# International Equity ADR

August 2025 Monthly Update



## **Performance**

Total Return (%) Periods Ended August 31, 2025

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
HL International Equity ADR (Gross)	1.90	16.41	10.54	14.60	7.56	8.52	8.17
HL International Equity ADR (Net)	1.90	15.86	9.85	13.85	6.84	7.79	7.33
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	3.54	22.19	16.11	15.75	9.49	7.86	5.67
MSCI EAFE Index	4.27	23.31	14.46	17.63	10.70	7.92	5.50

Performance returns are of the composite. 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)

Sector	HL	Index	Rela	ative We	eight	
Health Care	13.6	8.0				
Cash	3.6	-				
Info Technology	15.1	13.0				
Cons Staples	7.6	6.5				
Industrials	15.9	14.8				
Materials	7.5	6.4				
Comm Services	5.0	6.3				
Energy	3.0	4.6				
Real Estate	0.0	1.7				
Financials	22.7	25.3				
Utilities	0.0	3.0				
Cons Discretionary	6.0	10.4				
		-10	-5	0	5	10

Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight			
Cash	3.6	-				
Other	3.5	-				
Pacific ex Japan	9.9	6.9				
Europe ex EMU	21.9	19.0				
Europe EMU	23.6	21.9				
Frontier Markets	0.0	-				
Middle East	0.4	0.6				
Japan	13.6	13.9				
Canada	2.6	8.3				
Emerging Markets	20.9	29.4				
		-10	-5 0 5	1		

#### **Investment Perspectives**

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Rebounding from July losses, the MSCI ACWI ex US Index rose 3.5% in August, beating the S&P 500's 2% return. All sectors advanced, led by Materials, which benefited from higher commodity prices and reduced uncertainty about global trade flows. Meanwhile, Information Technology (IT) lagged on concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure costs and lofty valuations. Regionally, Japan surged 7% after striking a trade deal with the US while emerging markets were weighed down by India, which fell 2% after the US imposed hefty tariffs, and by South Korea and Taiwan, where heavy exposure to large AI tech companies hurt returns. Value again outperformed, as the cheapest quintile of stocks beat the most expensive by three percentage points, widening the year-to-date performance gap between the two to 26 percentage points.

#### Portfolio

The portfolio underperformed in Japan, as weakness in some Health Care holdings weren't overcome by gains elsewhere in this market. Sysmex, a clinical lab equipment maker, missed consensus sales estimates due to lower hematology testing volumes and reagent sales in China and weaker sales in Japan caused by a system upgrade. Chugai Pharmaceutical also declined after Eli Lilly reported that one of the two phase 3 trial results for orforglipron, a Chugai-discovered obesity drug, were less efficacious than expected. On the positive side, Daifuku, the global leader in warehouse automation, posted strong earnings and operating margins helped by price pass-throughs, productivity gains, and cost cuts. The company raised full-year guidance. Sony also beat expectations, as growth in gaming and image sensors offset currency headwinds and slower growth in movies. Management also raised full year guidance.

#### Ten Largest Holdings

Company	Market	Sector
DBS Group	Singapore	Financials
TSMC	Taiwan	Info Technology
Allianz	Germany	Financials
HDFC Bank	India	Financials
SAP	Germany	Info Technology
Shell	UK	Energy
Sony	Japan	Cons Discretionary
L'Oréal	France	Cons Staples
AIA Group	Hong Kong	Financials
Tencent	China	Comm Services

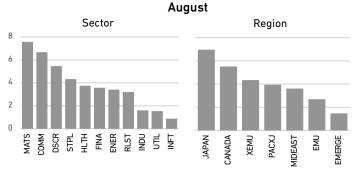
Ten Largest Holdings are the top ten holdings by weight. Please read the disclosures on the last page, which are an integral part of this presentation.

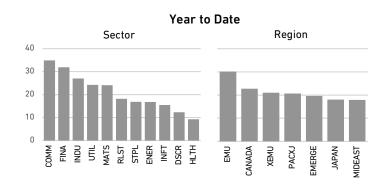
<sup>&</sup>quot;HL": International Equity ADR model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World ex US Index. "Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

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#### Index Performance (USD %)

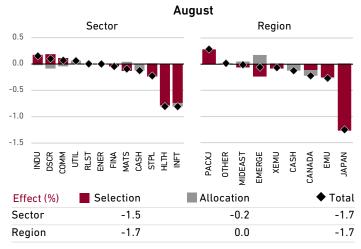
## MSCI ACWI ex US Index





#### Performance Attribution Effect (%)

International Equity ADR Composite vs. MSCI ACWI ex US Index



"OTHER": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

- In Health Care, Chugai and Sysmex detracted from relative performance. Shares of Swiss eye care manufacturer Alcon also fell as the company lowered its full-year revenue guidance, citing softness in the surgical market.
- In Consumer Discretionary, Sony and Chinese consumer appliance manufacturer Haier Smart Home contributed to relative performance.
  Shares of the latter rose as the company reported strong second-quarter revenue growth, particularly in Europe and China.
- Regionally, performance in Japan was negatively affected by Chugai and Sysmex. We outperformed in Pacific ex Japan where Singapore-based commercial bank DBS Group reported rising year-over-year loan and deposit growth for the second quarter.

- Year to Date Sector Region 1.5 0.0 -15 -3 N UTIL STPL CASH MATS EMERGE OTHER Selection Allocation Total Effect (%) Sector -4.4 -1.7 -6.1 Region -6.7 0.6 -6.1
- In Industrials, shares of Hong Kong-based power tool manufacturer Techtronic Industries have been pressured by tariff concerns and slowing growth in the US, its core market for its Milwaukee-branded tools. France's Schneider Electric, an electrification equipment and services company, reported year-over-year margin contraction for the first half of 2025, exacerbated by raw material inflation, tariffs, and a negative mix shift.
- In Consumer Discretionary, Latin American e-commerce business MercadoLibre has continued to see strong growth in gross merchandise value and in sales.
- The portfolio faced strong style headwinds as shares of the fastest-growing, highest-quality, and most-expensive companies significantly underperformed.

#### Relative Returns (%)

	August	Index		
Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.3	0.22
Daifuku	Japan	INDU	<0.1	0.20
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.5	0.16
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.5	0.10
Tencent	China	СОММ	1.6	0.09
Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.47
HDFC Bank	India	FINA	0.4	-0.31
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.31
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.1	-0.25
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	-0.22

	Year to Date		Index	
Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.3	1.18
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.5	0.74
Novo Nordisk*	Denmark	HLTH	0.8	0.60
MercadoLibre	US	DSCR	_	0.37
Infineon Technologies	Germany	INFT	0.2	0.35
Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-1.19
Dassault Systemes	France	INFT	0.1	-0.80
Unicharm	Japan	STPL	<0.1	-0.68
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.63
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.2	-0.58

#### Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

Sector/Region 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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