International Equity

Monthly Update

August 2024



Composite Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended August 31, 2024	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Equity (Gross)	4.41	8.89	18.12	0.43	8.89	6.82	8.25
HL International Equity (Net)	4.37	8.43	17.38	-0.21	8.21	6.14	7.47
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	2.87	11.64	18.79	2.63	8.07	4.91	5.38
MSCI EAFE Index	3.26	12.42	19.99	4.67	9.13	5.70	5.25

The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. International Equity composite inception date: December 31, 1989. 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	Under / Over
Cons Staples	14.0	7.4	
Health Care	15.0	10.1	
Cash	3.4	_	
Materials	8.5	6.8	
Industrials	13.4	13.8	l
Info Technology	12.5	13.2	
Financials	21.3	22.3	
Real Estate	0.0	1.8	
Energy	3.1	5.4	
Utilities	0.5	3.2	
Comm Services	2.5	5.3	
Cons Discretionary	5.8	10.7	
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Geography	HL	Index	Under / Over
Europe ex EMU	26.9	20.7	
Cash	3.4	_	
Other	3.0	_	
Frontier Markets	0.0	_	
Middle East	0.0	0.5	ı
Japan	13.9	14.5	I
Pacific ex Japan	6.1	6.9	
Canada	5.6	7.7	
Europe EMU	18.2	21.2	
Emerging Markets	22.9	28.5	
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[&]quot;HL": International Equity model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World ex US Index.

Investment Perspectives

Market

After a sharp decline early in the month, the MSCI All Country World ex US Index ultimately gained 2.9% in August. Japan's central bank surprised markets with a rate hike in late July, triggering rapid appreciation in the yen and unwinding a popular carry trade where investors borrowed at low rates in Japan to support investment in assets offering higher returns such as US stocks. Weak US economic data and disappointing technology earnings added to market turmoil, including the 12% drop of Japan's Nikkei index on August 5. But markets then rebounded, with all sectors and regions posting gains for the month. Health Care led with a 6.3% return, while Pacific ex Japan and Europe returned 4.7% and 4%, respectively. Japan managed a modest 0.5% gain.

Portfolio

The portfolio benefitted from exposure to high-quality Japanese stocks, a reversal of the last year during which the stocks of low-quality companies fared better. In August, the top quality quintile of Japanese stocks in the ACWI ex US Index returned 3.7%, while those in the bottom quintile fell 2.5%. Sysmex, a high-quality global leader in hematology equipment and reagents, saw its shares rise after reporting double-digit sales growth in hematology and urinalysis reagents across all regions. The company benefits from high switching costs and low substitution risk; with its "razor and blade" business model, 70% of the company's revenue comes from recurring consumables and services. Despite increased competition in China, Sysmex's sales should still grow in the mid-to-upper single digit range, supported by its large installed base, increasing hematology testing, and growth in emerging economies such as India. The company's investments in areas such as surgical robots could provide additional upside to future growth.

Ten Largest Holdings

Company	Market	Sector
TSMC	Taiwan	Info Technology
Samsung Electronics	South Korea	Info Technology
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	Health Care
Royal Dutch Shell	UK	Energy
DBS Group	Singapore	Financials
Manulife	Canada	Financials
Haleon	UK	Cons Staples
Allianz	Germany	Financials
Roche	Switzerland	Health Care
Schneider Electric	France	Industrials

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.

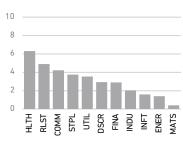
[&]quot;Frontier Markets": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

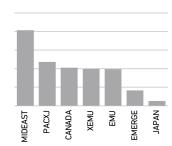
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Benchmark Performance | Aug.

Total Return by Sector (%)

Total Return by Geography (%)

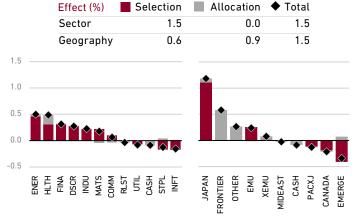




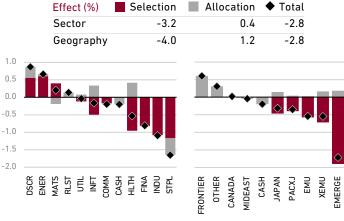
Benchmark Performance | YTD



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Performance Attribution | YTD



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

- We realized significant value from the sale of Russian energy company Lukoil to a buyer that was able to overcome the myriad restrictions imposed by both the US and Russian governments. We had held Lukoil at a zero weight in the portfolio following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in March 2022.
- In Health Care, shares of Chugai Pharmaceutical surged for the second month in a row after the company issued a positive earnings report in July.
- South Korea's Samsung Electronics fell alongside other semiconductor manufacturers after NVIDIA announced lower-thananticipated sales growth in its most recent earnings call.
- Poor returns in Industrials were largely due to Chinese thermal management component manufacturer Sanhua Intelligent Controls.
 Shares declined as EV sales slowed, particularly those of Tesla, a key client.
- In Consumer Staples, Mexican bottler and convenience store operator FEMSA detracted. Claudia Sheinbaum's decisive Presidential victory and her party's gains in the legislature in June led to a large drop in Mexican stocks as investors feared more populist policies.
- A bright spot was Canadian financial services and insurance provider Manulife, which reported strong first-quarter earnings, aided by a rebound in its wealth management and insurance businesses in Asia. Additionally, Taiwan's TSMC continued to be a strong contributor, benefiting from the enthusiasm surrounding AI.

Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Aug.

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Contributors	Market	Sector	Weight	Effect
Lukoil	Russia	ENER	_	0.58
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	0.36
Haleon	UK	STPL	0.1	0.25
Sysmex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	0.24
MercadoLibre	US	DSCR	_	0.22
Detractors				
Samsung Electronics	South Korea	INFT	1.2	-0.34
FEMSA	Mexico	STPL	0.1	-0.21
Couche-Tard	Canada	STPL	0.2	-0.16
Royal Dutch Shell	UK	ENER	0.9	-0.13
Haier Smart Home	China	DSCR	<0.1	-0.10

Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | YTD

to Relative Returns

Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Taiwan	INFT	2.4	1.03
Russia	ENER	_	0.60
Japan	HLTH	0.1	0.59
Canada	FINA	0.2	0.41
Singapore	FINA	0.2	0.38
Mexico	STPL	0.1	-0.86
China	INDU	<0.1	-0.72
Germany	INFT	0.2	-0.62
France	STPL	0.4	-0.50
South Korea	INFT	1.2	-0.47
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Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet, MSCI Inc.

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

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