

# Global Developed Markets Equity



Monthly Update | August 2023

## Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended August 31, 2023	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	-3.13	16.23	14.11	3.63	8.26	10.88
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Net)	-3.13	15.91	13.69	3.23	7.83	10.44
MSCI World Index	-2.35	16.54	16.21	8.93	8.87	9.39
MSCI All Country World Index	-2.75	15.22	14.53	7.73	7.98	8.63

The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. Global Developed Markets Equity composite inception date: September 30, 2013. MSCI World Index, the benchmark index, and MSCI All Country 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	Under / Over
Health Care	21.3	12.7	8.6
Industrials	17.9	10.9	7.0
Comm Services	11.6	7.3	4.3
Cash	2.9	—	2.9
Info Technology	21.9	22.2	-0.3
Real Estate	1.1	2.4	-1.3
Utilities	0.0	2.6	-2.6
Materials	1.2	4.1	-2.9
Cons Staples	4.2	7.2	-3.0
Energy	1.9	4.9	-3.0
Cons Discretionary	7.9	11.0	-3.1
Financials	8.1	14.7	-6.6

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Europe EMU	12.6	9.0	3.6
Cash	2.9	—	2.9
Emerging Markets	2.3	—	2.3
Europe ex EMU	10.2	8.6	1.6
Frontier Markets	0.0	—	0.0
Middle East	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Pacific ex Japan	2.4	3.0	-0.6
Japan	5.1	6.1	-1.0
Canada	0.0	3.2	-3.2
US	64.5	69.9	-5.4

## Investment Perspectives

### Market

Stocks suffered a broad sell-off in August. Every region and sector fell except for Energy, where oil prices rebounded following production cuts by Saudi Arabia and Russia. A faltering economy and continued property sector woes in China pushed Real Estate stocks lower and stoked concerns for weakening demand in the hard-hit Materials sector. Stubbornly high inflation and interest rates continue to weigh on the US and European markets. Although technology and consumer stocks were generally weak, **NVIDIA** and artificial intelligence (AI)-related stocks like **Alphabet** and **Amazon.com** continued to perform well.

### Portfolio

Shares of Dutch payment processing company **Adyen** fell sharply after the company reported that growth in its US digital e-commerce business slowed to 23% from twice that a year ago and margins compressed as Adyen continued to aggressively hire engineers. Many US e-commerce businesses opted for lower-priced—and we believe lower quality—competing payments providers to save on cost as their own margins are under pressure. While disappointed by the recent results, we believe Adyen management is right to focus on investing for future growth despite near-term margin compression. Adyen has built a seamless, global, end-to-end payments, data, and financial management platform which management believes offers merchants superior functionality at the lowest total cost of ownership. Investing to bolster its market-leading solutions in a period of industry weakness should enhance the company's prospects for long-term, profitable growth.

## Ten Largest Holdings

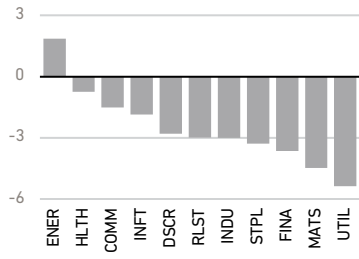
Company	Market	Sector
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	Health Care
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Meta Platforms	US	Comm Services
John Deere	US	Industrials
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
Danaher	US	Health Care
CME Group	US	Financials
Rockwell Automation	US	Industrials

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

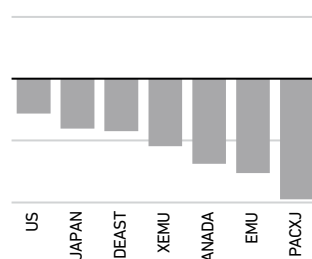
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## Benchmark Performance | Aug.

Total Return by Sector (%)

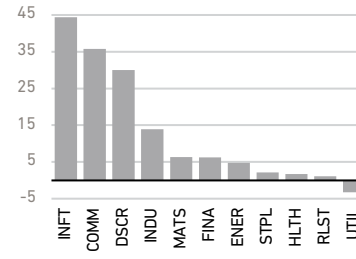


Total Return by Geography (%)

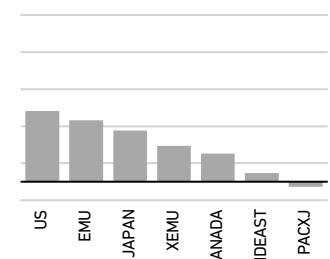


## Benchmark Performance | YTD

Total Return by Sector (%)

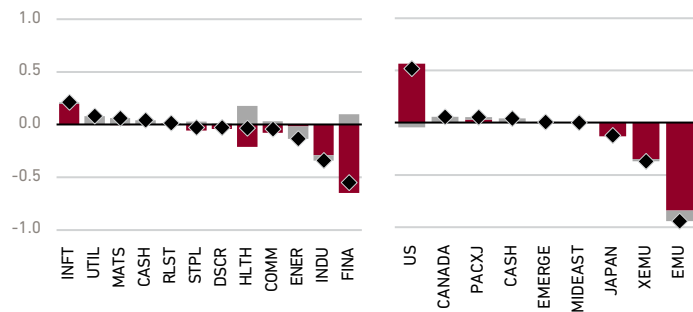


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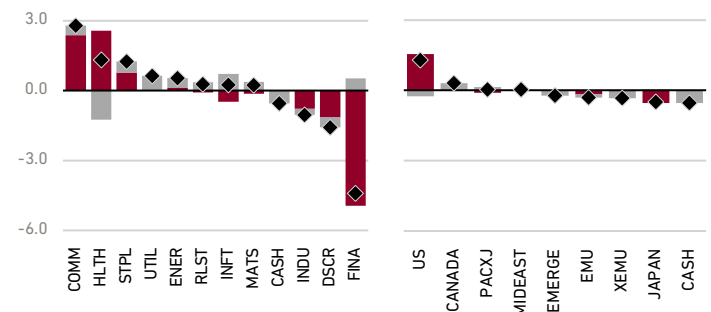
## Performance Attribution | Aug.

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-1.2	0.4	-0.8
Geography	-0.7	-0.1	-0.8



## Performance Attribution | YTD

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-1.7	1.5	-0.2
Geography	0.7	-0.9	-0.2



- Resilience of our software holdings helped Information Technology stock picking. **Adobe** and **Broadcom** continued to benefit from the ongoing boom in AI-related spending.
- Financials stocks performed poorly. Shares of Dutch payments company Adyen declined sharply.
- Stock selection was positive in the US. Alphabet continued to dominate internet search and demonstrated impressive generative AI capabilities at a customer conference.

- Exposure to SVB Financial Group and First Republic Bank was the largest detractor. SVB was placed into receivership in mid-March following accelerated withdrawals. We sold First Republic, but not before its shares fell drastically in the wake of SVB's collapse.
- The surge in spending on AI-related applications has benefited several of our holdings, including **Salesforce** and Synopsys. However, our limited exposure to two of the "Magnificent Seven" stocks weighed on returns: we do not own shares of Tesla, and we are underweight index heavyweight **Apple**.
- Abcam, a supplier of antibodies and other essential tools for life scientists, agreed to be acquired by **Danaher** after the company's retired founder put pressure on the board to improve performance.

## Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Aug. to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Danaher	US	HLTH	0.3	0.14
Tradeweb	US	FINA	<0.1	0.11
Apple	US	INFT	5.0	0.10
CME Group	US	FINA	0.1	0.08
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	0.08

### Detractors

Adyen	Netherlands	FINA	0.1	-0.84
Eli Lilly & Co*	US	HLTH	0.7	-0.15
Meta Platforms	US	COMM	1.2	-0.11
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.2	-0.11
Rockwell Automation	US	INDU	0.1	-0.10

## Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | YTD to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Meta Platforms	US	COMM	0.9	1.44
Abcam	UK	HLTH	–	0.50
Synopsys	US	INFT	0.1	0.46
Adobe	US	INFT	0.4	0.46
Alphabet	US	COMM	2.3	0.42

### Detractors

First Republic Bank	US	FINA	<0.1	-2.52
SVB Financial Group	US	FINA	<0.1	-1.92
Apple	US	INFT	4.9	-0.84
Adyen	Netherlands	FINA	0.1	-0.80
John Deere	US	INDU	0.2	-0.69

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## Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Geographic Attribution: Harding Loevner **Global Developed Markets Equity** composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Geographic Positioning and Ten Largest Holdings: Harding Loevner **Global Developed Markets Equity** model, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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