

# International Developed Markets Equity



Monthly Update | October 2024

## Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended October 31, 2024	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	-5.53	5.78	24.09	0.72	8.22	8.21	8.86
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Net)	-5.61	5.29	23.50	0.23	7.68	7.65	8.27
MSCI World ex US Index	-5.08	7.85	24.49	3.36	7.09	5.83	6.43
MSCI EAFE Index	-5.42	7.34	23.58	3.22	6.75	5.78	6.45

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	17.7	11.8	5.9
Cons Staples	12.3	8.1	4.2
Info Technology	12.4	8.6	3.8
Materials	10.5	7.0	3.5
Cash	2.0	-	2.0
Industrials	15.8	16.9	-1.1
Energy	3.7	5.3	-1.6
Financials	21.1	22.9	-1.8
Real Estate	0.0	2.0	-2.0
Utilities	0.0	3.3	-3.3
Comm Services	0.0	4.1	-4.1
Cons Discretionary	4.5	10.0	-5.5

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Emerging Markets	5.0	-	5.0
Europe ex EMU	31.4	28.3	3.1
Cash	2.0	-	2.0
Other	2.0	-	2.0
Frontier Markets	0.0	-	0.0
Pacific ex Japan	9.6	10.0	-0.4
Middle East	0.0	0.7	-0.7
Japan	19.2	20.2	-1.0
Canada	7.1	11.2	-4.1
Europe EMU	23.7	29.6	-5.9

"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

The MSCI World ex US Index declined 5.1% this month, lagging both the US and Emerging Markets despite the European Central Bank cutting rates for the third time this year in October. Regionally, Pacific ex Japan and Europe both inside and outside the eurozone each fell nearly 6%. All sectors posted negative returns. Consumer Staples declined nearly 8%, as household and personal care companies reported continued weak sales in China. Materials also dropped nearly 8%, due to concerns over weak commodity demand from China. Energy declined less—just over 1%—supported by a slight increase in oil prices.

### Portfolio

Shares of semiconductor manufacturer **TSMC** surged after the company reported strong quarterly earnings, with gross margins of 58% surpassing the 55% consensus expectation due to high fab utilization, cost reductions, and enhanced productivity. The company increased its full-year revenue growth forecast from 25% to 30%, citing artificial intelligence (AI) demand for leading-edge technologies and better-than-expected growth in smartphones. Management also noted that the number of AI chips used in PCs and smartphones is expected to grow faster than unit growth for PCs and smartphones, which remains in the low single digits. TSMC is also using AI and machine learning for R&D in its fabrication facilities, which should further boost the company's productivity, efficiency, speed, and quality. A 1% productivity gain would lead to a profit gain of almost \$1 billion for the company.

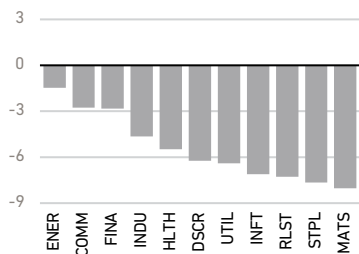
## Ten Largest Holdings

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

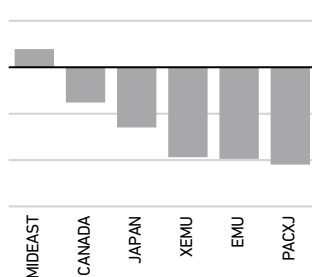
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## Benchmark Performance | Oct.

Total Return by Sector (%)

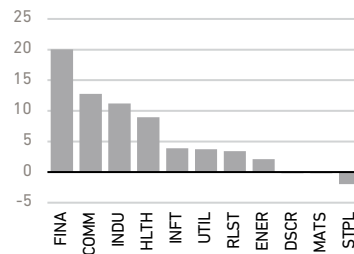


Total Return by Geography (%)

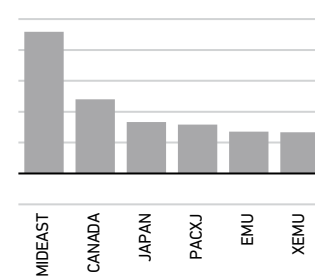


## Benchmark Performance | YTD

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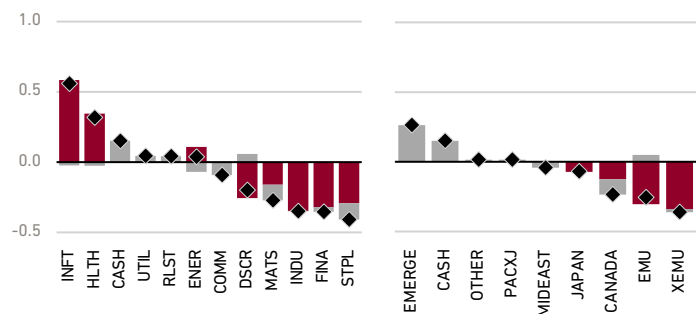


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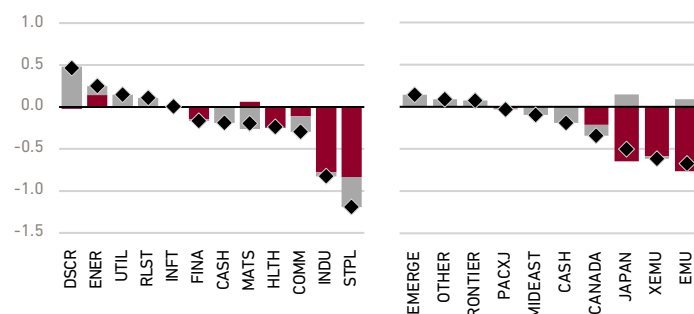
## Performance Attribution | Oct.

	Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-0.3		-0.2	-0.5
Geography	-0.8		0.3	-0.5



## Performance Attribution | YTD

	Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	-1.9		-0.2	-2.1
Geography	-2.2		0.1	-2.1



"FRONTIER": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index. "OTHER": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

- In Industrials, shares of Swedish industrial tool and equipment maker **Atlas Copco** sank as the company reported that order, sales, and profit growth for the company's compressors was slightly below expectations.
- In the eurozone, French cosmetics manufacturer **L'Oréal** declined after reporting third-quarter sales that were below expectations. Cosmetics manufacturers continue to face shrinking demand in China.
- In Information Technology, Japanese semiconductor materials and equipment manufacturer **Disco Corp** reported record high profitability for the second quarter and gave a strong outlook for third-quarter shipments.

- In Consumer Staples, French cosmetics manufacturer **L'Oréal** declined after reporting third-quarter sales that were below expectations. Cosmetics manufacturers continue to face shrinking demand in China.
- In the eurozone, French computer-aided design software developer **Dassault Systèmes** reported relatively tepid growth compared to peers in the broader software universe, in part due to weak sales from its clinical research platform Medidata.
- A bright spot was Canadian financial services and insurance provider **Manulife**, which reported strong first- and second-quarter earnings, aided by a rebound in its wealth management and insurance businesses in Asia. Additionally, Japan's **Chugai Pharmaceutical** reported strong second-quarter earnings results from hemophilia treatment sales, and continuing optimism regarding its prospective obesity pill in trials with partner Eli Lilly.

## Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Oct.

to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	-	0.29
ASML*	Netherlands	INFT	1.6	0.23
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	0.22
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.2	0.16
Royal Dutch Shell	UK	ENER	1.1	0.15
<b>Detractors</b>				
L'Oréal	France	STPL	0.5	-0.26
Shimano	Japan	DSCR	0.1	-0.19
Atlas Copco	Sweden	INDU	0.4	-0.16
Symrise	Germany	MATS	0.1	-0.15
Haleon	UK	STPL	0.2	-0.15

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TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	-	0.99
Manulife	Canada	FINA	0.2	0.83
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.3	0.78
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	0.69
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.7	0.51
<b>Detractors</b>				
Infineon Technologies	Germany	INFT	0.3	-1.02
L'Oréal	France	STPL	0.6	-0.87
Dassault Systèmes	France	INFT	0.1	-0.70
Samsung Electronics	South Korea	INFT	-	-0.58
Genmab	Denmark	HLTH	0.1	-0.53

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

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## 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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