
Tesla*	US	DSCR	1.2	0.48
Amphenol	US	INFT	0.1	0.41

Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Globant	US	INFT	-	-1.11
UnitedHealth Group	US	HLTH	0.5	-0.87
Accenture	US	INFT	0.2	-0.72
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.3	-0.66
Tradeweb	US	FINA	<0.1	-0.53

\*Company was not held in the portfolio; its absence had an impact on the portfolio's return relative to the index.

Index weight is the average weight of the security in the index over the MTD and YTD periods. Please read the disclosures on the last page, which are an integral part of this presentation.

## Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Region Attribution: Harding Loevner Global Equity ADR composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Region Positioning and Ten Largest Holdings: Harding Loevner Global Equity ADR model, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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