

# International Developed Markets Equity



Monthly Update | February 2025

## Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended February 28, 2025	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Gross)	2.67	6.79	9.81	5.29	9.89	8.09	8.92
HL International Developed Markets Equity (Net)	2.66	6.68	9.29	4.77	9.35	7.53	8.33
MSCI World ex US Index	1.77	6.85	10.07	6.88	9.48	5.92	6.58
MSCI EAFE Index	1.95	7.32	9.32	6.96	9.22	5.78	6.60

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	20.7	11.2	8.9
Info Technology	14.3	8.7	5.6
Materials	9.5	6.5	3.0
Cash	0.7	-	0.7
Cons Staples	7.9	7.5	0.4
Industrials	15.6	16.9	-1.3
Energy	3.6	5.0	-1.4
Real Estate	0.0	1.7	-1.7
Financials	22.4	24.6	-2.2
Utilities	0.0	3.1	-3.1
Comm Services	0.0	4.6	-4.6
Cons Discretionary	5.3	10.2	-4.9

Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Emerging Markets	4.5	-	4.5
Other	2.0	-	2.0
Europe ex EMU	30.6	28.7	1.9
Cash	0.7	-	0.7
Frontier Markets	0.0	-	0.0
Japan	19.3	19.3	0.0
Pacific ex Japan	9.3	9.5	-0.2
Middle East	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Europe EMU	26.7	30.6	-3.9
Canada	6.9	11.1	-4.2

"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

International developed markets outperformed the United States for the second consecutive month. The MSCI World ex US Index rose 1.8%, while the S&P 500 declined 1.3%. Europe climbed 3.5% in the eurozone and 3.9% outside it, while Japan fell 1.4%. By sector, Communication Services rose 4.3%, Information Technology fell 3.4%, as shares of semiconductor and software firms declined. By style, cheap stocks beat expensive stocks by more than 600 basis points (bps), fast growth lagged slow growth by 360 bps, and high quality lagged low quality by 230 bps.

### Portfolio

The portfolio outperformed in Health Care. Consumer health products company **Haleon**, reclassified from Consumer Staples, reported 7% growth for the fourth quarter and 5% for the full year, well ahead of other staples-oriented businesses. Operating margins also expanded due to strength in Europe and Asia, and the company was also able to pay down debt and buy back shares. Shares of Japan's **Chugai Pharmaceutical** rose after the company reported 10% year-over-year revenue growth in the recent quarter due to strong sales of Hemlibra, a hemophilia drug. The company also provided slightly higher-than-expected guidance for 2025. Other Japanese holdings outside of Health Care also contributed to relative returns this month, including **Sony** and material-handling equipment manufacturer **Daifuku**.

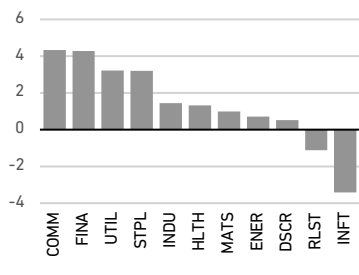
## Ten Largest Holdings

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

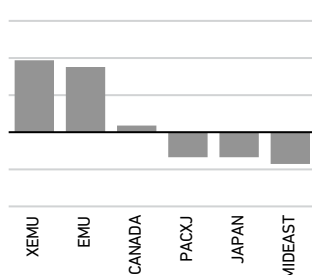
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## Benchmark Performance | Feb.

Total Return by Sector (%)

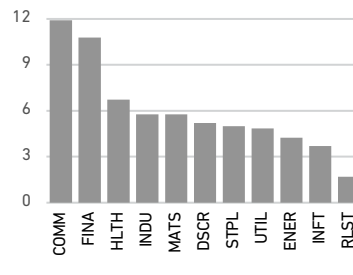


Total Return by Geography (%)

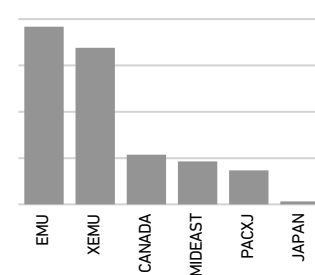


## Benchmark Performance | YTD

Total Return by Sector (%)

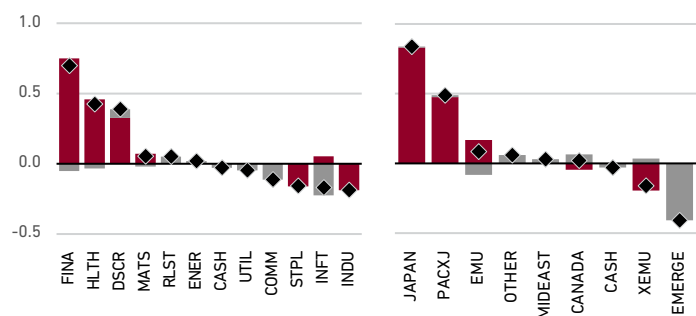


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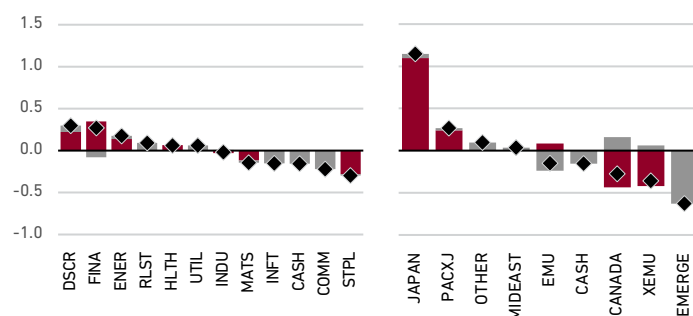
## Performance Attribution | Feb.

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	1.3	-0.4	0.9
Geography	1.2	-0.3	0.9



## Performance Attribution | YTD

Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector	0.4	-0.4	0.0
Geography	0.6	-0.6	0.0



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

- In Financials, shares of Spanish commercial bank **BBVA** gained following strong fourth quarter earnings that included year-over-year growth in loans, net interest income, revenue, and fees and commissions.
- In Japan, Sony reported strong third quarter results, boosted by growth in its gaming and music divisions, and increased guidance for revenue and margins.
- In Taiwan, shares of semiconductor manufacturer **TSMC** declined amid a broad selloff in AI-related stocks following the success of DeepSeek's low-cost AI model and fears that Taiwan's semiconductor industry could be the next target of US tariffs.

- In Financials, BBVA and Dutch payment processing services company **Adyen** boosted relative returns. Adyen reported good results for the second half of 2024, with revenues and earnings above expectations. Management also noted there was positive business momentum going into 2025.
- Japanese Consumer Discretionary holding Sony was a strong contributor.
- The portfolio's off-benchmark exposure to Emerging Markets (primarily Taiwan's TSMC) hurt relative performance.

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

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.4	0.44
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.2	0.43
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.8	0.27
Daifuku	Japan	INDU	<0.1	0.25
Infineon Technologies	Germany	INFT	0.3	0.24
<b>Detractors</b>				
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	-	-0.38
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.24
Systemex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.20
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.7	-0.18
Couche-Tard	Canada	STPL	0.2	-0.15

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

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
BBVA	Spain	FINA	0.3	0.80
Sony	Japan	DSCR	0.7	0.24
Adyen	Netherlands	FINA	0.2	0.22
Roche	Switzerland	HLTH	1.2	0.21
Toyota Motor*	Japan	DSCR	1.0	0.20
<b>Detractors</b>				
TSMC	Taiwan	INFT	-	-0.38
Couche-Tard	Canada	STPL	0.2	-0.37
Schneider Electric	France	INDU	0.7	-0.27
Systemex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.24
Disco Corp	Japan	INFT	0.1	-0.23

\*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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