

Global Developed Markets Equity



Monthly Update | November 2024

Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended November 30, 2024	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	3.08	16.78	22.90	1.81	12.03	11.62	11.90
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Net)	3.08	16.39	22.49	1.44	11.61	11.18	11.46
MSCI World Index	4.62	22.34	28.39	9.30	12.94	10.63	10.92
MSCI All Country World Index	3.77	20.84	26.68	8.19	11.87	9.83	10.10

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	18.9	10.8	8.1
Comm Services	14.2	7.7	6.5
Industrials	14.4	11.0	3.4
Cash	2.5	-	2.5
Real Estate	1.2	2.2	-1.0
Cons Discretionary	9.5	10.6	-1.1
Energy	2.2	3.9	-1.7
Info Technology	23.1	25.3	-2.2
Materials	1.0	3.4	-2.4
Cons Staples	3.7	6.2	-2.5
Utilities	0.0	2.6	-2.6
Financials	9.3	16.3	-7.0

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Europe ex EMU	14.0	7.4	6.6
Cash	2.5	-	2.5
Emerging Markets	2.2	-	2.2
Europe EMU	8.4	7.5	0.9
Japan	5.5	5.2	0.3
Pacific ex Japan	3.0	2.7	0.3
Frontier Markets	0.0	-	0.0
Middle East	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Canada	1.2	3.1	-1.9
US	63.2	73.9	-10.7

Investment Perspectives

Market

Reaction to the US election dominated markets in November. Donald Trump's victory sparked a sharp rally in US stocks pushing the S&P 500 to a record high by the end of the month. A stronger US dollar weighed on non-US stocks, particularly Emerging Markets (EMs), which significantly lagged Developed Markets. Lower-quality firms, which tend to benefit from stimulatory policy and lower regulation, outperformed high-quality businesses, with the lowest quintile of quality in the MSCI World Index outpacing the top quintile by over 400 basis points. By sector, Financials gained due to the potential for deregulation in the US, while Health Care dropped immediately following Trump's nomination of Robert Kennedy as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Portfolio

For much of the year semiconductor and equipment stocks raced higher along with the insatiable demand for chips that power artificial intelligence (AI) models, while software and services stocks languished. We did not believe that this disconnect could last forever; at some point chip and infrastructure investment needs to lead to monetizable applications that benefit customers, or it will fizzle. So, we reduced our exposure to the chip value chain and increased our overweight to software and services. This month semis beyond NVIDIA were weak while software stocks soared on signs that AI products are gaining traction with customers. **ServiceNow**, for instance, reported that Now Assist is its fastest-growing product ever and announced a tool to integrate others' data into the company's AI models.

Ten Largest Holdings

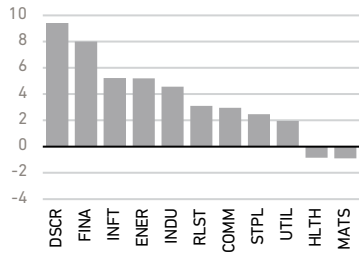
Company	Market	Sector
Meta Platforms	US	Comm Services
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	Health Care
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Netflix	US	Comm Services
UnitedHealth Group	US	Health Care
Salesforce	US	Info Technology
Accenture	US	Info Technology

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

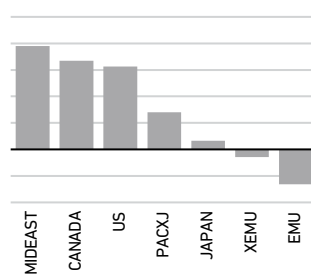
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Benchmark Performance | Nov.

Total Return by Sector (%)

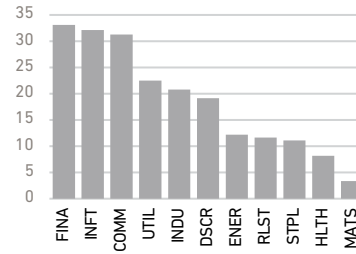


Total Return by Geography (%)

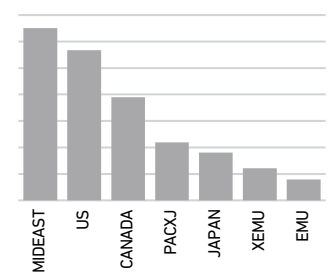


Benchmark Performance | YTD

Total Return by Sector (%)

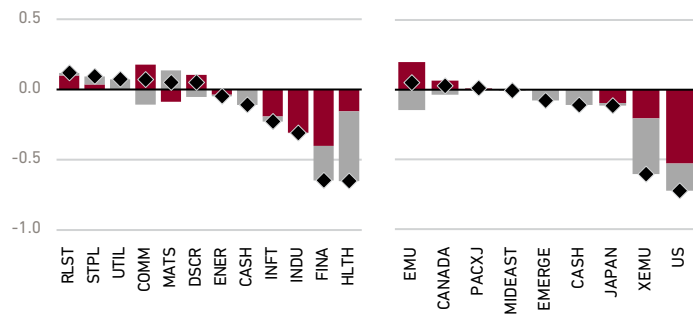


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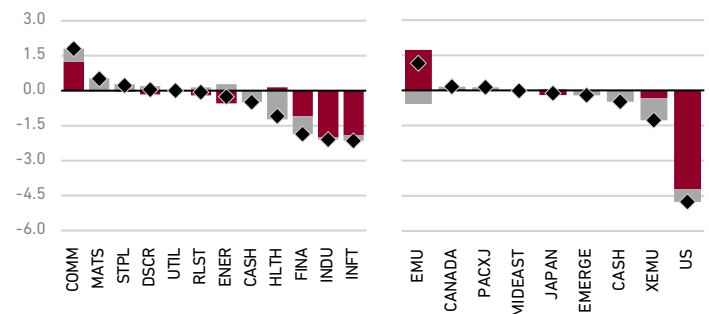
Performance Attribution | Nov.

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-0.7	-0.8	-1.5
Geography	-0.5	-1.0	-1.5



Performance Attribution | YTD

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-4.6	-0.8	-5.4
Geography	-2.9	-2.5	-5.4



- European stocks were weak in the wake of the US election, and our overweight in the region was a detractor.
- Dutch payments business **Adyen** hurt returns in Financials. Its stock fell amid the decline in European stocks, though investors also reacted negatively to Adyen's lower-than-expected growth in transaction volumes. Management is optimistic about its business pipeline and growth prospects next year, and shares started to recover at the end of the month.
- In Consumer Discretionary, shares of Japanese personal electronics and entertainment giant **Sony** rose smartly thanks to strong growth in the September quarter, boosted by its game division and image-sensor business.

- Hong Kong-based insurance company **AIA Group** has hurt returns in Financials. AIA's stock has been pressured by economic weakness in mainland China, an important growth area for the business.
- The portfolio's underweight to semiconductor stocks (including NVIDIA) and overweight to software have detracted in this period.
- In Industrials, US electrical conduit manufacturer **Atkore** faced weaker-than-expected volumes for its PVC conduits and increased competition from steel conduits imported from Mexico.
- Shares of two US Communication Services holdings, social media company **Meta Platforms** and entertainment streaming business **Netflix**, have soared this year. Netflix has been growing its subscriber base while still expanding margins and increasing free cash flow.

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

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Netflix	US	COMM	0.5	0.32
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.4	0.18
John Deere	US	INDU	0.2	0.18
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.2	0.13
ServiceNow	US	INFT	0.3	0.11
Detractors				
Tesla*	US	DSCR	1.3	-0.35
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.28
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	HLTH	0.2	-0.22
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.1	-0.21
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.2	-0.20

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Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Netflix	US	COMM	0.4	1.15
Meta Platforms	US	COMM	1.7	0.98
Booking Holdings	US	DSCR	0.2	0.47
SAP	Germany	INFT	0.3	0.39
Tradeweb	US	FINA	<0.1	0.38
Detractors				
NVIDIA	US	INFT	3.9	-2.51
Genmab	Denmark	HLTH	<0.1	-0.81
Kering	France	DSCR	<0.1	-0.66
SLB	US	ENER	0.1	-0.54
Pinterest	US	COMM	<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/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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