

International Equity

First Quarter 2025 Report



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Performance

Total Return (%) Periods Ended March 31, 2025

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Equity (Gross)	5.24	6.00	3.91	10.65	6.80	8.08
HL International Equity (Net)	5.08	5.33	3.25	9.96	6.12	7.30
MSCI All Country World ex US Index	5.36	6.65	5.02	11.45	5.48	5.29
MSCI EAFE Index	7.01	5.41	6.59	12.31	5.90	5.15

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.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Invested capital is at risk of loss. Please read the above performance in conjunction with the disclosures on the last page of this report. All performance and data shown are in US dollar terms, unless otherwise noted.

What's on Our Minds

I...who took the money?

Who took the money away?

...it's always showtime

Here at the edge of the stage

I, I, I wake up and wonder

What was the place, what was the name?

We wanna wait, but here we go again...

—Talking Heads, from the film *Stop Making Sense*

This quarter, global investors have had to grapple with heightened US policy uncertainty, most overtly in the realm of trade but in many other areas as well, from military cooperation to health care to the previous administrations' industrial policy programs. As we cautioned [in our fourth quarter 2024 letter](#), the US political climate has featured policy volatility almost from the outset of the Trump administration. But that chaos has been greater than we imagined, and the vectors of policy shifts have expanded beyond the "tariffs, tax cuts, and deportations" list that we expected.

What hasn't changed is our view that US policymaking in the new administration bears many of the hallmarks that we've come to associate over the last 35 years with emerging markets—and

not the best performing ones, either. The erosion of institutional continuity and effectiveness tends to enable more erratic policymaking. This institutional disruption doesn't just affect the regulatory stability that companies rely on to make long-term investment decisions, it also undermines predictability of enforcing contracts with suppliers, service providers, and customers. Just seven years ago, investors howled when Mexican President López Obrador unilaterally canceled the completion of an already-under-construction Mexico City Airport, leaving contracts unpaid and long-term investment plans disrupted. Now, the US government—reprising a pattern from President Trump's business career—is terminating both employment contracts and commercial services contracted for various government agencies.

[In our third quarter 2024 letter](#), we wrote about our potential exposure to new US tariffs and asserted—optimistically—that the risks were modest and manageable. That view was shaped by Trump campaign's focus on China as the key malefactor behind US trade imbalances. That has proven a misjudgment on our part, as early salvos in the new trade war quickly hit China, the US's primary geopolitical rival, but then were re-targeted at its closest neighbors, Canada and Mexico, and then at its closest allies in Europe. Before the April 2 "reciprocal tariff" shock, the most directly affected company in our portfolio was Canadian National

Railway, a critical freight transport provider that, despite its name, links US states with each other, but of course also connects the US with its largest trading partner, and—no small thing—one of its top export destinations. In a nearby sidebar, Edmund Bellord discusses the possible effects of a sustained attachment to tariffs and other policies aimed at forcing US self-sufficiency, rather than aiming for greater competitiveness. It’s been attempted before, to poor effect.

Another area of policy more often seen in developing countries than mature democracies is the practice of governments extracting concessions or favors from companies or individuals in exchange for letting them get on with their normal course of business. The recent case of TSMC investing a further US\$100bn in the US after being threatened by targeted, ultra-high tariffs is a distasteful example of such a commitment being demanded from a company. Especially a company that had already responded voluntarily (and at large scale) to Biden-era Chips Act incentives, building a new semiconductor fab in Arizona, slated to ramp up high-volume, advanced chip production this year.

Our point here isn’t to dispute the policies¹ themselves, but rather to highlight the harm to predictability, and by extension to business confidence, from abrupt, poorly signaled shifts and their frequent reversal (and the reversal of the reversals.) This is not a business-friendly environment. When the rules of the road become increasingly arbitrary, companies—domestic and foreign alike—become less willing to commit capital. Uncertainty undermines both the appetite for investment and the demand outlook that would justify it. While TSMC’s investment commitment garnered headlines, there will be no headlines for the thousands of business projects that quietly get canceled in the US due to rising policy uncertainty. Portfolio holding Air Liquide is already reversing its plans to build four hydrogen gas pipeline hubs in

¹ Although we *have* disputed the wisdom of starting trade wars. For the record, we’re also in favor of greater budget discipline in the US because we’re in favor of the US government avoiding being at the mercy of its creditors and resisting the expediency of resorting to inflation to escape its ballooning debt burden. We favor US Treasuries remaining a low-risk, benchmark investment, a feature at the center of the US’s attraction as a capital market and reserve currency provider, right up there with the trusted rule of law.

Market Snapshot

- The MSCI ACWI ex US Index outperformed the MSCI USA Index as uncertainty around tariff policy and the risk that higher tariffs pose to growth and inflation in the US caused investors to reassess.
- European markets rose as German legislators approved a fiscal stimulus package to reenergize Europe’s largest economy and significantly expand its defense spending.
- AI-exposed companies inside China soared after the release of Chinese AI model DeepSeek, while those outside China fell sharply.
- Rising long-end yields over the quarter in the UK, Europe, and Japan helped Financials outperform while hurting performance in the Real Estate sector. Tepid spending caused Consumer Discretionary to underperform.
- The cheapest quintile of stocks dramatically outperformed the most expensive quintile of stocks in all geographies except Canada, while stocks of lower quality companies outperformed those of higher quality companies.

Index Performance (USD %)

MSCI ACWI ex US Index

Sector	1Q 2025	Trailing 12 Months
Communication Services	11.6	23.2
Consumer Discretionary	4.3	2.1
Consumer Staples	6.7	1.9
Energy	8.5	0.8
Financials	10.4	23.2
Health Care	2.8	-2.1
Industrials	5.5	6.4
Information Technology	-6.3	-4.4
Materials	6.6	-5.1
Real Estate	1.1	0.0
Utilities	9.5	11.1

Region	1Q 2025	Trailing 12 Months
Canada	1.3	9.6
Emerging Markets	3.0	8.6
Europe EMU	12.3	7.5
Europe ex EMU	8.9	7.6
Japan	0.5	-1.7
Middle East	-1.9	21.1
Pacific ex Japan	0.4	6.9
MSCI ACWI ex US Index	5.4	6.6

Source: FactSet, MSCI Inc. Data as of March 31, 2025.

the US due to abrupt (if not entirely unexpected) regulatory shifts by the new administration. Meanwhile, US consumer confidence is falling as inflation expectations rise in anticipation, rationally, of the higher cost for most of the goods consumers want to buy. This does not strike us as a backdrop that supports elevated stock price valuations in the US. The relative outperformance of non-US markets this quarter—the largest quarterly lead over US stocks in fifteen years—offers a taste of how that could play out.

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From our vantage point as global investors “here at the edge of the stage,” the challenge of protecting and growing our clients’ wealth feels more daunting than usual. The world economic order that created vast wealth through open trade and cooperation now faces potentially radical disruption as the US reshapes its own role in that order. As stewards of your capital, our task is to see the world as it is, not as we might wish it to be, and anticipate the possible consequences of chaotic and self-destructive economic, business, and foreign policies, even when they stop making sense to us.

From a portfolio perspective, our investment process has always prompted us to understand the industry dynamics that affect how companies operate, to grasp and assess the source of a company’s superior profitability, and to have insight whether that source will endure or evaporate easily as foreseeable pressures arise. Thus, we’ve long harbored an aversion to companies whose profits were especially vulnerable, as we once put it, to “the whims of faceless bureaucrats and capricious politicians.” That practice has given us a leg up in parsing our portfolio holdings and potential new investments for companies situated to better avoid the fallout from a damaging trade war, regardless of its origin. That’s no small task given the size and interconnectedness of the global economy, and the central role of the US within it. Our experience of investing across emerging markets has prepared us to find resilient, growing companies that are operating well outside the line of fire of volatile or heavy-handed governments.

With the entire non-US stock market as our hunting ground, we face an ample opportunity set as we pursue sound investments. A process grounded in identifying and evaluating resilient companies and assessing their growth prospects feels particularly well suited to the moment. Many industry and societal trends transcend the political aims of any single administration, and there are products and services—indeed, entire economies—that will grow regardless of shifting policy priorities elsewhere. Moreover, due to the sustained fashionableness of US investments in recent years, investors can buy such companies at more modest prices than in many years; market volatility will afford yet more opportunities to invest in them at attractive valuations.

Portfolio in Focus

Over the last several years, Information Technology has been among the fastest growing, and the most volatile performing sectors. Here, performance swings and growth expectations have been largely driven by AI, with the hopes of new revenue streams for businesses, and accelerated demand for advanced semiconductors at the forefront. By the time the international IT sector peaked in July 2024, we had already begun trimming our sector allocation, worrying that valuations discounted too much hype.

But since that peak, concerns about the pace of AI-driven growth and yet unproven end-market opportunities—along with geographical tensions including tariffs and restrictions on AI chip sales—have weighed on sentiment toward the sector. The situation was further complicated by the introduction in January of “DeepSeek,” a Chinese-developed LLM model that claims to have achieved similar performance to other cutting-edge AI models at a fraction of their cost. The announcement triggered a wave of selling across the semiconductor industry, as investors feared that less computationally intensive AI could result in less demand for the highest-priced, most advanced semiconductors and the large data centers in which they are used.

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expectations, and we believe AI usage will continue to create new opportunities that extend the semiconductor industry’s eight-decade trend of increasing volumes and advancing technology. Those valuations and that belief have led us to invest in new holdings, including one this quarter, moving the portfolio to a modest overweight in the sector.

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We purchased ASML, the Dutch maker of semiconductor manufacturing equipment that’s the world’s sole producer of the extreme ultraviolet lithography systems needed to fabricate the smallest, most powerful, and energy efficient chips for smartphones, computers, and AI data centers. After its share

Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Health Care	16.8	8.7	5.1
Cash	3.6	–	3.6
Materials	7.8	6.3	1.5
Info Technology	13.5	12.2	1.3
Cons Staples	8.1	6.9	1.2
Industrials	13.8	14.0	-0.2
Financials	23.6	24.8	-1.2
Energy	3.3	5.0	-1.7
Real Estate	0.0	1.7	-1.7
Utilities	0.4	3.1	-2.7
Comm Services	2.6	6.2	-3.6
Cons Discretionary	6.5	11.1	-4.6

Region	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Europe ex EMU	25.9	20.1	5.8
Cash	3.6	–	3.6
Other	3.4	–	3.4
Pacific ex Japan	8.7	6.6	2.1
Japan	14.4	13.7	0.7
Frontier Markets	0.0	–	0.0
Middle East	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Canada	5.1	7.8	-2.7
Europe EMU	17.8	22.0	-4.2
Emerging Markets	21.1	29.2	-8.1

“HL”: International Equity model portfolio. “Index”: MSCI All Country World ex US Index. “Frontier Markets”: Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index. “Other”: Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

Sector and region allocations are supplemental information only and complement the fully compliant International Equity composite GIPS Presentation. Source: Harding Loevner International Equity model, FactSet, MSCI Inc. MSCI Inc. and S&P do not make any express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any GICS data contained herein.

price fell 30% from its July 2024 peak due to concerns about sales restrictions to China and slower than expected orders for its latest chips, we saw a rare opportunity to purchase shares at a reasonable valuation. We anticipate that ASML can continue to sustain mid-teens earnings growth over the next five years.

ASML complements our existing semiconductor-related holdings, which span the entire journey of wafers through semiconductor plants. TSMC continues to lead in advanced semiconductor production, while Samsung Electronics remains a major player in memory chips and a competitor to TSMC in logic chips. In their massive semiconductor plants, both rely on ASML's lithography systems using intense light to burn the increasingly dense patterns of circuits onto the large circular wafers from which hundreds of chips are ultimately cut. Our Japanese holding Daifuku **supplies the cleanroom automation systems** crucial for wafer fabrication, safely carrying these valuable wafers from stage to stage of their fabrication process with ultra-low vibration systems whose combined lengths within a factory can reach over 100 miles. Another Japanese holding, purchased during a selloff last year, Disco Corp, dominates the market for the systems that grind, polish, and thin semiconductor wafers, and at the end of the process precisely cuts semiconductor wafers into hundreds of individual chips.

While adding ASML, we sold our holding in German power semiconductor maker Infineon Technologies. Early in the quarter the stock had rebounded following last year's decline tied to a slowdown in electric vehicle sales, yet we had become increasingly concerned about future risks, given its heavy reliance on the cyclical, highly tariff-exposed automotive industry and rising competition from Chinese peers.

As our allocation to faster-growing IT companies rose, our weight to Consumer Staples declined this quarter, with two positions sold and a third reclassified to Health Care. Although the Consumer Staples sector is typically less vulnerable to macroeconomic headwinds we sold two stocks within the sector because they fell short of our growth mileposts, in part due to their unfavorable economic environments. The first was Chinese spirits maker Wuliangye Yibin, which missed our pricing and margin mileposts. The second sale was Ambev, Brazil's largest brewer. Soft consumer demand meant that volume growth has repeatedly fallen short of expectations, while the country's weakening currency drove up costs, preventing the company from meeting our margin mileposts.

These two transactions reduced our Consumer Staples weighting. Additionally, MSCI's reclassification of Haleon, maker of Advil pain reliever and Sensodyne toothpaste, from Consumer Staples to Health Care further lowered our Staples exposure, for a total reduction of one-third in the quarter. While we acknowledge the company's reclassification in our reporting, we still consider Haleon's products—over the counter staples such as toothpaste, vitamins, pain relievers, and allergy relief—to be fundamentally Consumer Staples-like.

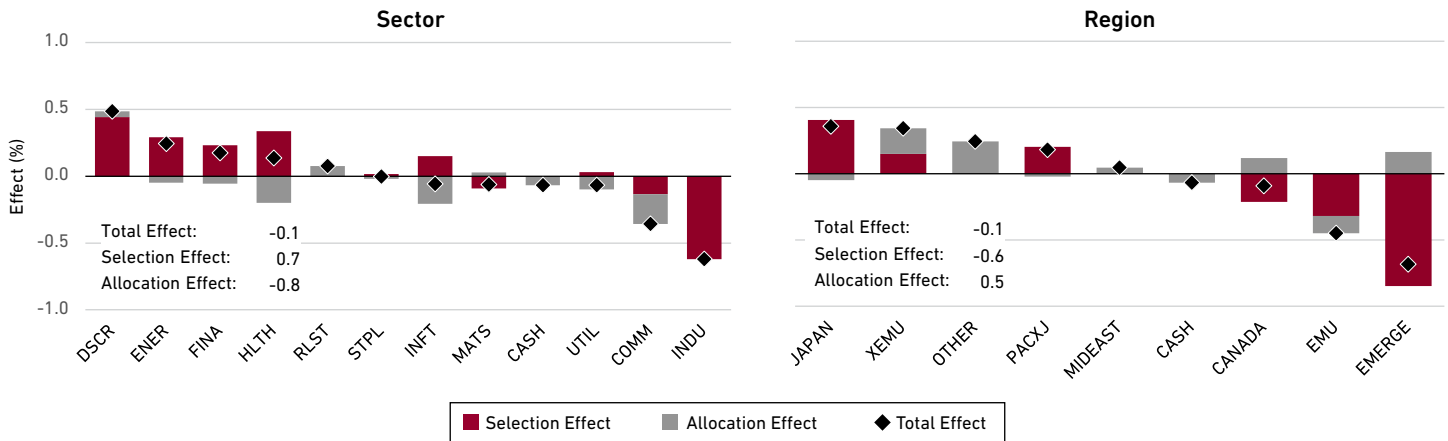
A late breaking update on the portfolio: In light of the Trump administration's April 2 tariff announcements, we are providing an updated estimate of our portfolio's weighted revenue generated from the US: Currently, it's about one-fifth of the total. Much of that is actually onshore activity—for example, Manulife's and Allianz's US insurance and investments units, Linde's and Air Liquide's industrial gas plants, and Haleon's and Alcon's consumer health products such as Advil and contact lenses which are manufactured and sold in the US. We continue to evaluate each of our holdings for the potential impact of tariffs on their business prospects.

Performance and Attribution

The International Equity composite gained 5.2% gross of fees for the quarter, nearly matching the 5.4% gain of the MSCI ACWI ex US Index.

First Quarter 2025 Performance Attribution

International Equity Composite vs. MSCI ACWI ex US Index



"OTHER": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

Source: Harding Loevner International Equity composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Data as of March 31, 2025. The total effect shown here may differ from the variance of the composite performance and benchmark performance shown on the first page of this report due to the way in which FactSet calculates performance attribution. This information is supplemental to the composite GIPS Presentation.

Portfolio Attribution by Sector

Returns were bolstered by strong stocks in Consumer Discretionary, while poor stocks in Industrials dragged on returns.

Top contributors to relative performance:

- In **Consumer Discretionary**, Sony's shares rallied on strong financial year 2024 guidance, while MercadoLibre's shares also surged as gains in active users, merchandise volume, and payments helped sales grow nearly 40%.
- **Energy** added to returns. Shell's share price rose after announcing increased shareholder distributions, reduced capital expenditures, but expanded investment in liquefied natural gas.

Top detractors from relative performance:

- In **Industrials**, Schneider Electric fell sharply as China's DeepSeek unveiled a new large language model that raised doubts about long-term demand for AI infrastructure. Techtronic Industries' shares also declined, pressured by tariff concerns and slowing US growth, its core market for its Milwaukee-branded tools.
- The portfolio's underweight in **Communication Services** detracted from performance, as did weakness in Telkom Indonesia shares, which declined amid intensifying competition for mobile services.
- **Materials** also detracted, including Symrise, whose shares fell after reporting weak fourth quarter organic growth.

Relative Returns (%)

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Largest Contributors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
BBVA	FINA	2.3	0.3	0.68
Allianz	FINA	3.3	0.5	0.48
Shell	ENER	3.0	0.8	0.29
Sony	DSCR	2.9	0.5	0.28
Novo Nordisk*	HLTH	–	1.0	0.27

Largest Detractors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
Disco Corp	INFT	1.4	0.1	-0.44
Schneider Electric	INDU	2.8	0.5	-0.34
Alibaba*	DSCR	–	0.8	-0.33
Delta Electronics	INFT	1.4	0.1	-0.33
Couche-Tard	STPL	1.4	0.1	-0.23

Trailing 12 Months

Largest Contributors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
DBS Group	FINA	3.4	0.2	1.15
Novo Nordisk*	HLTH	–	1.4	0.83
Sony	DSCR	2.5	0.5	0.75
Allianz	FINA	3.0	0.5	0.63
TSMC	INFT	3.9	2.8	0.57

Largest Detractors	Sector	Avg. Weight		Effect
		HL	Index	
Samsung Electronics	INFT	3.0	1.0	-1.04
FEMSA	STPL	2.1	0.1	-0.79
L'Oréal	STPL	2.1	0.4	-0.58
Genmab	HLTH	0.8	0.1	-0.49
Alibaba*	DSCR	–	0.7	-0.44

"HL": International Equity composite. "Index": MSCI All Country World ex US Index.

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

Portfolio Attribution by Region

Good returns in Japan and Europe ex EMU were balanced by weak stocks in the Eurozone and Emerging Markets.

Top contributors to relative performance:

- Swiss holdings delivered strong returns in **Europe ex EMU**. Roche advanced on encouraging news about its pipeline of new drugs and an acquisition in obesity medicine, while Nestlé shares edged higher as full year results and management comments assuaged fears that a margin reset was needed. Not owning Novo Nordisk also proved beneficial, as the stock fell following disappointing trial results for its next-generation weight loss drug.
- Japan** also added to relative performance, thanks largely to Sony, which was among the portfolio's top-performing holdings for the quarter.

Top detractors from relative performance:

- Emerging Markets** were the largest regional detractor, primarily due to weak stocks in China. Haier Smart Home's shares fell after fourth quarter profits missed expectations, despite record results and a new buyback plan. Taiwan also weighed on returns, as TSMC's shares dropped over 15% year-to-date on AI-related demand concerns following DeepSeek's announcement and renewed tariff fears under the new Trump administration.
- In the **EMU** the decline in Schneider Electric's share price hurt performance.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The portfolio is actively managed therefore holdings identified above do not represent all of the securities held in the portfolio and holdings may not be current. It should not be assumed that investment in the securities identified has been or will be profitable. Contributors and Detractors are shown as supplemental information only and complement the fully compliant International Equity composite GIPS Presentation. The following information is available upon request: (1) information describing the methodology of the contribution data in the tables above; and (2) a list showing the weight and relative contribution of all holdings during the quarter and the trailing 12 months. In the tables above, "weight" is the average percentage weight of the holding during the period, and "contribution" is the contribution to overall relative performance over the period. Performance of contributors and detractors is net of fees, which is calculated by taking the difference between net and gross composite performance for the International Equity strategy prorated by asset weight in the portfolio and subtracted from each security's return. Contributors and detractors exclude cash and securities in the composite not held in the model portfolio. Quarterly data is not annualized.

Perón's Ghost: When Self-Reliance Becomes Self-Defeating

By Edmund Bellord

AMID the turbulence and mixed signals of the Trump administration's tariff strategy, a discernible tilt toward economic self-sufficiency has emerged. The stated objectives of reshoring manufacturing, reducing dependence on foreign supply chains, and projecting national strength carry political appeal for many, but undoing 50 years of globalization is fraught with risk. Argentina's mid-20th century descent under Juan Perón offers a sobering reminder of how quickly such ambitious efforts can short-circuit, swapping prosperity for prolonged isolation and decline.

Juan Perón came to power on a wave of popular support, winning democratic elections in 1946 and 1951 with an economic agenda focused on achieving independence from foreign economic and political control. At the time, British and American investors dominated Argentina's infrastructure, utilities, and key industries, while the nation's reliance on imported manufactured goods and its commodity-based export economy left it vulnerable to external shocks and fluctuations in global demand.

In response, Perón's government launched a program of economic nationalism centered around Import Substitution Industrialization, with high tariffs often reaching over 100% for some goods to protect fledgling domestic industries. These tariffs made foreign goods prohibitively expensive and gave local producers a captive market.

In addition to tariffs, the regime implemented strict import quotas and licensing systems, restricting both the volume and type of goods allowed into the country. These measures were designed to conserve foreign currency reserves and shield domestic firms from international competition. The government also nationalized key industries such as railroads and energy, shifting control from foreign hands to the state.

Initially, the strategy appeared to succeed as industries such as auto manufacturing, textiles, and steel expanded rapidly. But this protection led to complacency—Argentine cars grew costly and outdated, unable to compete with imports. The heavily shielded textile industry became a major employer but remained inefficient and high-cost, limiting global competitiveness. State-owned heavy industrial companies such as steelmaker Somisa faced similar issues: overstaffing, obsolete equipment, and reliance on government support.

Booming global demand for Argentina's agricultural exports in the immediate post-World War II period had provided the foreign exchange needed to finance the country's industrial push. But as postwar Europe recovered and commodity prices fell, Argentina's export revenues fell sharply. With foreign currency scarce and domestic industries now dependent

on protection, the limitations of the model became apparent. Production quality lagged, costs rose, and Argentina became increasingly inward-looking and uncompetitive on the global stage.

What began as a drive for economic sovereignty ultimately resulted in deep structural weaknesses—fiscal imbalances, declining productivity, and persistent inflation—and the onset of Argentina's prolonged economic decline. Inflation escalated from 20% annually in the early 1950s to severe, chronic levels that persisted for decades, eventually culminating in hyperinflation by the late 80s. The policies introduced under Perón cast a long shadow: once one of the world's ten wealthiest nations by GDP per capita, Argentina steadily fell behind its peers, dropping to 79th place by 2023.

While the Trump administration's protectionist turn echoes elements of Argentina's economic nationalism, it lacks several core features that defined the Peronist model. There is no nationalization of industry, nor a broad push to reshape the domestic economy through state planning or import substitution. Instead, Trump's approach reflects a singular obsession with applying punitive tariffs to reduce the trade deficit—ignoring the basic accounting reality that cutting the trade deficit necessarily shrinks the capital surplus.

The flipside of the US trade deficit is its capital surplus, when the US runs a trade deficit—importing more goods and services than it exports—those dollars don't simply vanish. Instead, they return in the form of foreign investment, with foreign capital flowing in to support equities, bonds, and the dollar.

If fewer dollars flow abroad through trade, fewer dollars will be recycled back into US assets. This shift could weaken demand for Treasuries, forcing yields higher and tightening financial conditions across the economy. US equities, long buoyed by steady foreign inflows, would face downward pressure, while a stronger dollar—resulting from tariffs or restricted trade—could further erode US export competitiveness.

In short, efforts to shrink the trade deficit cannot occur in isolation; they will directly impact the capital account, reducing foreign demand for US assets and challenging the fundamental financial stability that has long underpinned US economic dominance.

Argentina's experience vividly demonstrates how pursuing economic self-reliance can become self-defeating, as protectionist policies breed inefficiency, deter investment, and ultimately trigger spiraling inflation. Although the United States today operates in a markedly different context, its sheer economic magnitude, central position within the global economic system, and reliance on global capital flows mean that even a modest inward pivot carries outsized risks. ■

Portfolio Holdings

	Market	End Wt. (%)		Market	End Wt. (%)			
Communication Services			Industrials					
NetEase	Gaming and internet services	China	0.0	Alfa Laval	Industrial equipment manufacturer	Sweden	1.8	
Telkom Indonesia	Telecom services	Indonesia	0.9	ASSA ABLÖY	Security equipment manufacturer	Sweden	1.2	
Tencent	Internet and IT services	China	1.7	Atlas Copco	Industrial equipment manufacturer	Sweden	1.7	
Consumer Discretionary			Canadian National Railway			Railway operator	Canada	0.8
Haier Smart Home	Consumer appliances mfr.	China	1.3	Daifuku	Material-handling equipment manufacturer	Japan	1.0	
MercadoLibre	E-commerce retailer	US	1.8	Epiroc	Industrial equipment manufacturer	Sweden	1.3	
Shimano	Bicycle component manufacturer	Japan	0.3	Komatsu	Industrial equipment manufacturer	Japan	1.4	
Sony	Japanese conglomerate	Japan	3.1	Schneider Electric	Energy management products	France	2.5	
Consumer Staples			Techtronic Industries			Power tools manufacturer	Hong Kong	0.9
Couche-Tard	Convenience stores operator	Canada	1.3	ZTO Express	Express delivery services	China	1.0	
FEMSA	Beverages manufacturer and retail operator	Mexico	1.9	Information Technology				
L'Oréal	Cosmetics manufacturer	France	1.9	ASML	Semiconductor equipment manufacturer	Netherlands	2.3	
Nestlé	Foods manufacturer	Switzerland	2.1	Dassault Systèmes	CAD software developer	France	1.0	
Unicharm	Consumer products manufacturer	Japan	0.8	Delta Electronics	Power management products	Taiwan	1.5	
Energy			Disco Corp			Precision tool manufacturer	Japan	0.9
Shell	Oil and gas producer	UK	3.3	Keyence	Sensor and measurement eqpt. mfr.	Japan	1.0	
Financials			Samsung Electronics			Electronics manufacturer	South Korea	2.4
Adyen	Payment processing services	Netherlands	1.3	SAP	Enterprise software developer	Germany	1.3	
AIA Group	Insurance provider	Hong Kong	2.3	TSMC	Semiconductor manufacturer	Taiwan	3.1	
Allianz	Financial services and insurance provider	Germany	3.6	Materials				
BBVA	Commercial bank	Spain	1.5	Air Liquide	Industrial gases supplier	France	1.3	
Credicorp	Commercial bank	Peru	1.2	BHP	Mineral miner and processor	Australia	1.5	
DBS Group	Commercial bank	Singapore	4.0	Linde	Industrial gases supplier and engineer	US	1.7	
GF Banorte	Commercial bank	Mexico	0.9	Novonosis	Biotechnology producer	Denmark	0.8	
HDFC Bank	Commercial bank	India	3.3	Rio Tinto	Mineral miner and processor	UK	1.6	
Manulife	Financial services and insurance provider	Canada	3.0	Symrise	Fragrances and flavors manufacturer	Germany	1.1	
Ping An Insurance	Insurance provider	China	0.7	Real Estate				
SE Banken	Commercial bank	Sweden	1.9	No Holdings				
Health Care			Utilities					
Alcon	Eye care products manufacturer	Switzerland	1.9	ENN Energy	Gas pipeline operator	China	0.4	
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Pharma manufacturer	Japan	3.0	Cash				
Coloplast	Medical device manufacturer	Denmark	0.8					
Genmab	Oncology drug manufacturer	Denmark	0.7					
Haleon	Consumer health products manufacturer	UK	3.0					
Mindray	Medical equipment manufacturer	China	0.8					
Roche	Pharma and diagnostic equipment manufacturer	Switzerland	2.8					
Shionogi	Pharma manufacturer	Japan	1.0					
Sonova	Hearing aids manufacturer	Switzerland	1.0					
Sysmex	Clinical laboratory equipment manufacturer	Japan	1.8					

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Portfolio Facts

Portfolio Characteristics

Quality and Growth	HL	Index	Risk and Valuation	HL	Index
Profit Margin ¹ (%)	12.8	11.2	Alpha ² (%)	-1.12	-
Return on Assets ¹ (%)	7.7	5.4	Beta ²	1.05	-
Return on Equity ¹ (%)	17.3	14.3	R-Squared ²	0.93	-
Debt/Equity Ratio ¹ (%)	46.2	63.0	Active Share ³ (%)	83	-
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE ¹ (%)	3.6	4.8	Standard Deviation ² (%)	16.63	15.26
Sales Growth ^{1,2} (%)	5.7	5.8	Sharpe Ratio ²	0.48	0.57
Earnings Growth ^{1,2} (%)	9.5	9.9	Tracking Error ² (%)	4.6	-
Cash Flow Growth ^{1,2} (%)	11.0	9.6	Information Ratio ²	-0.18	-
Dividend Growth ^{1,2} (%)	7.9	7.6	Up/Down Capture ²	105/109	-
Size and Turnover	HL	Index	Price/Earnings ⁴	17.5	15.7
Wtd. Median Mkt. Cap. (US \$B)	78.1	55.3	Price/Cash Flow ⁴	12.6	9.9
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US \$B)	131.4	109.2	Price/Book ⁴	2.7	1.9
Turnover ³ (Annual %)	13.0	-	Dividend Yield ⁵ (%)	2.5	2.9

¹Weighted median. ²Trailing five years, annualized. ³Five-year average. ⁴Weighted harmonic mean. ⁵Weighted mean. Source: (Risk characteristics): Harding Loevner International Equity composite based on the composite returns, gross of fees, eVestment Alliance LLC, MSCI Inc. Source: (other characteristics): Harding Loevner International Equity model based on the underlying holdings, FactSet (Run Date: April 3, 2025) based on the latest available data in FactSet on this date., MSCI Inc.

Completed Portfolio Transactions

Positions Established	Market	Sector	Positions Sold	Market	Sector
ASML	Netherlands	INFT	Ambev	Brazil	STPL
			Infineon Technologies	Germany	INFT
			Wuliangye Yibin	China	STPL

The portfolio is actively managed therefore holdings identified above do not represent all of the securities held in the portfolio and holdings may not be current. It should not be assumed that investment in the securities identified has been or will be profitable. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Portfolio characteristics are supplemental information only and complement the fully compliant International Equity composite GIPS Presentation. Portfolio holdings should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security.

Composite Performance

as of March 31, 2025

	HL Intl. Equity Gross (%)	HL Intl. Equity Net (%)	MSCI ACWI ex US ¹ (%)	MSCI EAFE ² (%)	HL Intl. Equity 3-yr. Std. Deviation ³ (%)	MSCI ACWI ex US 3-yr. Std. Deviation ³ (%)	MSCI EAFE 3-yr. Std. Deviation ³ (%)	Internal Dispersion ⁴ (%)	No. of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$M)	Firm Assets (\$M)
2025 YTD ⁵	5.24	5.08	5.36	7.01	17.13	15.94	16.53	N.A.	31	17,875	33,889
2024	2.44	1.80	6.09	4.35	17.64	16.01	16.61	0.3	32	17,663	35,471
2023	16.22	15.50	16.21	18.85	17.55	16.06	16.60	0.2	33	21,107	43,924
2022	-19.62	-20.13	-15.57	-14.01	19.72	19.24	19.95	0.5	33	20,472	47,607
2021	9.43	8.74	8.29	11.78	16.13	16.77	16.89	0.3	35	28,608	75,084
2020	21.58	20.81	11.13	8.28	17.55	17.92	17.87	0.2	37	26,325	74,496
2019	26.29	25.49	22.13	22.66	12.00	11.33	10.80	0.2	37	22,085	64,306
2018	-13.26	-13.82	-13.78	-13.36	11.79	11.40	11.27	0.2	39	16,908	49,892
2017	30.86	30.00	27.77	25.62	12.45	11.88	11.85	0.2	36	15,777	54,003
2016	6.18	5.49	5.01	1.51	13.28	12.53	12.48	0.1	40	10,316	38,996
2015	-0.46	-1.06	-5.25	-0.39	12.83	12.13	12.47	0.1	41	8,115	33,296

¹Benchmark index. ²Supplemental index. ³Variability of the composite, gross of fees, and the index returns over the preceding 36-month period, annualized. ⁴Asset-weighted standard deviation (gross of fees). ⁵The 2025 YTD performance returns and assets shown are preliminary. N.A.—Internal dispersion less than a 12-month period.

The International Equity composite contains fully discretionary, fee-paying accounts investing in non-US equity and equity-equivalent securities and cash reserves and is measured against the MSCI All Country World ex US Total Return Index (Gross) for comparison purposes. Returns include the effect of foreign currency exchange rates. The exchange rate source of the benchmark is Reuters. The exchange rate source of the composite is Bloomberg. Additional information about the benchmark, including the percentage of composite assets invested in countries or regions not included in the benchmark, is available upon request.

The MSCI All Country World ex US Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global developed and emerging markets, excluding the US. The index consists of 46 developed and emerging market countries. The MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the US and Canada. The index consists of 21 developed market countries. You cannot invest directly in these indexes.

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The US dollar is the currency used to express performance. Returns are presented both gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net returns are calculated using actual fees. Actual returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. The standard fee schedule generally applied to separate International Equity accounts is 1.00% annually of the market value for the first \$20 million; 0.50% for the next \$80 million; 0.45% for the next \$150 million; 0.40% for the next \$250 million; above \$500 million upon request. The management fee schedule and total expense ratio for the International Equity Collective Investment Fund, which is included in the composite, are 0.67% on all assets and 0.72%, respectively. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. The annual composite dispersion presented is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year.

The International Equity composite was created on December 31, 1989 and the performance inception date is January 1, 1990.

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