# International Equity ADR



January 2025



# Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended January 31, 2025	1 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
HL International Equity ADR (Gross)	3.76	10.13	2.45	6.80	6.80	7.96
HL International Equity ADR (Net)	3.60	9.39	1.77	6.09	6.08	7.12
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	4.05	11.48	3.98	6.01	5.73	5.28
MSCI EAFE Index	5.26	9.20	5.65	6.76	6.19	5.12

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 ADR 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	Und	er / Over	
Health Care	16.1	9.0			
Cash	2.1	_			
Info Technology	15.2	13.7			
Materials	7.8	6.3			
Cons Staples	8.1	6.7			
Industrials	14.1	13.9			
Financials	22.8	23.9			
Utilities	1.3	2.9			
Real Estate	0.0	1.7			
Energy	3.0	4.9			
Comm Services	3.0	5.9			
Cons Discretionary	6.5	11.1			
		-10	-5	0 5	10

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Europe EMU	24.9	21.3	
Europe ex EMU	23.6	20.0	
Other	3.3	-	
Cash	2.1	-	
Pacific ex Japan	8.5	7.0	
Japan	14.3	14.1	
Frontier Markets	0.0	_	
Middle East	0.0	0.6	
Canada	3.8	8.0	
Emerging Markets	19.5	29.0	
		-10	-5 0 5 1

### "HL": International Equity ADR model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World ex US Index.

## **Investment Perspectives**

#### Market

The MSCI ACWI ex US Index rose 4.0%, besting the S&P 500's 2.7% return. All regions and sectors rose. Europe in and out of the eurozone gained 7.7% and 6.0%, respectively, while Japan rose the least, up 1.6%. All sectors advanced, with Information Technology gaining 5.2% despite a pullback in AI-related stocks following the release of a competitive low-cost AI model by a Chinese company. Financials also gained 5.0% and Utilities rose the least, returning 0.6%.

#### Portfolio

US-traded ADRs of TSMC tumbled 13% and shares of Schneider Electric fell 17% after Chinese AI startup DeepSeek launched R1, a cost-effective reasoning model rivaling those from OpenAI and Google. The shares later recovered, with TSMC up nearly 6% in January and Schneider increasing by 2%. Although there are concerns that R1's open-source model may decrease near-term demand for computational power, TSMC and other semiconductor companies are still expected to benefit from long-term growth in AI investment. Enhanced models and reduced costs should make AI more affordable and accessible. This could lower barriers to entry for small app developers, expand AI use cases, and encourage innovations, which should increase demand for TSMC's chips. Schneider, which derives 20% of its revenue from data centers, remains set to benefit from electrical upgrades needed for increased Al investment, the pace of which has not risen with GPUs. Its business is also well diversified. As the global leader in low- and medium-voltage electrical equipment, its products are used in panels, circuits and electrical equipment found in factories, utilities, hospitals, and other building types.

# **Ten Largest Holdings**

Company	Market	Sector
DBS Group	Singapore	Financials
TSMC	Taiwan	Info Technology
Allianz	Germany	Financials
SAP	Germany	Info Technology
HDFC Bank	India	Financials
Royal Dutch Shell	UK	Energy
Infineon Technologies	Germany	Info Technology
Manulife	Canada	Financials
Dassault Systèmes	France	Info Technology
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	Health Care

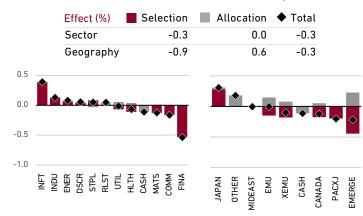
Ten Largest Holdings are the top ten holdings by weight. Please read the disclosures on the last page, which are an integral part of this presentation.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

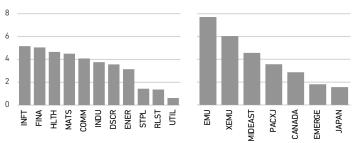
<sup>&</sup>quot;Other": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

### Benchmark Performance | January

### Performance Attribution | January



#### Total Return by Geography (%) Total Return by Sector (%)



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

- In Financials, shares of India's HDFC Bank declined as the country's banking system liquidity reached a 15-year low, which may lead to heightened deposit competition in the industry.
- In Information Technology, French 3D-design software designer Dassault Systémes benefitted as the company's 3DEXPERIENCE software continues to draw new customers, including Volkswagen.
- Chinese consumer appliances manufacturer Haier Smart Home detracted as the Trump administration threatened to impose tariffs on Mexican and Chinese goods. Roughly 40% of Haier's US sales come from products assembled in China or Mexico.

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

#### to Relative Returns

Contributors Market Sector  BBVA Spain FINA	Weight 0.2	Effect 0.25
	0.2	0.25
D U.C. () E INET		
Dassault Systèmes France INFT	0.1	0.23
SAP Germany INFT	1.0	0.15
MercadoLibre US DSCR	-	0.14
Atlas Copco Sweden INDU	0.3	0.09

Detractors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
HDFC Bank	India	FINA	0.4	-0.26
Manulife	Canada	FINA	0.2	-0.20
Haier Smart Home	China	DSCR	<0.1	-0.14
Haleon	UK	HLTH	0.1	-0.14
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	-0.13

Index weight is the average weight of the security in the index over the MTD periods. Please read the disclosures below, which are an integral part of this presentation.

#### Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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

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