# **Global Equity**

Periods ended May 31, 2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Equity (Gross)	4.98	4.71	13.41	11.67	9.78	10.08	9.96
HL Global Equity (Net)	4.98	4.49	12.95	11.23	9.34	9.62	9.34
MSCI All Country World Index	5.81	5.54	14.16	12.82	13.88	9.79	7.84
MSCI World Index	5.99	5.18	14.21	13.71	14.71	10.49	8.05

The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. Global Equity composite inception date: November 30, 1989. 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	<b>Relative Weight</b>
Health Care	15.5	9.1	
Comm Services	14.6	8.4	
Industrials	14.9	11.0	
Cash	3.1	-	
Info Technology	23.9	24.8	
Real Estate	1.1	2.0	
Cons Discretionary	9.6	10.7	
Energy	2.1	3.5	
Materials	1.1	3.6	
Utilities	0.0	2.7	
Cons Staples	1.9	6.2	
Financials	12.2	18.0	
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Region	HL	Index	F	Relativ	ve Weig	ht	
Europe ex EMU	12.3	7.1					
Cash	3.1	-					
Japan	5.4	5.0					
Pacific ex Japan	2.7	2.5					
Frontier Markets	0.0	-					
Middle East	0.0	0.2					
Europe EMU	7.0	8.1					
Canada	1.0	2.9					
Emerging Markets	8.3	10.3					
US	60.2	63.9					
			-8	-4	0	4	8

### Investment Perspectives

#### Market

Amid the uncertainty of renewed tariff threats and pauses, global stock markets rose 5.8% in May with the US market leading the way for the first full month since Donald Trump's re-election in November 2024. Year-to-date, non-US market gains have outstripped the US with Europe leading the way, up 21% compared to a 1% gain in the US, in part due to the weakness of the dollar. Trump's proposed "big beautiful" budget bill sparked fears of escalating US debt, compounding the pressure on the dollar caused by erratic trade policy. While macroeconomic and political news dominated the headlines, strong corporate results helped push stocks higher across most sectors. Information Technology (IT) stocks rebounded most, while Health Care was the only sector in negative territory.

#### Portfolio

In May, both our overweight in Health Care and our stock picking within the poorly performing sector hurt relative returns. UnitedHealth Group (UNH) fell over 25% in the month on reports of a potential US Department of Justice investigation and by the uncertainty around the future profitability of UNH's Medicare Advantage (MA) business. Both developments cloud UNH's future earnings trajectory. We are particularly concerned about the company's ability to manage margin pressure in MA. Although pricing adjustments could help restore margins, they risk dampening future enrollment growth. As a result, we sold our holding.

## Ten Largest Holdings

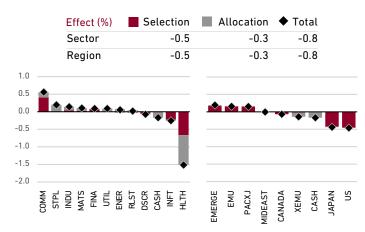
Company	Market	Sector
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Netflix	US	Comm Services
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	Health Care
Meta Platforms	US	Comm Services
CME Group	US	Financials
Tradeweb	US	Financials
Sony	Japan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

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.

## Benchmark Performance | May



### Performance Attribution | May



- Several of our other Health Care holdings underperformed. Trump's executive order aimed at reducing prescription drug prices weighed on pharmaceutical stocks. Vertex
  Pharmaceuticals shares fell on weaker-than-expected first quarter results. Swiss eye care manufacturer Alcon reported disappointing first-quarter growth and reduced its 2025 outlook citing tariff effects.
- In Communication Services, US-based advertising services company The Trade Desk delivered strong first quarter results, with revenue up 25% year-over-year, well above consensus expectations.
- In IT, we repurchased NVIDIA in the fourth quarter of 2024 and added to our holding in April, but not owning more of it hurt relative returns as it rebounded sharply after posting record results.

#### Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | May

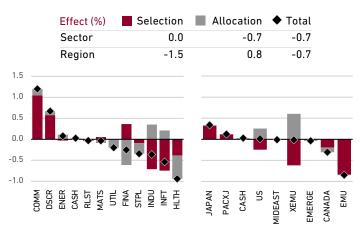
#### to Relative Returns

			Index	
Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
Apple*	US	INFT	3.9	0.47
The Trade Desk	US	СОММ	<0.1	0.33
Eli Lilly*	US	HLTH	0.8	0.22
Diploma	UK	INDU	_	0.16
HEICO	US	INDU	<0.1	0.16
Detractors				
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	HLTH	0.1	-0.70
UnitedHealth Group	US	HLTH	0.4	-0.47
NVIDIA	US	INFT	3.9	-0.42
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.30
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.1	-0.29

## Benchmark Performance | YTD



## Performance Attribution | YTD



- The portfolio has faced strong style headwinds, as stocks in the lower-quality, slower-growth, and cheaper quintiles of the market outperformed.
- In IT, Salesforce lagged after guidance suggested that customer uptake of agentic AI might not be happening as quickly as investors originally hoped.
- In Communication Services, streaming platform Netflix delivered strong first-quarter results, with management noting that they have not seen headwinds from potentially declining economic conditions in the US.
- The absence of two poorly performing "Magnificent Seven" stocks from our portfolio, Tesla and Apple (the former never held, the latter sold in the first quarter), has added to relative returns.

## **Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | YTD**

#### to Relative Returns

			Index	
Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
Apple	US	INFT	4.3	1.08
Netflix	US	СОММ	0.5	0.92
CME Group	US	FINA	0.1	0.42
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.2	0.33
The Trade Desk	US	СОММ	<0.1	0.30
Detractors				
UnitedHealth Group	US	HLTH	0.6	-0.85
Globant	US	INFT	_	-0.80
Salesforce	US	INFT	0.4	-0.57
Thermo Fisher Scientific	US	HLTH	0.2	-0.41
Accenture	US	INFT	0.3	-0.35

\*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.

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#### Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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

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