# International Developed Markets Equity



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 Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	2.02	15.25	7.81	14.01	7.87	9.78	9.15
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Net)	2.01	14.87	7.31	13.46	7.35	9.22	8.56
MSCI World ex US Index	4.42	23.25	15.49	17.53	11.07	8.18	7.34
MSCI EAFE Index	4.27	23.31	14.46	17.63	10.70	7.92	7.34

Performance returns are of the composite. 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	Relative Weight
Health Care	18.3	9.8	
Info Technology	15.0	8.2	
Cash	3.1	-	
Materials	9.4	6.5	
Cons Staples	7.6	7.4	
Energy	3.9	4.9	
Real Estate	0.0	1.7	
Industrials	15.0	18.1	
Utilities	0.0	3.3	
Cons Discretionary	6.0	9.4	
Financials	21.7	26.1	
Comm Services	0.0	4.6	
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Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight			
Emerging Markets	4.5	-				
Europe ex EMU	30.9	26.9				
Cash	3.1	_				
Pacific ex Japan	12.0	9.8				
Other	2.0	_				
Middle East	1.1	0.9				
Frontier Markets	0.0	_				
Japan	16.5	19.7				
Canada	5.4	11.7				
Europe EMU	24.5	31.0				
		-10	-5	0	5	10

#### **Investment Perspectives**

#### Market

Rebounding from July losses, the MSCI World ex US Index rose 4.4% in August, beating the S&P 500's 2% return. All sectors advanced, led by Communication Services, which benefitted from the strong performance of Japanese conglomerate SoftBank Group. 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 the eurozone was weighted down by France, which underperformed on news that its minority government could soon collapse. Value again outperformed, as the cheapest quintile of stocks beat the most expensive by nearly six percentage points, widening the year-to-date performance gap between the two to over 15 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 as well as weaker sales in Japan. 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 and productivity gains. Sony also beat expectations, as growth in gaming and image sensors offset currency headwinds and slower growth in movies. Both companies raised full year guidance.

## **Ten Largest Holdings**

Company	Market	Sector
DBS Group	Singapore	Financials
Shell	UK	Energy
AIA Group	Hong Kong	Financials
Allianz	Germany	Financials
Sony	Japan	Cons Discretionary
ASML	Netherlands	Info Technology
Haleon	UK	Health Care
L'Oréal	France	Cons Staples
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	Health Care
SE Banken	Sweden	Financials

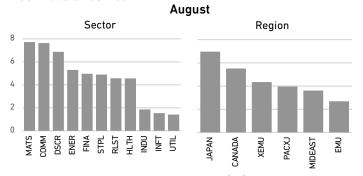
<sup>&</sup>quot;HL": International Developed Markets Equity model portfolio. "Index": MSCI World ex US Index.

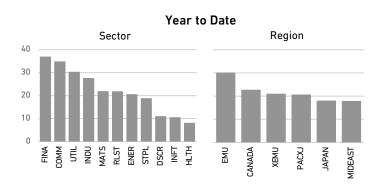
<sup>&</sup>quot;Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index

<sup>&</sup>quot;Other": Includes companies listed in the United States.

## Index Performance (USD %)

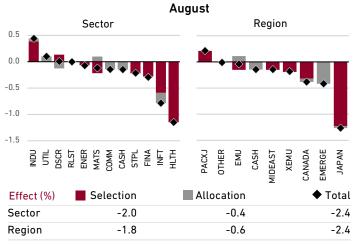
#### MSCI World ex US Index

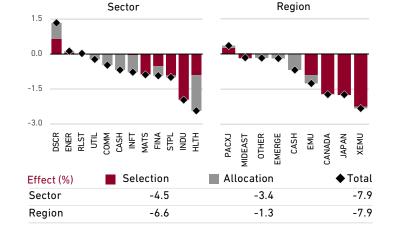




## Performance Attribution Effect (%)

International Developed Markets Equity Composite vs. MSCI World ex US Index





Year to Date

"OTHER": Includes companies listed in the United States.

- In Health Care, Chugai and Sysmex detracted the most 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 Industrials, Daifuku contributed to relative performance.
- 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.
- 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, Japanese electronics and media company Sony has continued to report strong revenue growth in its gaming and image sensors divisions.
- The portfolio faced strong style headwinds as shares of the fastest-growing, highest-quality, and most-expensive companies significantly underperformed.

## Relative Returns (%)

August					
Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect	
Daifuku	Japan	INDU	<0.1	0.25	
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.8	0.22	
DBS Group	Singapore	FINA	0.4	0.16	
Hitachi*	Japan	INDU	0.6	0.11	
Tokyo Electron*	Japan	INFT	0.3	0.10	
Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect	
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.51	
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	-0.39	
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	_	-0.23	
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.2	-0.23	
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.17	

	Year to Date		Index	
Largest Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.4	1.35
Novo Nordisk*	Denmark	HLTH	1.2	0.86
Allianz	Germany	FINA	0.7	0.63
SE Banken	Sweden	FINA	0.1	0.40
Daifuku	Japan	INDU	<0.1	0.36
Largest Detractors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-1.29
Couche-Tard	Canada	STPL	0.2	-0.69
Unicharm	Japan	STPL	<0.1	-0.68
Manulife	Canada	FINA	0.3	-0.65
Alcon	Switzerland	HLTH	0.2	-0.56

#### Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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

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