# International Equity ADR



April 2025



## Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended April 30, 2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
HL International Equity ADR (Gross)	3.20	9.84	13.93	9.15	11.04	6.49	8.07
HL International Equity ADR (Net)	3.04	9.50	13.17	8.42	10.30	5.77	7.23
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	3.69	9.25	12.52	8.60	10.62	5.34	5.39
MSCI EAFE Index	4.69	12.02	13.13	10.63	11.91	5.96	5.27

The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. International Equity ADR composite inception date: December 31, 1989 corresponds to that of the linked International Equity composite. MSCI All Country World ex US Index, the benchmark index, and MSCI EAFE 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)

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Sector	HL	Index		Relat	ive We	ight	
Health Care	16.9	8.6					
Cash	3.1	_					
Cons Staples	8.8	7.2					
Materials	7.7	6.3					
Info Technology	13.5	12.2					
Industrials	13.3	14.2					
Financials	23.5	24.8					
Real Estate	0.0	1.7					
Energy	2.8	4.6					
Comm Services	4.2	6.3					
Utilities	0.0	3.3					
Cons Discretionary	6.2	10.8					
			-12	-6	0	6	12

Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Other	3.5	-	
Europe ex EMU	23.4	20.0	
Cash	3.1	-	
Pacific ex Japan	8.7	6.7	
Japan	15.6	14.0	
Europe EMU	23.7	22.3	ı
Frontier Markets	0.0	-	
Middle East	0.0	0.6	
Canada	3.6	7.9	
Emerging Markets	18.4	28.5	
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<sup>&</sup>quot;HL": International Equity ADR model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World ex US Index. "Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

#### **Investment Perspectives**

#### Market

International markets outperformed the United States for the fourth month in a row. The MSCI ACWI ex US Index rose 3.7% while the S&P 500 declined 0.7%. US markets dropped nearly 12% intramonth following President Trump's announcement of baseline tariffs of 10% on all imported goods and additional country-specific reciprocal tariffs of up to 49%. Rates on Chinese goods eventually reached 145%. The administration has since moderated its position, postponing the reciprocal tariffs for 90 days (except in the case of China). By sector, safe havens such as Consumer Staples and Utilities rose more than 8%, while Energy fell more than 5%. Japan climbed more than 5% while Emerging Markets was up 1%, weighed down by China's 4% decline. Mexico, subject to some tariff exceptions for certain goods compliant with the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, rose 13%.

#### Portfolio

The portfolio continued to outperform in Health Care. Shares of Japan's Chugai Pharmaceutical rose after its partner Lilly announced positive Phase 3 clinical trial results for Orforglipron, its oral GLP-1 candidate for diabetes, with data at the upper end of efficacy for weight loss with better-than-expected tolerability. The results raise the drug's chances of becoming a leader in the potentially large oral GLP-1 drug market. Chugai also reported strong first quarter earnings with operating profit well ahead of expectations, with sales of Hemlibra, its biggest selling drug, showing exceptional growth in international markets.

## **Ten Largest Holdings**

Company	Market	Sector
Allianz	Germany	Financials
DBS Group	Singapore	Financials
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	Health Care
SAP	Germany	Info Technology
HDFC Bank	India	Financials
TSMC	Taiwan	Info Technology
Sony	Japan	Cons Discretionary
Haleon	UK	Health Care
Manulife	Canada	Financials
Shell	UK	Energy

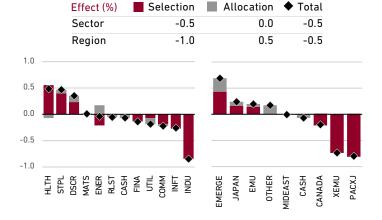
 $\label{thm:continuous} Ten \ Largest \ Holdings \ are \ the \ top \ ten \ holdings \ by \ weight. \ Please \ read \ the \ disclosures \ on \ the \ last \ page, \ which \ are \ an \ integral \ part \ of \ this \ presentation.$ 

<sup>&</sup>quot;Other": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

### Benchmark Performance | Apr.

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### Performance Attribution | Apr.



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- In Industrials, Hong Kong-based Techtronic Industries' shares declined following the announcement of the Trump administration's tariffs; the proposed rates on Vietnam and China, two countries that account for nearly 80% of Techtronic's manufacturing footprint, were especially high.
- In Consumer Discretionary, shares of e-commerce retailer
  MercadoLibre rose. The company reported sales and profits ahead
  of expectations in the recent quarter, with less margin pressure
  from its expansion into credit cards than expected.
- UK-based oil and gas producer Shell detracted as oil prices declined sharply due to worsening OPEC+ supply dynamics and fears of a slowdown in global economic activity due to US tariff policy.

## **Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Apr.**

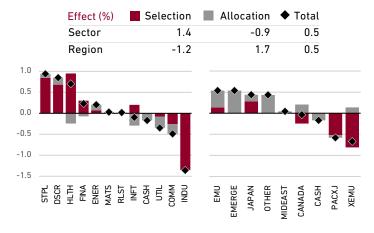
#### to Relative Returns

			Index	
Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	0.59
L'Oréal	France	STPL	0.4	0.29
MercadoLibre	US	DSCR	_	0.27
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.6	0.18
HDFC Bank	India	FINA	0.5	0.17
Detractors				
Shell	UK	ENER	0.7	-0.41
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.2	-0.36
Haier Smart Home	China	DSCR	<0.1	-0.17
Techtronic Industries	Hong Kong	INDU	0.1	-0.16
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.16

#### Benchmark Performance | YTD



#### Performance Attribution | YTD



- In Japan, Chugai and Sony were strong contributors. Sony reported strong results, boosted by growth in its gaming and music divisions, and increased guidance for revenue and margins.
- In Information Technology (IT), Japanese precision tool manufacturer Disco Corp fell due to uncertainty surrounding US trade and tariff policies.
- The portfolio outperformed despite facing strong style headwinds as shares of the fastest-growing, highest-quality, and most-expensive companies significantly underperformed.

# Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | YTD

#### to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.5	0.93
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.3	0.81
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	0.60
MercadoLibre	US	DSCR	_	0.44
FEMSA	Mexico	STPL	0.1	0.38
Detractors				
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-1.12
Haier Smart Home	China	DSCR	<0.1	-0.39
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.5	-0.37
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	2.8	-0.34
Techtronic Industries	Hong Kong	INDU	0.1	-0.30

#### Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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

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