

# Global Developed Markets Equity

July 2025 Monthly Update



## Performance

Total Return (%) Periods Ended July 31, 2025

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	1.29	9.40	13.19	13.67	10.11	11.71	11.91
HL Global Developed Markets Equity (Net)	1.20	9.08	12.81	13.26	9.70	11.28	11.47
MSCI World Index	1.31	11.19	16.22	16.36	14.30	11.16	11.02
MSCI All Country World Index	1.38	11.85	16.39	15.78	13.30	10.59	10.32

Performance returns are of the composite. 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	Relative Weight
Comm Services	14.0	8.5	5.5
Health Care	14.6	9.1	5.5
Industrials	15.4	11.4	4.0
Cash	2.2	—	2.2
Cons Discretionary	10.2	10.1	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	2.0	-0.6
Energy	2.2	3.5	-1.3
Info Technology	25.2	26.8	-1.6
Materials	0.8	3.1	-2.3
Utilities	0.0	2.7	-2.7
Cons Staples	1.7	5.8	-4.1
Financials	12.3	17.0	-4.7

Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Europe ex EMU	13.1	7.5	5.6
Emerging Markets	3.1	—	3.1
Cash	2.2	—	2.2
Japan	6.5	5.3	1.2
Pacific ex Japan	3.4	2.7	0.7
Frontier Markets	0.0	—	0.0
Middle East	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Europe EMU	7.2	8.6	-1.4
Canada	1.0	3.2	-2.2
US	63.5	72.5	-9.0

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

## Investment Perspectives

### Market

Developed markets rose slightly in July amid a continued flurry of tariff announcements from the US. The US led after underperforming in the first half of the year. Europe lagged, both within the eurozone and outside it, due to tariff-related uncertainty and weaker corporate outlooks, particularly from Novo Nordisk in Denmark and ASML in the Netherlands. By sector, Information Technology (IT) led, with the semiconductor industry up over 6%, while Health Care and Consumer Staples fell.

### Portfolio

Meta Platform's second-quarter results substantially beat guidance and consensus expectations for topline growth and margins. Management cited strength in its ads business as well as AI-related enhancements that have improved user engagement with Meta products. Management highlighted more applications for AI across content personalization, ad targeting and creation, and even achieving "superintelligence". To do so, the company will need to run more data through its AI training models, a costly initiative requiring significant capital expenditures to the tune of \$100 billion for 2026. While we recognize that AI has already improved Meta's user engagement, we maintain a healthy skepticism that such heavy expenses can be supported without significant growth in Meta's existing businesses.

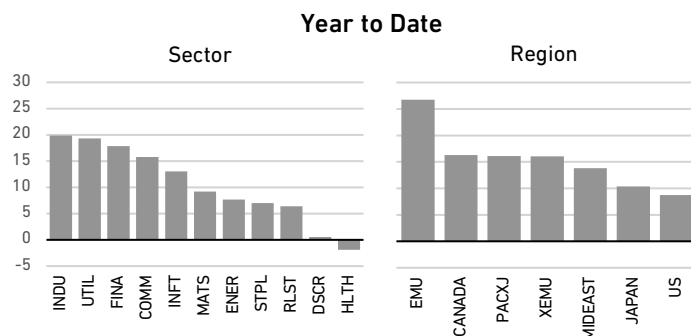
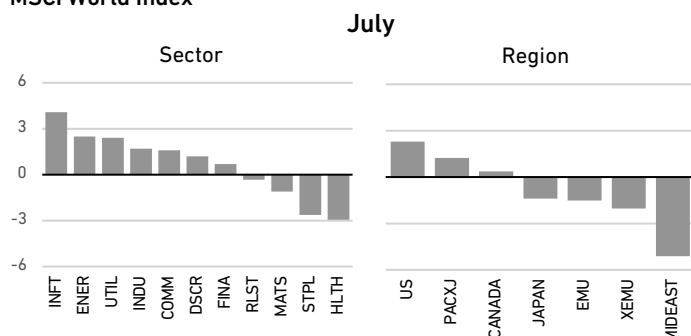
## Ten Largest Holdings

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

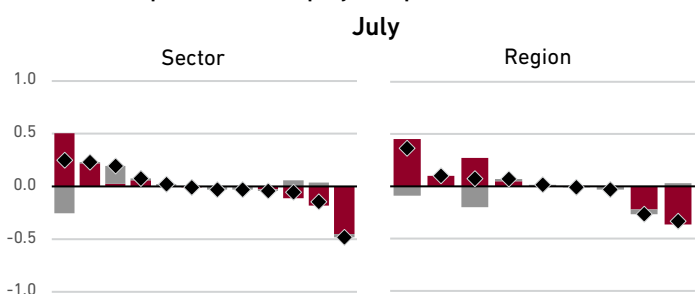
## Index Performance (USD %)

### MSCI World Index



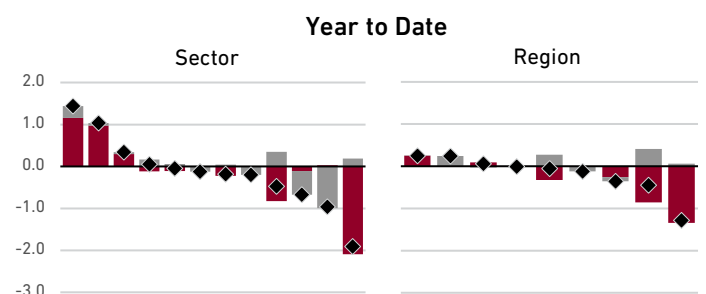
## Performance Attribution Effect (%)

### Global Developed Markets Equity Composite vs. MSCI World Index



Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	0.0	0.0	0.0
Region	0.3	-0.3	0.0

- Strong stock selection boosted returns in **Health Care**, despite the drag from our overweight in the poorly performing sector. Thermo Fisher Scientific reported an improved outlook for fiscal year 2026, while the absence of Novo Nordisk and UnitedHealth Group from the portfolio also contributed.
- In **IT**, AI-related enthusiasm boosted shares of Synopsys, a key provider of chip design software, while our underweight to NVIDIA hurt.
- In **Communication Services**, Netflix reported growth ahead of previous guidance but in line with increasingly bullish estimates; its shares slipped because of the high expectations.



Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-1.0	-0.7	-1.7
Region	-2.4	0.7	-1.7

- The portfolio underperformed in **IT**. Globant reported slowing demand as tariff uncertainty has weighed on customer business sentiment. Salesforce lagged after suggesting customer uptake of agentic AI may be slower than originally hoped. Our underweight in NVIDIA further dragged on relative returns.
- In **Health Care**, UnitedHealth Group fell after withdrawing guidance and the departure of the CEO, as well as (then) unconfirmed reports of a US Department of Justice investigation. We sold our holding in May.
- Despite dragging on returns in July, Netflix has been a top year-to-date contributor thanks to its strong first-quarter results.
- The absence of Tesla and underweight in Apple (the former never held, the latter sold in the first quarter) has added to the portfolio's relative returns.

## Relative Returns (%)

**July**

Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Synopsys	US	INFT	0.1	0.48
The Trade Desk	US	COMM	<0.1	0.25
CoStar	US	RLST	<0.1	0.19
Northrop Grumman	US	INDU	0.1	0.12
Alphabet	US	COMM	2.6	0.11

Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Netflix	US	COMM	0.7	-0.53
NVIDIA	US	INFT	5.4	-0.39
Haleon	UK	HLTH	0.1	-0.19
ASML	Netherlands	INFT	0.4	-0.18
Tradeweb	US	FINA	<0.1	-0.17

**Year to Date**

Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Apple	US	INFT	4.6	1.32
Netflix	US	COMM	0.6	0.60
Tesla*	US	DSCR	1.3	0.58
Synopsys	US	INFT	0.1	0.50
The Trade Desk	US	COMM	<0.1	0.48

Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Globant	US	INFT	-	-0.99
UnitedHealth Group	US	HLTH	0.6	-0.79
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.4	-0.66
Accenture	US	INFT	0.3	-0.64
NVIDIA	US	INFT	4.5	-0.63

\*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 Developed Markets Equity composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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