

Global Small Companies Equity

Third Quarter 2025 Report



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Performance

Total Return (%) Periods Ended September 30, 2025

	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
HL Global Small Companies Equity (Gross)	1.10	8.70	1.12	11.03	5.07	9.43
HL Global Small Companies Equity (Net)	0.92	8.13	0.40	10.16	4.20	8.51
MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index	8.19	17.05	13.34	17.99	11.87	11.38

Performance returns are of the composite. The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. Global Small Companies Equity composite inception date: December 31, 2018. MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index, the benchmark index, is shown gross of withholding taxes.

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What's on Our Minds

Markets are a sea of variables, but some variables are more persistent than others. The Global Small Companies Equity portfolio targets durable sources of return—quality, growth, and value—and each holding is meant to be at least a three- to five-year voyage. Momentum investing, by contrast, seeks to profit from recent price trends rather than underlying fundamentals. Momentum investors buy stocks because they have gone up or outperformed (or sell them because they have gone down or underperformed). While our holdings have historically delivered strong earnings growth and outperformance, they can require patience when market momentum works against them.

The portfolio's performance was nearly in line with the benchmark through the first half of 2025, but a gap opened in the third quarter due to an underexposure to higher-beta stocks that led the market rally. Higher-beta stocks tend to surge when risk appetite is strong but are less representative of the steady, lower-beta businesses we favor for their quality and resilience. Therefore, our stock selection was weak, consistent with, although not entirely explained by, an environment that rewarded recent winners. Shares of the highest-quality companies in the benchmark also underperformed those of the lowest quality by more than 1,200 basis points.

Momentum-fueled markets emphasize what's happening with stock prices in the moment, whereas our portfolio emphasizes

company attributes and industry growth trends that we think are going to be relevant long term. The Health Care sector, among the portfolio's biggest detractors for the quarter and year, is an area where we see a disconnect between short-term sentiment and long-term growth prospects.

Health Care has endured a turbulent five years. The global outbreak of the COVID-19 virus upended health-care systems and spending. Just as conditions began to normalize, more shocks arrived: a rapid increase in interest rates starting in 2022 tightened financial conditions and slowed funding for the development of early-stage drug development. More recently, U.S. policy uncertainty and proposed budget cuts have further constrained investment.

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That said, funding is a supply problem. The long-term sources of demand haven't changed: people are growing older, wealthier, and

increasingly investing in their health. That's a theme supportive of the outlook for many of the portfolio's Health Care holdings.

People tend to associate the Health Care sector with large drug companies or insurers. After all, US pharmaceutical giants account for most of the sector's 9% share of the MSCI ACWI Index. Health Care accounts for a similar portion of the global small-cap benchmark, but the profile of its constituents is different. Unlike large drug companies with established portfolios and predictable sales, small drugmakers generally focus on developing new therapies, and the absence of a sustainable source of cash flow can leave them with weak balance sheets. Therefore, the portfolio holds few drug companies and has generally gravitated toward Health Care equipment and supplies businesses because of their superior fundamentals, including strong cash-flow generation and durable returns. Many companies in this sub-industry also operate in defensible niches, where improved outcomes for patients, providers, and payers attributable to specific equipment also strengthen the market position for the supplier of that equipment.

A trade-off when investing in small-cap Health Care equipment and supplies companies is that customers' orders can be cyclical because they are dependent on hospital and lab budgets, which fluctuate with interest-rate cycles and competing needs. However, high recurring revenues from an established base of repeat customers can help companies weather those cycles. Excluding pharmaceutical companies, 84% of the aggregate sales generated by the portfolio's Health Care holdings are recurring.

Take Sysmex, which is a global leader in its niche and has 78% recurring sales. The Japanese company supplies diagnostic analyzers and the reagents that allow these devices to perform blood analysis, urinalysis, and other testing. Sysmex's recurring sales come from its reagents and from servicing its installed devices. Recent share-price weakness, mostly related to short-term growth challenges, including the transition to a new supply-chain and order-processing system, as well as policies in China that pressured health-care spending, gave us an opportunity to add this high-quality company at an attractive valuation.

Market Snapshot

- The global small-cap benchmark rose 8.2%, ahead of the 7.7% gain its large-cap counterpart, amid a junk rally that saw the lowest-quality stocks surge nearly 17%.
- The US, which accounts for 52% of the index, outperformed in most sectors, especially Information Technology (IT) and Industrials, amid improving growth outlooks, easing tariff uncertainty, and a cut to interest rates.
- The Materials sector was buoyed by higher gold prices. The global IT sector also outperformed, due to enthusiasm for AI-related stocks.

- Consumer Discretionary and Consumer Staples, sectors dominated by companies in the US and Europe, lagged, due to concerns about cost inflation, tariff pressures, and shaky consumer sentiment in those regions.
- Canada's market surged due to its heavy exposure to Materials and Energy businesses.
- Europe, including countries outside the monetary union, gave back some gains from earlier in the year, when Germany announced its fiscal stimulus plan.

Index Performance (USD %)

MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index

Sector	3Q 2025	Trailing 12 Months
Communication Services	5.5	20.0
Consumer Discretionary	4.8	3.9
Consumer Staples	-0.7	1.3
Energy	10.1	9.5
Financials	5.7	21.4
Health Care	9.0	2.5
Industrials	8.6	18.2
Information Technology	13.3	21.3
Materials	16.1	19.5
Real Estate	5.9	2.4
Utilities	9.3	16.6

Source: FactSet, MSCI Inc. Data as of September 30, 2025.

Region	3Q 2025	Trailing 12 Months
Canada	17.7	37.3
Emerging Markets	5.6	8.7
Europe EMU	1.6	24.1
Europe ex EMU	0.7	9.0
Japan	9.4	20.3
Middle East	10.0	69.2
Pacific ex Japan	15.2	14.3
United States	9.5	10.4
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	8.2	13.3

At Carl Zeiss Meditec, recurring revenue reached a high of 51% of total company sales for the first nine months of the year, up from 43% a couple years ago. The German company specializes in intraocular lenses, which are implants used in cataract surgery; it also supplies high-precision microscopes for surgeons performing procedures on very small structures, such as those in the brain or eye. Demand for its products has been soft this year, particularly in China. Management also said last month that it expects the global macroeconomic environment “to remain volatile” and doesn’t foresee a rapid recovery in spending on equipment or elective procedures. Long term, however, demographic trends look favorable for the global vision-care market, and Carl Zeiss’s strong competitive advantages—its technological leadership, brand trust, and large global installed base—position it to be a key beneficiary of the growing access to eye surgeries. The stock looks attractively valued relative to that growth opportunity.

While recurring revenues have cushioned the downside for our Health Care holdings, our thesis is that equipment sales will eventually normalize in end markets where we see long-term structural growth.

In the meantime, the stocks of companies that provide microscopes and blood analyzers are much less likely to get swept up in extreme market momentum than, say, a company with a popular weight-loss drug or one that’s spending billions on new data centers for artificial intelligence (AI). However, as long-term-oriented shareholders, we aren’t looking for the next hot stock or the binary risks that come with that type of investing. Health Care is an area where leaning into weaker sentiment has enabled us to add strong businesses poised for durable growth.

Portfolio in Focus

The portfolio has a significant underweight in Materials, which was the benchmark's top-performing sector this quarter. Within Materials, metals and mining stocks outperformed, especially gold miners, as gold prices continued to set new highs. The portfolio doesn't hold any gold-mining companies, for good reason.

Gold mining has an unattractive industry structure. Mining is capital intensive, and it has high regulatory barriers, but not so high that smaller mining companies cannot enter; high gold prices also attract new entrants. Therefore, rivalry can be fierce as numerous companies compete to find resource-rich land, which contributes to higher exploration costs. Bargaining power of suppliers can also be quite strong. Smaller mining companies often lack leverage with critical suppliers of equipment—companies that tend to be significantly larger than them—as well as with labor, all of which leads to higher costs and reduced profitability. Lastly, while gold is a hard commodity, its role as a substitute for other financial assets, as evidenced by recent central bank buying to diversify cash reserves, can lead to volatility that is detached from the underlying supply and demand of the commodity.

These dynamics, in our view, make equities linked to gold prone to long-term underperformance. We do not chase momentum in anything, and certainly not in commodity price cycles. Instead, the portfolio seeks businesses with durable competitive advantages, strong balance sheets, and rational industry structures—an approach that nonetheless can be uncomfortable when surging gold prices lift gold-mining stocks.

Unlike gold miners, IT-services companies benefit from an industry structure that is more favorable. However, the portfolio's IT-services holdings, of which there are 11, have weighed on relative returns for several quarters.

As discussed in last quarter's letter, IT services is a broad umbrella, and each of the 11 companies we hold has distinct strengths because of its region, end markets, or technological expertise. While each has also faced challenges this year, it's important to distinguish between secular concerns and cyclical ones.

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The secular concern is that AI could shrink the industry's overall revenue by changing how clients buy IT services. The service that many of these companies offer is people—software engineers who build and test custom applications. Payment is for “time and materials,” meaning how long a project takes and how many people are assigned to it. As AI boosts the productivity of software engineers, clients may expect projects to require fewer

Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Comm Services	8.3	3.6	
Health Care	13.9	9.5	
Industrials	24.3	20.2	
Cash	2.2	—	
Cons Staples	5.8	4.5	
Info Technology	12.4	12.9	
Financials	14.0	14.6	
Utilities	2.2	2.9	
Energy	2.5	4.0	
Cons Discretionary	10.1	12.0	
Materials	4.3	8.2	
Real Estate	0.0	7.6	

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Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Europe ex EMU	19.8	8.1	
Europe EMU	14.6	5.4	
Frontier Markets	4.7	—	
Japan	14.1	11.0	
Cash	2.2	—	
Middle East	0.0	1.1	
Emerging Markets	12.7	14.4	
Canada	0.6	3.4	
Pacific ex Japan	0.0	4.6	
US	31.3	52.0	

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"HL": Global Small Companies Equity model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index. "Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index. Sector and region allocations are supplemental information only and complement the fully compliant Global Small Companies Equity composite GIPS Presentation. Source: Harding Loevner Global Small Companies Equity model, FactSet, MSCI Inc. MSCI Inc. and S&P do not make any express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any GICS data contained herein.

hours and fewer engineers. That concern is valid, though more valid for some companies than others. Among the portfolio's holdings, Globant appears to be the most exposed, given its focus on software-development services and heavy reliance on time-and-materials contracts. The company is responding by shifting toward a subscription model, where customers pay monthly for access to "AI Pods," its suite of AI-powered tools. The approach is ambitious and still in its early stages, with the goal of diversifying revenue over time. There are risks in how it executes this strategy, though we think Globant is capable of success and will be monitoring developments closely.

The secondary challenges to the industry are cyclical. There has been a reduction in demand for IT services across the board, following a spending binge the last few years as the pandemic incentivized many businesses to invest in digital technologies. The recent macroeconomic environment has led to more cautious budgeting, and some projects are taking a backseat to higher-priority AI-related work.

The challenge for Reply mostly falls into this cyclical bucket, and we don't think it is likely to see its market position weakened by AI. Reply has built a workforce with specialized knowledge of machine learning and generative AI, and the company already has an array of AI offerings, putting it ahead of rivals. It is also much less reliant on time-and-materials contracts than many of them.

No one knows yet the long-term impact AI will have on industries and the economy. The adoption of any new technology is a journey, not a single event. For now, most companies are still figuring out where AI can lower costs and lift productivity and how to measure the benefits. As everyone reassesses their IT needs, the large, long-dated contracts that once provided the IT-services industry

with predictable revenues are being replaced by many smaller, shorter deals. We view this phase as transitory. Over time, as the learning curve progresses, AI needs and use cases should become clearer, enabling greater visibility of project scope and timelines. This should allow earnings growth for IT-services companies to recover and support higher share prices.

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Moreover, recent AI-related news involving one of our other IT holdings demonstrates how quickly market perceptions can shift in times of rapid technological change. OpenAI, whose generative-AI models have propelled the race for computing infrastructure, has been striking large deals with companies such as NVIDIA, Microsoft, and Oracle to secure chips and processing power for its models. On October 6, it announced a new partnership with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), which may bode well for our Dutch holding Besi, whose advanced-packaging technology enables chipmakers to pack more computing power into less space. Besi is an early leader in hybrid bonding, a type of advanced packaging used by AMD. Besi's shares joined AMD's in rallying the day the OpenAI partnership was announced.

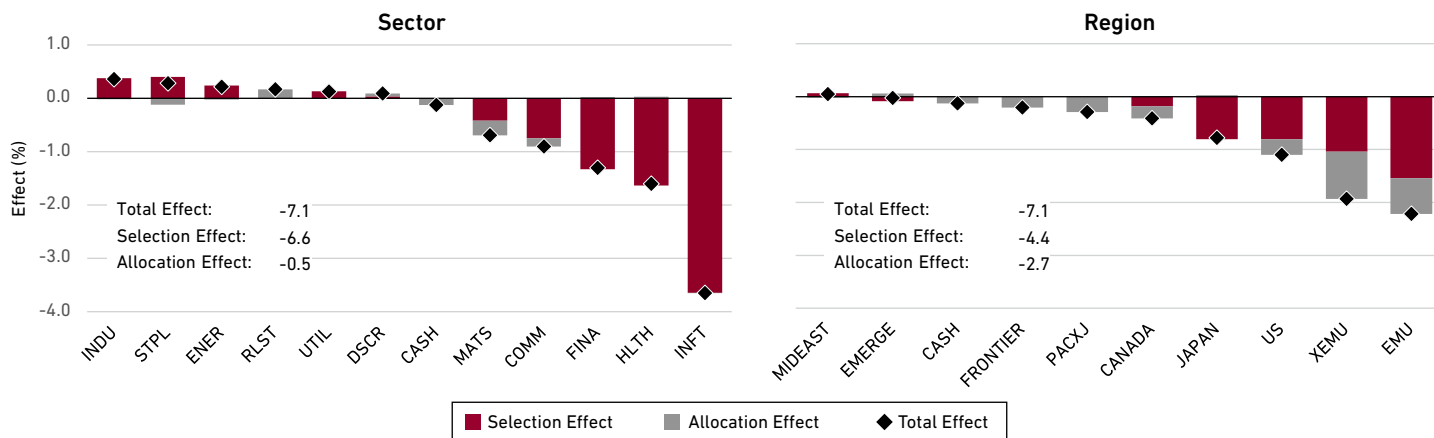
It's a reminder that markets are still trying to piece together information about the evolving AI industry and the role that smaller companies will play. The uncertain environment underscores the importance of staying diversified and focusing on financially strong businesses with enduring competitive advantages.

Performance and Attribution

The Global Small Companies Equity composite rose 1.1% gross of fees in the third quarter, compared with an 8.2% gain in the MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index. For the year, the composite rose 8.7% gross of fees, trailing the index's 17.1% gain.

Third Quarter 2025 Performance Attribution

Global Small Companies Equity Composite vs. MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index



"FRONTIER": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

Source: Harding Loevner Global Small Companies Equity composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Data as of September 30, 2025. The total effect shown here may differ from the variance of the composite performance and benchmark performance shown on the first page of this report due to the way in which FactSet calculates performance attribution. This information is supplemental to the composite GIPS Presentation.

Portfolio Attribution by Sector

About half the portfolio's relative shortfall came from the IT Sector, including a significant detractor within technology hardware and equipment as well as broad weakness across software and services. As discussed above, stock selection in Health Care and Materials also detracted. This was slightly offset by strong holdings in Industrials and Consumer Staples as well as a helpful underweight in Real Estate.

Top contributors to relative performance:

- In **Industrials**, Enersys, the market leader in industrial batteries, outperformed due to growing confidence about the company's ability to navigate tariff disruption. Allegion, a leading provider of physical security products, reported better-than-expected growth in US non-residential markets and raised its forecasts.
- In **Consumer Staples**, Raia Drogasil, the biggest drugstore chain in Brazil, reported results that were much better than expected, alleviating concerns about increased competition. Rohto Pharmaceutical, a producer of eye- and skin-care products, posted strong growth in Southeast Asia.
- The portfolio doesn't have any holdings in **Real Estate**, a sector that continued to lag the benchmark, especially in European markets.
- Our only **Utilities** holding, France-based Rubis, outperformed following reports that suitors are circling the fuel distributor, which has also been under pressure from a group of activist investors.

Top detractors from relative performance:

- In **IT**, LEM Holdings, a Swiss maker of transducers used to measure electrical parameters, reported weak results and pointed to pricing pressure and greater competition. Shift, a Japanese provider of outsourced software-testing services, despite beating consensus earnings estimates for the quarter, underperformed amid growing concerns about the threat of AI to software and services companies.
- Carl Zeiss Meditec and DiaSorin were among the portfolio's weakest **Health Care** holdings. DiaSorin, an Italian maker of diagnostic tests, faced renewed concerns about compressed reimbursements for immunological and chemistry-based assays.
- In **Materials**, Fuchs Petrolub, a German maker of specialty lubricants, cut its sales and profit guidance, citing muted demand from customers affected by US tariffs as well as a slowdown in European industrial production.
- Performance was weak across the **Financials** sector. Relative returns were hurt by an overweight to the underperforming insurance industry. In financial services, Jack Henry, a US-based provider of banking software, forecast a potential slowdown as banks needing to modernize their banking platforms delay new technology investments to first determine what role AI will play in their businesses.

Relative Returns (%)

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Largest Contributors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
EnerSys	INDU	2.7	<0.1	0.57
Raia Drogasil	STPL	1.7	–	0.41
BorgWarner	DSCR	2.0	0.1	0.38
Elanco	HLTH	1.2	0.1	0.31
Allegion	INDU	2.0	–	0.27

Largest Detractors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
LEM Holdings	INFT	1.2	<0.1	-0.77
Shift	INFT	1.0	<0.1	-0.44
Globant	INFT	0.8	–	-0.42
Baltic Classifieds	COMM	1.4	<0.1	-0.41
Jack Henry	FINA	1.3	–	-0.35

Trailing 12 Months

Largest Contributors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
Scout24	COMM	1.6	–	0.60
Rubis	UTIL	1.8	<0.1	0.58
Neurocrine Biosciences	HLTH	2.3	–	0.53
Airtel Africa	COMM	0.7	<0.1	0.46
Daifuku	INDU	0.8	–	0.37

Largest Detractors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
Globant	INFT	1.0	–	-1.36
Tecan	HLTH	1.3	<0.1	-0.96
LEM Holdings	INFT	1.2	<0.1	-0.95
Open Lending	FINA	0.5	<0.1	-0.93
Live Oak Bank	FINA	1.3	<0.1	-0.92

"HL": Global Small Companies Equity composite. "Index": MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index.

Portfolio Attribution by Region

Although two of the portfolio's strongest contributors were in Europe, stock selection was generally weak in both the European Monetary Union (EMU) and ex EMU regions. Japan also detracted, while Emerging Markets (EMs) contained some bright spots.

Top contributors to relative performance:

- Among the large **EMs**, Brazil was a positive contributor thanks to Raia Drogasil. An underweight in India also helped, as the country underperformed the benchmark due to concerns about US tariffs.
- UK**-listed Airtel Africa reported earnings that exceeded expectations, partly due to tariff increases in Nigeria and improved performance in Francophone markets. Markets also have been anticipating the public listing of its mobile-money business by mid-2026, a move that could unlock additional value.
- Shares of BorgWarner, a **US** supplier of automotive components, also surged as the business benefits from higher industry production expectations and favorable currency translation effects.

Top detractors from relative performance:

- Within the **EMU**, Germany and Italy were significant detractors, mainly due to DiaSorin, Carl Zeiss Meditec, and Reply.
- In **Europe ex EMU**, LEM Holdings was a significant detractor. Baltic Classifieds, a London-listed operator of an online classifieds portal in Eastern Europe, reported weak growth after the Estonian government introduced a new tax on the purchase of cars.
- In the **US**, IT was the biggest drag, especially Globant and SPS Commerce. SPS, whose supply-chain management software connects retailers and grocers with suppliers, distributors, and logistics firms, provided a disappointing growth outlook due to tariff uncertainty.
- In **Japan**, Ariake, the country's largest maker of livestock-derived natural seasonings, weighed on returns, as softer restaurant demand in Japan and China resulted in slower sales growth.

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Portfolio Holdings

Communication Services		Market	End Wt. (%)
Airtel Africa	Telecom services	UK	1.2
Baltic Classifieds	Online classifieds portal operator	UK	1.3
Bengo4.com	Lawyer and accountant listings services	Japan	0.5
Cheil Worldwide	Marketing and advertising services	South Korea	0.6
Kakaku.com	E-commerce retailer	Japan	1.5
Megacable	Cable operator	Mexico	0.8
Rightmove	Online property listings operator	UK	0.7
Scout24	Real estate information services	Germany	1.1
TIME dotCom Berhad	Telecom services	Malaysia	0.7
Consumer Discretionary			
BorgWarner	Automotive parts manufacturer	US	2.2
Curves	Fitness club operator	Japan	1.5
Domino's	Restaurant chain operator	US	0.6
Eclat Textile	Technology-based textile manufacturer	Taiwan	0.4
MakeMyTrip	Online travel services	India	0.2
Ollie's Bargain Outlet	Discount cons. products retailer	US	2.0
Thule Group	Lifestyle consumer products manufacturer	Sweden	1.1
TravelSky	Aviation IT services	China	0.9
Wilcon Depot	Home improvement retailer	Philippines	1.2
Consumer Staples			
Ariake	Natural seasonings manufacturer	Japan	0.8
Cranswick	Foods manufacturer	UK	1.6
Milbon	Hair care products manufacturer	Japan	0.8
Raia Drogasil	Drugstores operator	Brazil	2.1
Rohto Pharmaceutical	Health and consumer products mfr.	Japan	0.5
Energy			
Dialog Group Berhad	Petrochemical services	Malaysia	0.5
Helmerich & Payne	Oil driller	US	0.6
TechnipFMC	Energy technology provider	US	1.4
Financials			
Artea Bankas	Commercial bank	Lithuania	1.9
B3	Clearing house and exchange	Brazil	0.9
Banca Transilvania	Commercial bank	Romania	0.9
Commerce Bank	Commercial bank	US	1.6
Discovery Holdings	Insurance provider	South Africa	0.6
Jack Henry	Banking software	US	1.1
Lazard	Financial advisory	US	0.7
Linea Directa	Insurance provider	Spain	0.5
Live Oak Bank	Commercial bank	US	1.2
Max Financial	Financial services & insurance provider	India	1.3
Rathbones	Wealth manager	UK	0.5
RGA	Reinsurance provider	US	2.6
Health Care		Market	End Wt. (%)
Align Technology	Orthodontics products manufacturer	US	0.4
Ambu	Medical device manufacturer	Denmark	0.2
Asahi Intecc	Medical device manufacturer	Japan	1.2
Carl Zeiss Meditec	Medical technology provider	Germany	0.7
CellaVision	Medical device manufacturer	Sweden	0.6
Cooper Companies	Medical equipment mfr. and supplier	US	0.3
DiaSorin	Reagent kits developer	Italy	1.1
Elanco	Animal health care products	US	1.4
Evotec	Drug discovery and developer	Germany	0.7
Neurocrine Biosciences	Biopharmaceutical mfr.	US	2.0
Penumbra	Medical device manufacturer	US	0.9
Santen Pharmaceutical	Pharma manufacturer	Japan	1.4
Square Pharmaceuticals	Pharma manufacturer	Bangladesh	0.4
Sysmex	Clinical laboratory equipment manufacturer	Japan	1.3
Tecan	Life science products and services	Switzerland	1.3
Industrials			
Alfa Laval	Industrial equipment manufacturer	Sweden	0.5
Allegion	Security equipment manufacturer	US	2.2
Bossard	Industrial components supplier	Switzerland	0.6
Brenntag	Chemical distribution services	Germany	1.2
Burckhardt Compression	Compressor manufacturer	Switzerland	1.5
Clarkson	Shipping services	UK	2.2
Copa Holdings	Airline operator	Panama	0.8
Daifuku	Material-handling equipment manufacturer	Japan	0.9
Diploma	Specialized technical services	UK	1.5
EnerSys	Industrial-battery manufacturer	US	3.1
Exponent	Engineering and scientific consultant	US	0.6
Franklin Electric	Water and fueling systems Mfr.	US	0.3
Haitian International	Injection-molding machines mfr.	China	0.5
Meyer Optoelectronic	Optical machine manufacturer	China	0.7
MISUMI Group	Machinery-parts supplier	Japan	0.9
Pfeiffer Vacuum	Vacuum pump manufacturer	Germany	0.7
Rational	Commercial kitchen equipment manufacturer	Germany	0.4
Senior	Aerospace and auto parts manufacturer	UK	2.7
TOMRA	Industrial sensors manufacturer	Norway	0.5
Watts	Water technology products and services	US	2.5
Information Technology			
Alten	Technology consultant and engineer	France	1.3
AppFolio	Real estate information services	US	0.5
Besi	Semiconductor equipment mfr.	Netherlands	1.2
EPAM	IT consultant	US	0.7
Fabrinet	Optical tools mfr. and supplier	Thailand	1.0

Information Technology

Globant	IT services provider	US	0.6
Kinaxis	Supply chain software developer	Canada	0.6
LEM Holdings	Electrical components manufacturer	Switzerland	0.9
Nemetschek	Engineering software developer	Germany	0.3
Rakus	IT employment and cloud services	Japan	0.8
Reply	IT consultant	Italy	0.9
Shift	Software assurance provider	Japan	0.9
SPS Commerce	Supply chain software provider	US	1.4
Vaisala	Atmospheric measuring devices manufacturer	Finland	1.4

Materials

Balchem	Specialty ingredients manufacturer	US	0.3
Croda	Specialty chemical manufacturer	UK	0.8
Fuchs Petrolub	Lubricants manufacturer	Germany	0.9
Hoa Phat Group	Steel producer	Vietnam	0.7
JCU	Industrial coating manufacturer	Japan	1.2
SH Kelkar	Fragrances and flavors manufacturer	India	0.4

Real Estate

No Holdings

Utilities

Rubis	Liquid chemical storage and distribution	France	2.2
Cash			2.2

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Portfolio Facts

Portfolio Characteristics

Quality and Growth	HL	Index	Risk and Valuation	HL	Index
Profit Margin ¹ (%)	10.1	7.8	Alpha ² (%)	-5.02	–
Return on Assets ¹ (%)	8.7	4.9	Beta ²	0.90	–
Return on Equity ¹ (%)	14.0	10.2	R-Squared ²	0.89	–
Debt/Equity Ratio ¹ (%)	37.3	54.6	Active Share ³ (%)	98	–
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE ¹ (%)	4.0	6.3	Standard Deviation ² (%)	16.55	17.35
Sales Growth ^{1,2} (%)	7.1	6.8	Sharpe Ratio ²	0.12	0.51
Earnings Growth ^{1,2} (%)	8.6	8.8	Tracking Error ² (%)	5.9	–
Cash Flow Growth ^{1,2} (%)	11.2	8.2	Information Ratio ²	-1.16	–
Dividend Growth ^{1,2} (%)	7.6	6.9	Up/Down Capture ²	77/102	–
Size and Turnover	HL	Index	Price/Earnings ⁴	20.8	18.1
Wtd. Median Mkt. Cap. (US \$B)	4.4	4.5	Price/Cash Flow ⁴	13.0	10.2
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US \$B)	5.9	5.9	Price/Book ⁴	2.5	1.8
Turnover ³ (Annual %)	25.3	–	Dividend Yield ⁵ (%)	1.9	2.0

¹Weighted median. ²Trailing five years, annualized. ³Five-year average. ⁴Weighted harmonic mean. ⁵Weighted mean. Source: (Risk characteristics) Harding Loevner Global Small Companies Equity composite based on the composite returns, gross of fees, eVestment Alliance LLC, MSCI Inc. Source: (other characteristics) Harding Loevner Global Small Companies Equity model based on the underlying holdings, FactSet (Run Date: October 3, 2025, based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date), MSCI Inc.

Completed Portfolio Transactions

Positions Established	Market	Sector	Positions Sold	Market	Sector
Besi	Netherlands	INFT	CyberArk	Israel	INFT
Cooper Companies	US	HLTH	Robinsons Retail	Philippines	STPL
Croda	UK	MATS	Stanley Electric	Japan	DSCR
Fabrinet	Thailand	INFT			
MakeMyTrip	India	DSCR			
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH			

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Composite Performance

as of September 30, 2025

	HL Global Small Cos. Gross (%)	HL Global Small Cos. Net (%)	MSCI ACWI Small Cap ¹ (%)	HL Global Small Cos. 3-yr. Std. Deviation ² (%)	MSCI ACWI Small Cap 3-yr. Std. Deviation ² (%)	Internal Dispersion ³ (%)	No. of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$M)	Firm Assets (\$M)
2025 YTD ⁴	8.70	8.13	17.05	14.95	15.30	N.A.	1	2	34,548
2024	-2.56	-3.33	8.15	18.42	18.70	N.M.	1	2	35,471
2023	15.99	15.02	17.41	18.19	18.17	N.M.	1	2	43,924
2022	-21.46	-22.14	-18.27	21.86	23.83	N.M.	1	1	47,607
2021	12.53	11.52	16.54	18.58	21.27	N.M.	1	2	75,084
2020	29.24	28.09	16.83	+	+	N.M.	1	2	74,496
2019	30.99	29.82	25.23	+	+	N.M.	1	1	64,306

¹Benchmark index. ²Variability of the composite, gross of fees, and the index returns over the preceding 36-month period, annualized. ³Asset-weighted standard deviation (gross of fees). ⁴The 2025 YTD performance returns and assets shown are preliminary. N.A.—Internal dispersion less than a 12-month period. N.M.—Information is not statistically significant due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. + Less than 36 months of return data.

The Global Small Companies composite contains fully discretionary, fee-paying accounts investing primarily in US and non-US equity and equity-equivalent securities of companies with market capitalizations that fall within the range of the composite's benchmark index and cash reserves, and is measured against the MSCI All Country World Small Cap Total Return Index (Gross) for comparison purposes. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. The exchange rate source of the benchmark is Reuters. The exchange rate source of the composite is Bloomberg. Additional information about the benchmark, including the percentage of composite assets invested in countries or regions not included in the benchmark, is available upon request.

The MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure small cap developed and emerging market equity performance. The index consists of 47 developed and emerging market countries, and is comprised of companies that fall within a market capitalization range of USD 37-40,048 million (as of September 30, 2025). You cannot invest directly in this index.

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The Global Small Companies composite was created on December 31, 2018 and the performance inception date is January 1, 2019.

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