

# International Equity Research Review | First Quarter 2021

April 21, 2021

### Composite Performance

As of March 31, 2021

#### Performance (% Total Return)

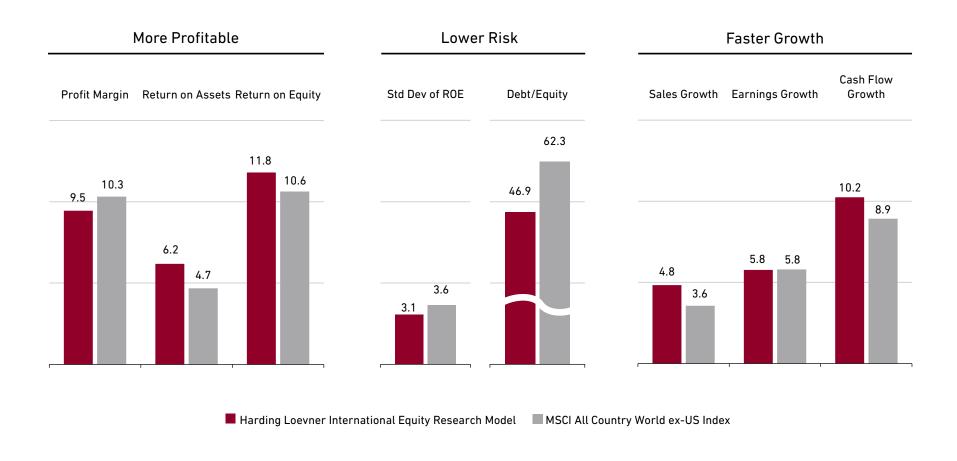
	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years <sup>1</sup>	5 Years <sup>1</sup>	Since Inception <sup>1,2</sup>
HL International Equity Research (gross of fees)	2.04	53.79	8.34	12.32	12.20
HL International Equity Research (net of fees)	1.86	52.68	7.56	11.50	11.38
MSCI All Country World ex-US Index <sup>3,4</sup>	3.60	50.03	7.01	10.27	9.71

■ Up/Down Capture (Trailing Three Years, Annualized): 101/91

Annualized Returns; Inception date: December 31, 2015; The Benchmark Index; Gross of withholding taxes. For comparison purposes the Composite return is measured against the MSCI All Country World ex-US Total Return Index. Harding Loevner LP is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Harding Loevner LP is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Harding Loevner claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). Harding Loevner has been independently verified for the period November 1, 1989 through December 31, 2020. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not quarantee future results. Returns are presented both gross and net of management fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Net returns are calculated using actual fees. The US dollar is the currency used to express performance. For complete information on the construction and historical record of the International Equity Research Composite, please contact Harding Loevner at (908) 218-7900 or visit www.hardingloevner.com. The firm maintains a complete list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and a list of broad distribution pooled funds, which are available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein.

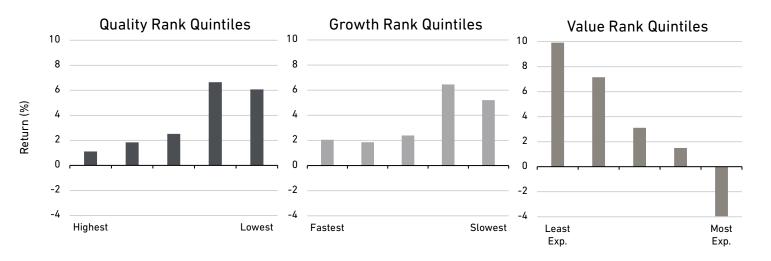
### Quality & Growth Investment Philosophy

As of March 31, 2021

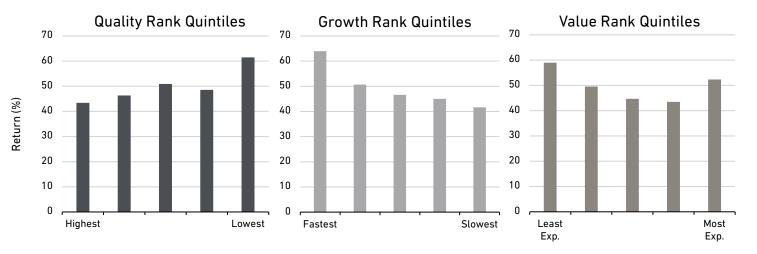


### MSCI ACW ex-US Index Total Returns by Quality, Growth, and Value Rank

1Q21 Quality and Growth lagged

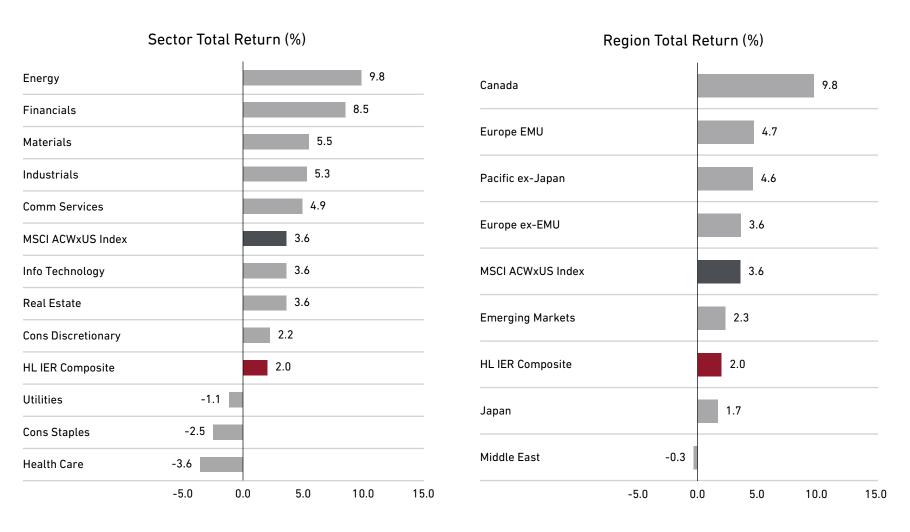


Trailing 12
Months
Growth still
outperformed
even with value
rally



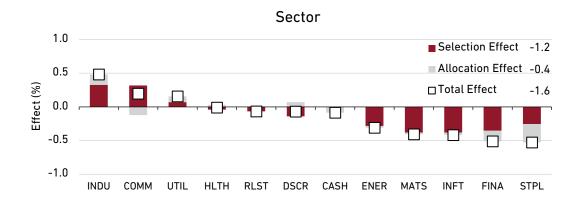
# Benchmark Sector/Region Returns

#### First Quarter



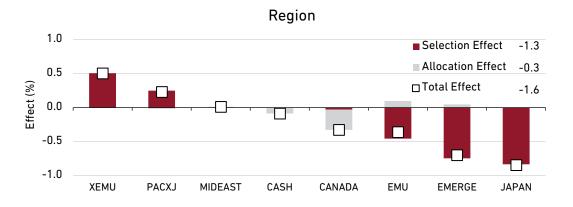
### Performance Attribution: Composite vs Benchmark

#### First Quarter





	Avg V	Vt. %	Effect
To Relative Returns	Port	Index	%
Hakuhodo	1.0	0.0	0.17
SE Banken	1.0	0.1	0.15
Bankinter	0.7	0.0	0.15
HomeServe	1.0	0.0	0.14
LISI	0.4	0.0	0.13



### Top 5 Detractors

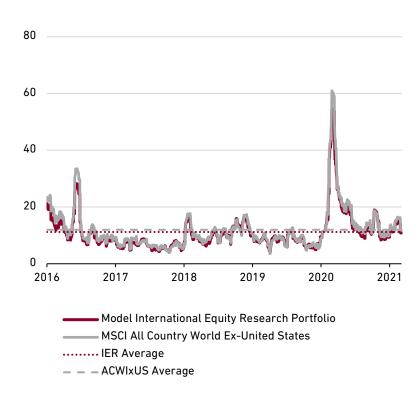
	Avg V	Effect	
From Relative Returns	Port	Index	%
Kobayashi Pharma	0.9	0.0	-0.28
Chugai Pharmaceutical	0.8	0.1	-0.21
Vifor Pharma	0.9	0.0	-0.16
TeamViewer	0.6	0.0	-0.15
Jiangsu Yanghe Brewery	0.4	0.0	-0.14

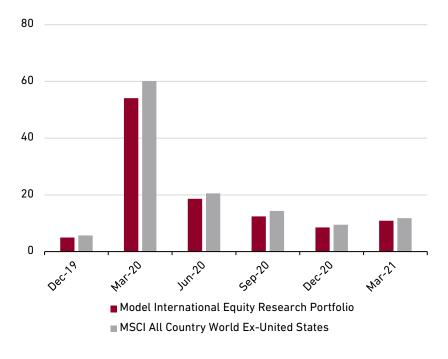
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### Volatility Remained Near its Five-Year Average

The portfolio's standard deviation remains below the index.

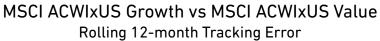
Trailing 20-Day Standard Deviation of Daily Returns (Annualized)

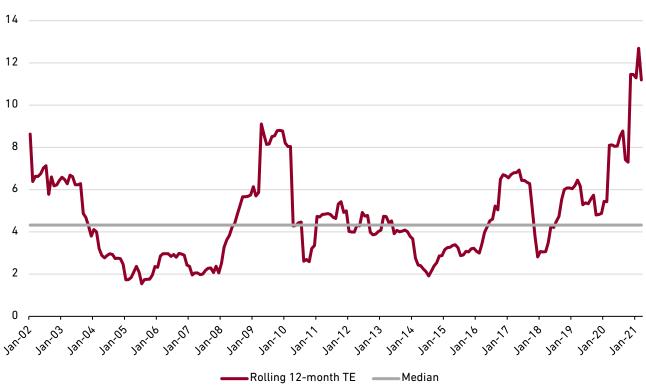




### Performance of Growth vs. Value Diverging

Tracking error of Growth vs. Value is at 20 year high.



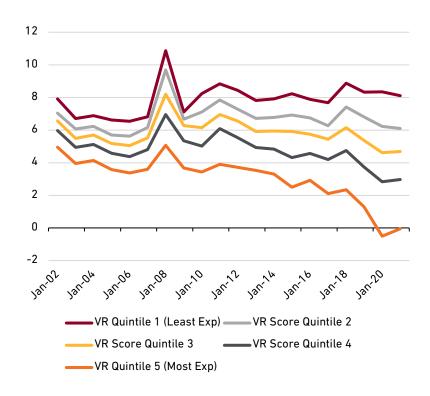


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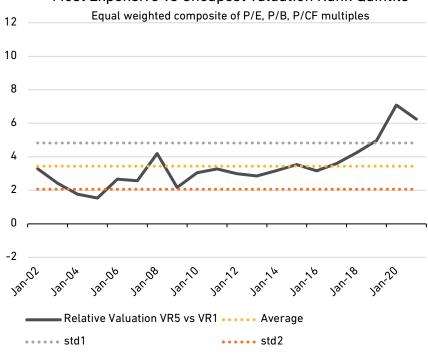
### Valuation Spread Remains High

Market Implied Discount rate of the most expensive quintile has fallen in the last few years.

#### ACWIxUS Market Implied Discount Rate by Valuation Quintile



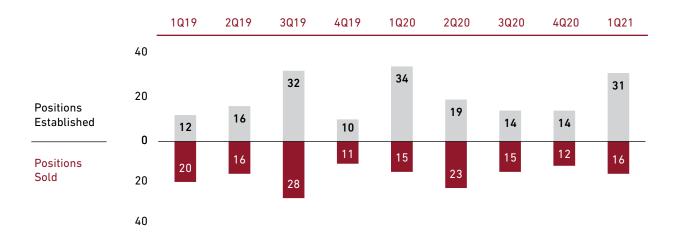
# ACWI ex-US Relative Valuation Most Expensive vs Cheapest Valuation Rank Quintile



Source: FactSet, HOLT. Data as of March 31, 2021. HARDING LOEVNER

# **Completed Portfolio Transactions**

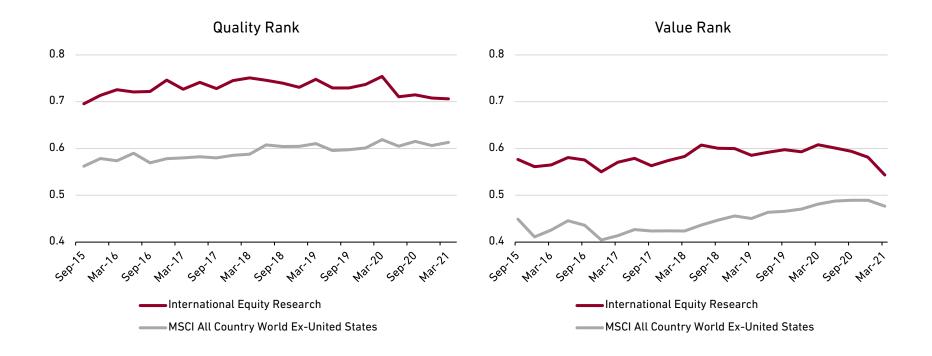
### Trailing 12 Months



Portfolio Turnover (5-year annualized average): 47.1%

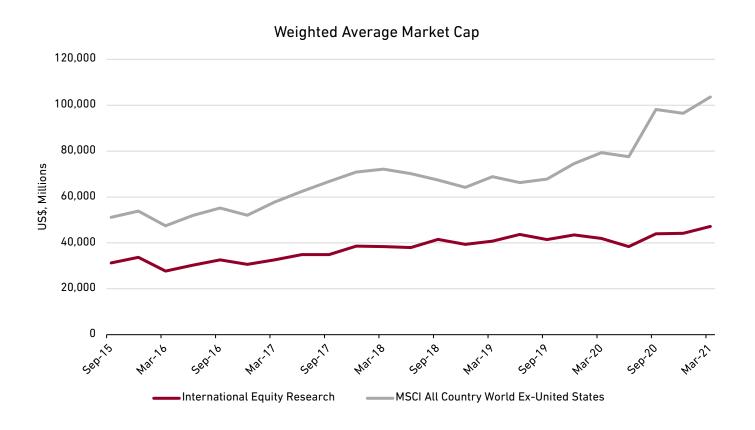
### Portfolio Characteristics: Quality and Valuation

Quality maintained while valuation spread vs. benchmark reduced.



# Portfolio Characteristics: Market Cap

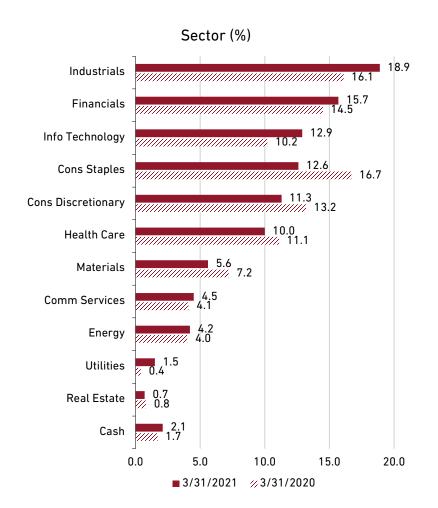
Portfolios weighted average market cap stable but has diverged from the index.

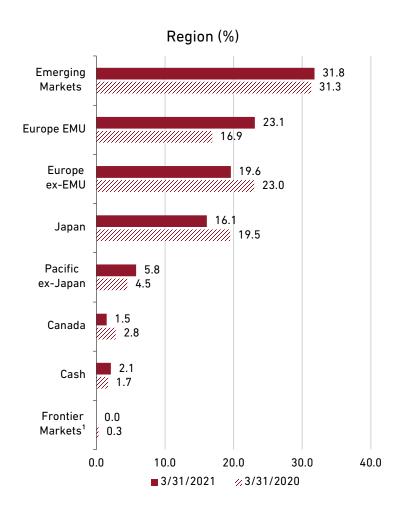


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### Portfolio Allocation Comparison

### March 31, 2021 vs March 31, 2020

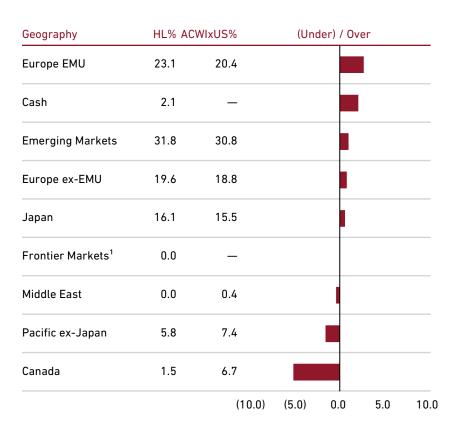




# Portfolio Exposures

### As of March 31, 2021

Sector	HL%	ACWIxUS%		(U	nder) / Ov	er	
Industrials	18.9	11.7					
Cons Staples	12.6	8.4					
Cash	2.1	_					
Health Care	10.0	8.9					
Info Technology	12.9	12.8					
Energy	4.2	4.5			ı		
Utilities	1.5	3.2					
Real Estate	0.7	2.6					
Cons Discretionary	11.3	13.7					
Comm Services	4.5	7.1					
Materials	5.6	8.2					
Financials	15.7	18.9					
		(1	0.0)	(5.0)	0.0	5.0	10.0



82% Active Share

### Harding Loevner Profile

As of March 31, 2021

- 46 investment professionals
- International Equity Research Equity portfolio management team averages 13 years at Harding Loevner



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