

Global Developed Markets Equity



Monthly Update | February 2025

Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended February 28, 2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	-2.37	2.02	10.23	6.77	13.00	11.32	11.69
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Net)	-2.37	1.92	9.87	6.38	12.58	10.88	11.25
MSCI World Index	-0.69	2.84	16.13	10.74	14.44	10.39	10.69
MSCI All Country World Index	-0.57	2.79	15.57	9.65	13.31	9.65	9.90

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	19.7	10.9	8.8
Comm Services	13.5	8.2	5.3
Industrials	15.3	10.8	4.5
Cash	3.5	—	3.5
Cons Discretionary	10.3	10.6	-0.3
Real Estate	1.2	2.1	-0.9
Info Technology	23.3	24.6	-1.3
Energy	2.2	3.8	-1.6
Materials	0.9	3.3	-2.4
Utilities	0.0	2.5	-2.5
Cons Staples	1.7	6.2	-4.5
Financials	8.4	17.0	-8.6

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Europe ex EMU	13.9	7.8	6.1
Cash	3.5	—	3.5
Emerging Markets	2.8	—	2.8
Japan	5.9	5.2	0.7
Pacific ex Japan	3.2	2.6	0.6
Frontier Markets	0.0	—	0.0
Middle East	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Europe EMU	7.4	8.3	-0.9
Canada	1.0	3.0	-2.0
US	62.3	72.9	-10.6

Investment Perspectives

Market

After a positive start to the year, the US market declined 1.6% this month due to concerns that US government policies would weigh on economic growth and consumer and corporate sentiment. Meanwhile, building on strength last month, Europe rose over 3%. By sector, Consumer Staples fared best, up more than 4%, while Consumer Discretionary fell the most, nearly 7%.

Portfolio

Recent weakness in Information Technology—caused by policy uncertainty and the possible effects of that policy on AI supply chains, as well as the release of DeepSeek’s AI model—has created opportunities. This month, we repurchased **ASML**, the Dutch advanced photolithography equipment supplier, after selling it last year following a nearly two-year surge in its shares. Since we sold it, the company cut its 2025 outlook due to caution on export control risks with China and a demand reset in extreme ultraviolet (EUV) technology after Samsung and Intel delayed leading edge chip production to 2026. ASML remains the top lithography equipment provider, critical at the leading edge of chip production, with no credible rival. When we repurchased, ASML’s shares were 20% below our sell price. Looking ahead, the company should benefit from **TSMC**’s 2-nanometer process node ramp-up, which requires more EUV tooling, its fab buildouts in Arizona and Japan, and its joint ventures in Europe.

Ten Largest Holdings

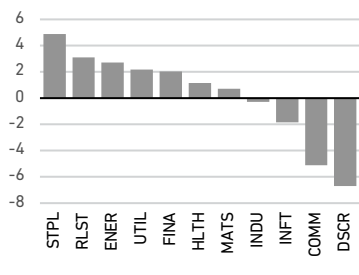
Company	Market	Sector
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Meta Platforms	US	Comm Services
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
Netflix	US	Comm Services
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	Health Care
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Accenture	US	Info Technology
CME Group	US	Financials
Thermo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

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

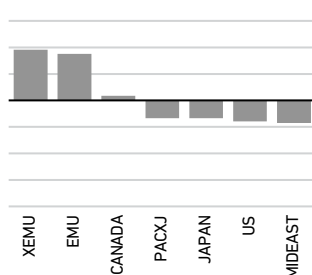
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Benchmark Performance | Feb.

Total Return by Sector (%)

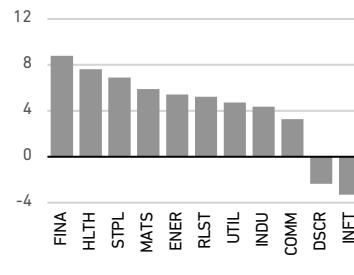


Total Return by Geography (%)

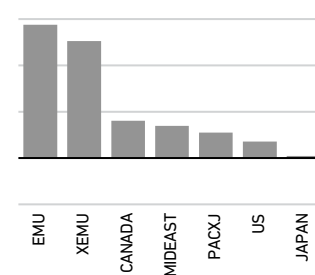


Benchmark Performance | YTD

Total Return by Sector (%)

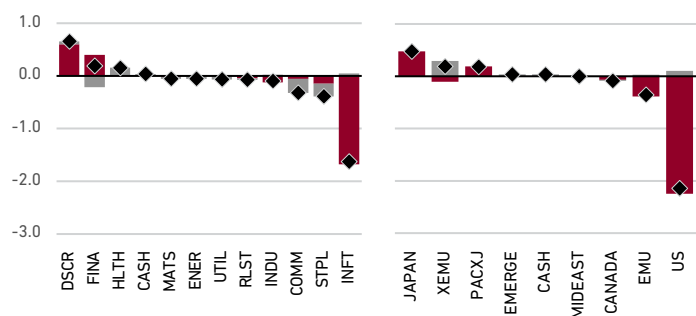


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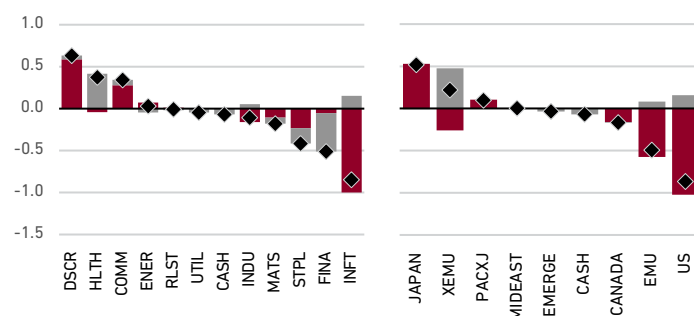
Performance Attribution | Feb.

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-1.1	-0.6	-1.7
Geography	-2.2	0.5	-1.7



Performance Attribution | YTD

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8
Geography	-1.4	0.6	-0.8



- In Information Technology (IT), key detractors included customer relationship management software company **Salesforce** and IT services business **Globant**, whose shares were hurt by concerns over slowing growth in the US. Globant also indicated business sentiment in its key Latin America markets could be hurt by political uncertainty and US tariff policies.
- In Consumer Discretionary, Japanese electronics and media company **Sony** reported better-than-expected results, boosted by strong revenue growth in its gaming division.
- Poor results in the US were primarily due to internet giant **Alphabet** and Globant. The January release of powerful, low-cost, AI models by China's DeepSeek and Alibaba may pose a competitive threat to Alphabet's nascent AI business.

- IT investments detracted the most, including Globant, Salesforce, and semiconductor designer **Broadcom**. Shares of the latter fell amid rising uncertainty about demand for AI chips. Our underweight to another chip designer, **NVIDIA**, was helpful.
- Communication Services company **Meta Platforms** has shown that it has already benefited from expenditures on AI, which have led to improved user engagement and monetization.
- While US holdings detracted overall, relative returns were helped by Meta and **Vertex Pharmaceuticals**, whose stock jumped on news that the US Food and Drug Administration had approved the company's non-opioid (and, importantly, non-addictive) pain drug Journavx. The absence in the portfolio of auto company Tesla was also a positive.

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

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Tesla*	US	DSCR	1.4	0.43
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	0.26
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.2	0.26
CME Group	US	FINA	0.1	0.18
Haleon	UK	HLTH	0.1	0.18
Detractors				
Globant	US	INFT	-	-0.33
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.4	-0.29
Alphabet	US	COMM	2.8	-0.27
UnitedHealth Group	US	HLTH	0.7	-0.24
Thermo Fisher Scientific	US	HLTH	0.3	-0.22

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

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Tesla*	US	DSCR	1.5	0.51
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	HLTH	0.2	0.47
NVIDIA	US	INFT	4.6	0.36
Meta Platforms	US	COMM	2.0	0.34
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.2	0.27
Detractors				
Globant	US	INFT	-	-0.40
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.4	-0.33
Alphabet	US	COMM	2.9	-0.22
UnitedHealth Group	US	HLTH	0.7	-0.18
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.2	-0.18

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Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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