

# International Developed Markets Equity



Monthly Update | November 2024

## Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended November 30, 2024	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	-1.10	4.61	10.55	1.70	7.66	7.96	8.73
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Net)	-1.11	4.12	10.02	1.19	7.13	7.40	8.14
MSCI World ex US Index	0.26	8.13	14.07	5.11	6.88	5.73	6.41
MSCI EAFE Index	-0.55	6.75	12.44	4.67	6.39	5.57	6.37

The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. International Developed Markets Equity composite inception date: February 28, 2010. MSCI 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	Under / Over
Health Care	17.3	11.4	5.9
Cons Staples	12.1	7.9	4.2
Info Technology	12.3	8.8	3.5
Materials	10.1	6.7	3.4
Cash	2.2	-	2.2
Industrials	15.9	17.0	-1.1
Energy	3.6	5.2	-1.6
Financials	21.7	23.6	-1.9
Real Estate	0.0	1.9	-1.9
Utilities	0.0	3.2	-3.2
Comm Services	0.0	4.5	-4.5
Cons Discretionary	4.8	9.8	-5.0

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Emerging Markets	4.9	-	4.9
Europe ex EMU	30.6	28.3	2.3
Cash	2.2	-	2.2
Other	2.1	-	2.1
Frontier Markets	0.0	-	0.0
Pacific ex Japan	9.8	10.2	-0.4
Middle East	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Japan	19.2	20.1	-0.9
Canada	7.9	11.9	-4.0
Europe EMU	23.3	28.7	-5.4

"HL": International Developed Markets Equity model portfolio. "Index": MSCI World ex US Index. "Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index. "Other": Includes companies listed in the United States.

## Investment Perspectives

### Market

Reaction to the US election dominated markets this month. The MSCI World ex US Index gained 0.3%, underperforming the MSCI US Index, which rose over 6% in the wake of Donald Trump's victory. The biggest loser was the eurozone, which fell nearly 3%. By sector, Health Care and Materials dropped, while Financials gained. Shares of lower-quality firms, which tend to benefit from stimulatory policy and lower regulation, outperformed those of high-quality businesses by about 420 basis points.

### Portfolio

The portfolio underperformed in Consumer Staples, its second-largest active weight by sector, as slowing sales and consumer spending weighed on company results. Japanese consumer products manufacturer **Unicharm** reported unexpected weakness in Asia during the third quarter as price increases led to customer downtrading. French cosmetics manufacturer **L'Oréal** reported third quarter earnings below consensus amid slowing beauty sales in some markets. Foods manufacturer **Nestlé** reduced its full-year organic sales growth forecast and indicated that higher sales and marketing expenses to gain market share would result in lower margins next year. On a positive note, shares of Canadian convenience store and gas station operator **Couche-Tard** rallied as the company said it would not pursue a hostile bid for Seven & i, the owner of 7-Eleven stores. The company also reported solid third-quarter earnings with strong margins on fuel sales.

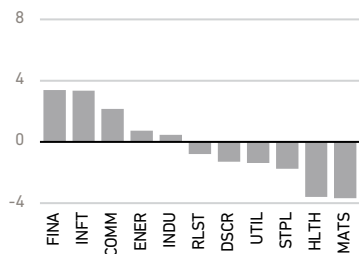
## Ten Largest Holdings

Company	Market	Sector
DBS Group	Singapore	Financials
Manulife	Canada	Financials
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	Health Care
Allianz	Germany	Financials
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials
Haleon	UK	Cons Staples
Royal Dutch Shell	UK	Energy
Roche	Switzerland	Health Care
Sony	Japan	Cons Discretionary
BBVA	Spain	Financials

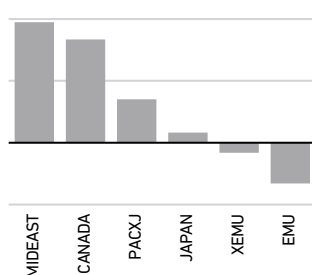
Ten Largest Holdings are the top ten holdings by weight. Please read the disclosures on the last page, which are an integral part of this presentation.

## Benchmark Performance | Nov.

Total Return by Sector (%)



Total Return by Geography (%)



## Performance Attribution | Nov.

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-1.1	-0.3	-1.4
Geography	-1.1	-0.3	-1.4

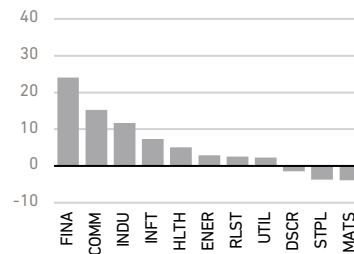


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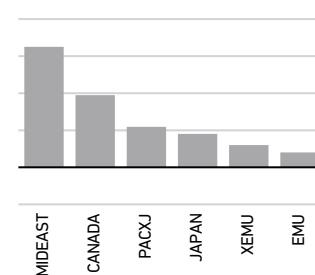
- In Information Technology, South Korea's **Samsung Electronics** reported disappointing third quarter results, as slowing demand for mobile phones and PCs lead to weakness in its memory division. Shares recovered slightly after the company announced plans to buy back shares.
- In Consumer Discretionary, Japanese consumer electronics powerhouse **Sony** benefitted from strong growth in both its gaming and image sensors divisions.
- Shares of Japan's **Chugai Pharmaceutical** declined, along with those of other pharmaceutical firms, after vaccine-skeptic Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. was nominated as the next US Secretary of Health and Human Services.

## Benchmark Performance | YTD

Total Return by Sector (%)

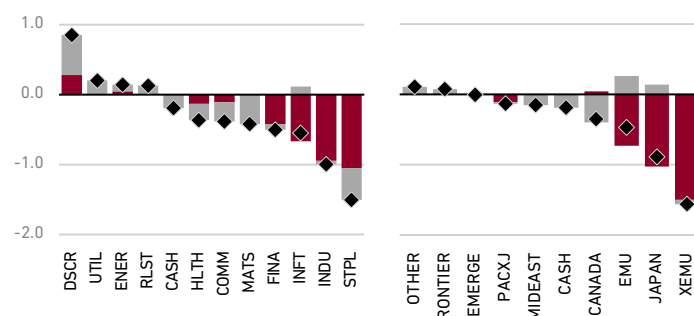


Total Return by Geography (%)



## Performance Attribution | YTD

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-3.0	-0.6	-3.6
Geography	-3.3	-0.3	-3.6



- In Consumer Staples, L'Oréal declined after reporting third-quarter sales that were below expectations. Cosmetics manufacturers continue to face shrinking demand in China.
- In Europe outside the eurozone, Danish oncology drug manufacturer **Genmab**'s stock lagged due to concerns over rising expenses, although the company reported progress in its cancer drugs pipeline.
- A bright spot was Canadian financial services and insurance provider **Manulife**, which reported strong earnings throughout the period, aided by a rebound in its wealth management and insurance businesses in Asia. Additionally, Taiwan's semiconductor giant **TSMC** continued to be a strong contributor, benefiting from the enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence (AI).

## Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Nov. to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.3	0.38
Manulife	Canada	FINA	0.3	0.36
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	0.1	0.27
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.6	0.26
Couche-Tard	Canada	STPL	0.2	0.24
<b>Detractors</b>				
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.2	-0.35
Unicharm	Japan	STPL	0.1	-0.28
Shopify*	Canada	INFT	0.6	-0.24
L'Oréal	France	STPL	0.5	-0.15
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.3	-0.14

\*Company was not held in the portfolio; its absence had an impact on the portfolio's return relative to the index.

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

## Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | YTD to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Manulife	Canada	FINA	0.3	1.22
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.3	1.18
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	-	0.91
SAP	Germany	INFT	1.1	0.50
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.7	0.50
<b>Detractors</b>				
L'Oréal	France	STPL	0.6	-1.02
Infineon Technologies	Germany	INFT	0.2	-0.96
Dassault Systèmes	France	INFT	0.1	-0.69
Samsung Electronics	South Korea	INFT	-	-0.66
Unicharm	Japan	STPL	0.1	-0.61

## Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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

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