# International Equity ADR



May 2025



# Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended May 31, 2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
HL International Equity ADR (Gross)	3.65	13.86	12.36	10.48	10.44	6.96	8.16
HL International Equity ADR (Net)	3.65	13.50	11.65	9.75	9.71	6.23	7.33
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	4.69	14.37	14.36	9.97	10.91	5.98	5.51
MSCI EAFE Index	4.72	17.31	13.92	12.02	11.98	6.49	5.39

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	Relative Weight
Health Care	15.8	8.2	
Cash	3.5	_	
Info Technology	14.2	12.7	
Materials	7.7	6.2	
Cons Staples	8.4	7.0	
Industrials	13.4	14.7	
Financials	23.6	25.0	
Energy	2.8	4.5	
Real Estate	0.0	1.7	
Comm Services	4.4	6.2	
Utilities	0.0	3.2	
Cons Discretionary	6.2	10.6	
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Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Other	3.6	_	The statute weight
Cash	3.5	_	
Europe ex EMU	23.0	19.7	
Pacific ex Japan	9.1	6.8	
Europe EMU	23.6	22.5	
Japan	14.9	13.9	
Frontier Markets	0.0	-	
Middle East	0.0	0.6	
Canada	3.6	8.0	
Emerging Markets	18.7	28.5	
		-8	-4 0 4 8

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

### Investment Perspectives

### Market

The MSCI ACWI ex US Index rose 4.7% in May, trailing the S&P 500's 6.3% gain. By sector, Health Care lagged with a 0.4% return, weighed down by concerns over US regulatory pressure on drug pricing and revenue growth. Information Technology advanced the most, up 8.7%, as semiconductor firms reported signs of recovery in industrial and automotive demand. Strength in semiconductors helped propel Taiwan, home to **TSMC**, to a 12.5% return. However, Emerging Markets rose 4.3%, as Taiwan's strength was mitigated by India, which rose only 1.2% and China, which rose 2.7% due to persistent trade frictions with the US. Regionally, Canada, the European Monetary Union, and Pacific ex Japan all delivered returns above 5%, with Europe benefiting from a temporary de-escalation in transatlantic tariff tensions.

### **Portfolio**

The portfolio underperformed in Health Care. After a rally last month following positive clinical trial results for its oral GLP-1 diabetes drug candidate, shares of Japan's **Chugai Pharmaceutical** fell alongside other Asian pharmaceutical companies as the Trump administration announced plans to cut prescription drug prices, bringing them in line with prices paid by other countries. Several health care equipment and services holdings also detracted. **Sysmex**, the global leader in hematology equipment and reagents, declined after the company issued soft guidance for the upcoming year, citing yen appreciation, cautious forecasts in hemostasis and immunochemistry, and a delay in US approval for some of the company's hemostasis analyzers. And in its second-quarter earnings result, medical device manufacturer **Coloplast** reported weakness in its ostomy segment due to consumer downtrading in China.

# **Ten Largest Holdings**

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

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.

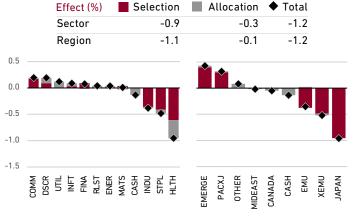
<sup>&</sup>quot;Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

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# Benchmark Performance | May

# Total Return by Sector (%) Total Return by Region (%) Total Return by Region (%) REAL RETURN BY REGION (%) Total Return by Region (%) Total Return by Region (%) REAL RETURN BY REGION (%)

# Performance Attribution | May



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

- In Japan, consumer products manufacturer Unicharm reported a decline in year-over-year sales and operating profit for the first quarter, particularly in China.
- Within Financials, shares of Dutch payments-processing company Adyen rose due to resilient payment processing volumes, despite an anticipated slowdown in consumer activity.
- In Europe ex EMU, Swiss eye care manufacturer Alcon reported lower-than-expected earnings growth for the first quarter and reduced its earnings-per-share and operating margin guidance for 2025.

## **Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | May**

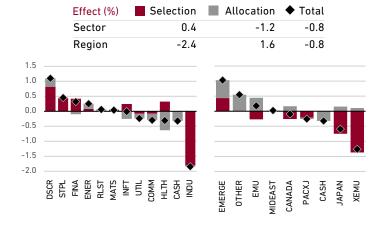
### to Relative Returns

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Contributors	Market	Sector	Index	Cff o o t
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Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	0.20
Haleon	UK	HLTH	0.2	0.20
Adyen	Netherlands	FINA	0.1	0.19
AIA Group	Hong Kong	FINA	0.3	0.17
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.2	0.14
Detractors				
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	-0.42
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.2	-0.34
Unicharm	Japan	STPL	<0.1	-0.34
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.28
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.5	-0.25

### Benchmark Performance | YTD



# Performance Attribution | YTD



- In Industrials, shares of Hong Kong-based power tool manufacturer Techtronic Industries declined, 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 slower-than-expected first quarter sales growth, with softness in its residential and European data center businesses.
- In Consumer Discretionary, Sony's shares rallied on strong guidance for fiscal year 2025 operating profit growth. Latin American e-commerce business MercadoLibre reported that gains in active users, merchandise volume, and payments helped sales grow nearly 40%.
- The portfolio faced 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

			Index	
Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.3	0.91
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.5	0.70
MercadoLibre	US	DSCR	_	0.58
Novo Nordisk*	Denmark	HLTH	0.9	0.36
Infineon Technologies	Germany	INFT	0.2	0.32
Detractors				
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.94
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.50
Haier Smart Home	China	DSCR	<0.1	-0.45
Sonova	Switzerland	HLTH	0.1	-0.29
Coloplast	Denmark	HLTH	<0.1	-0.28

### 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.

### **Disclosures**

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