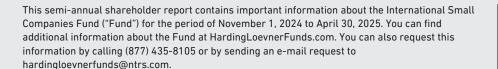
# **International Small Companies**

# Semi-Annual Shareholder Report

Institutional Class HLMRX | April 30, 2025



# What were the Fund costs for the period? (based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund (Class)	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment <sup>1</sup>
International Small Companies (Institutional Class)	\$59	1.17%
1Expense ratio is expressed on an annualized basis		

### Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

The International Small Companies Institutional Class (HLMRX) rose 2.64% (net of fees and expenses) in the six-month period ended April 30, 2025. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index, rose 2.66% in the same period (net of source taxes).<sup>1</sup>

#### **Key Performance Factors**

International small caps gained during the period, outperforming US small caps, as investors worried about the impact of higher tariffs on US growth and inflation. European markets rallied after German legislators approved its fiscal stimulus package. Rising long-end yields in Europe and Japan helped Financials outperform. Information Technology (IT) underperformed as the release of Chinese AI model DeepSeek rattled stocks across the tech supply chain. The Fund kept pace with the index due to strong relative returns in IT and Communication Services but was hurt by weak returns in Consumer Discretionary and Industrials.

#### Sector Analysis

In Communication Services, mobile network operator Airtel Africa received regulatory approval to increase rates up to 50% in Nigeria. In Consumer Discretionary, Philippine home-improvement retailer Wilcon Depot reported disappointing results due to slow demand and discounting by peers.

#### Regional Analysis

Yantai China Pet Foods soared after the company reported strong sales and an improvement in profit margins. German life-science products manufacturer STRATEC suffered weakening pricing power; we reduced our holding.

#### **Performance**

↑ Top Contributors	<b>↓</b> Top Detractors
Airtel Africa	Wilcon Depot
Yantai China Pet Foods	YouGov
CyberArk	Thule Group
Scout24	Globant
Bankinter	SH Kelkar

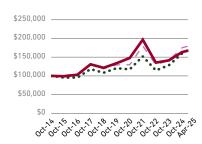
The securities shown do not represent all holdings, and it should not be assumed that investment in these securities has been or will be profitable. The following is available upon request: (1) information describing the methodology of the contribution data and (2) a list showing the weight and relative contribution of all holdings during the period. Contribution is the contribution to overall performance over the period.



#### **Fund Performance**

The following graph and chart compare the beginning and ending account values for the most recently completed 10 fiscal years of the Fund. It compares a \$100,000 initial investment in the Fund with an investment in (i) an appropriate, broadbased securities market index and (ii) an additional index that reflects the market sectors in which the Fund invests.

#### Growth of \$100,000 (USD)



Fund and Benchmark with Ending Value

#### Average Annual Total Return (%)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Fund	6.29	6.98	4.84
MSCI ACWI ex US Index*	11.92	10.09	4.83
MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index*	8.23	10.31	5.19

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. Fund performance is shown net of fees. Benchmark performance is shown net of withholding taxes. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

\*In accordance with new regulatory requirements, the Fund has selected the MSCI ACWI ex US Index as the Fund's broad-based securities market index. The Fund has selected the MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index as a secondary benchmark.

Visit HardingLoevnerFunds.com for the most recent performance information. The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.



For additional resources and information about the Fund, scan the QR code or visit HardingLoevnerFunds.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Fund considers the non-broad-based index most relevant when analyzing the Fund's performance.

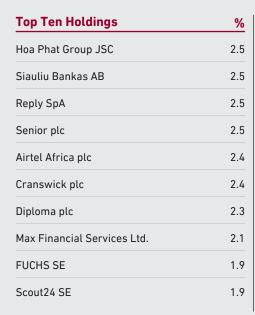
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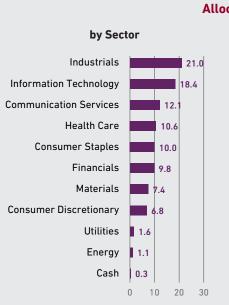
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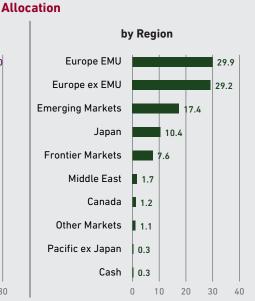
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# **Graphical Representation of Holdings**

The table and charts below show the investment makeup of the Fund; percentages indicated and graphical representations are based on the Fund's net asset value.







# Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants

Effective January 31, 2025, KPMG LLP ("KPMG") was dismissed as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Fund. There were no disagreements with KPMG on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures during the two most recent fiscal years and the subsequent interim period through January 31, 2025. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has been appointed as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2025.

#### Availability of Additional Information

You can find additional information about the Fund such as the prospectus, financial information, fund holdings and proxy voting information at HardingLoevnerFunds.com. You can also request this information by contacting us at (877) 435-8105.

## Householding

In order to reduce expenses, we will deliver a single copy of prospectuses, proxies, financial reports and other communication to shareholders with the same residential address, provided they have the same last name or we reasonably believe them to be members of the same family. Unless we are notified otherwise, we will continue to send recipients only one copy of these materials for as long as they remain a shareholder of the Fund. If you would like to receive individual mailings, please call (877) 435-8105 and we will begin sending you separate copies of these materials within 30 days after receiving your request.

