

International Small Companies Review | Year End 2022

# **Composite Performance Summary**

### As of December 31, 2022

#### Performance (% Total Return)

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years <sup>1</sup>	5 Years <sup>1</sup>	10 Years <sup>1</sup>	Since Inception <sup>1,2</sup>
HL International Small Companies (Gross)	12.94	-23.74	1.67	2.90	7.84	7.66
HL International Small Companies (Net)	12.67	-24.46	0.65	1.82	6.71	6.50
MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap Index <sup>3,4</sup>	13.39	-19.57	1.49	1.08	5.64	4.16

	HL ISC	MSCI ACWI ex US SC
Alpha (%)	1.95	_
Beta	0.93	-
R-Squared	0.90	-
Standard Deviation (%)	19.13	19.50

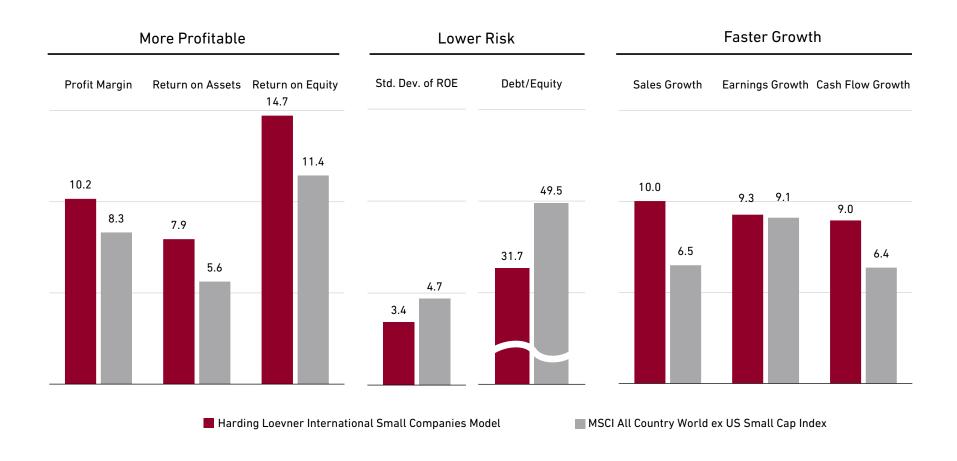
	HL ISC	MSCI ACWI ex US SC
Information Ratio	0.30	_
Sharpe Ratio	0.09	-0.01
Up/Down Capture (%)	99/94	_

<sup>1</sup>Annualized Returns; <sup>2</sup>Inception date December 31, 2006; <sup>3</sup>The benchmark index; <sup>4</sup>Gross of withholding taxes.

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# Quality and Growth Investment Philosophy

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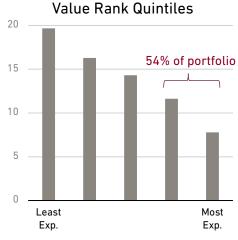


### MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index Total Returns by Quality, Growth, and Value Rank



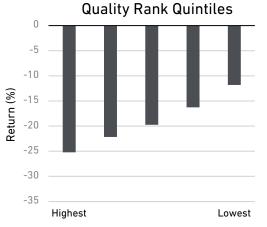


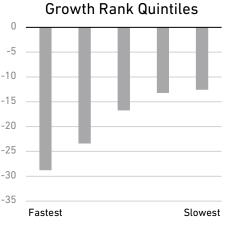


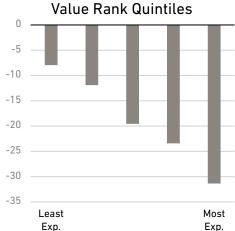


# Trailing 12 Months

High quality, faster growth, expensive companies underperformed.

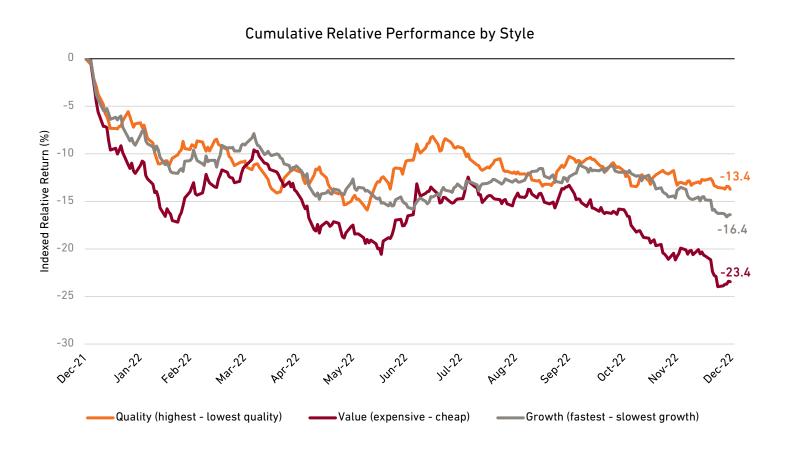






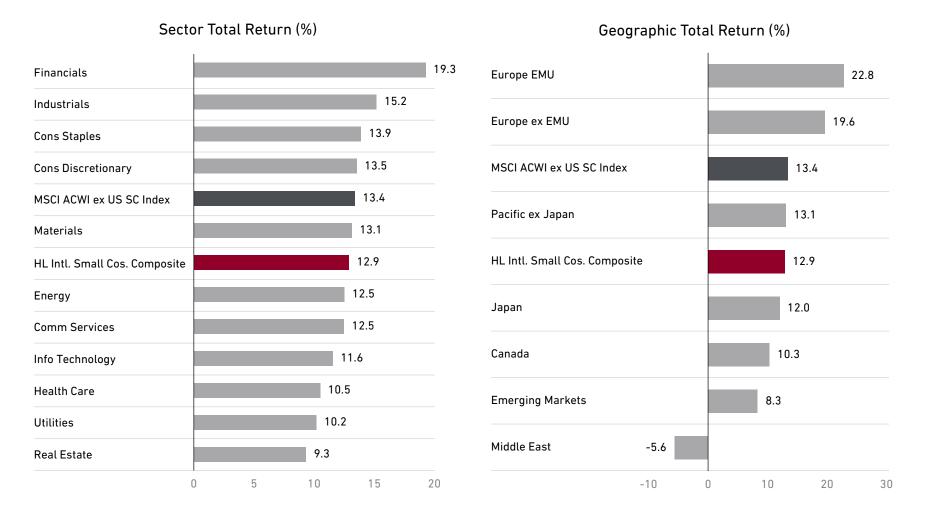
# Style Headwinds in 2022

### Measured by return difference of best and worst QGV quintiles



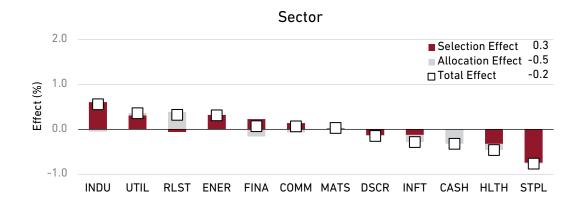
### Benchmark Performance

#### Fourth Quarter 2022



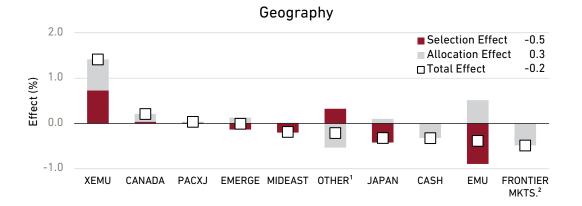
# Performance Attribution: Composite vs. Benchmark

#### Fourth Quarter 2022



#### **Top 5 Contributors**

	Avg.	Wt. %	Effect
to Relative Returns	Port.	Index	%
Bank of Georgia	2.1	<0.1	0.60
Chr. Hansen	1.7	_	0.51
Siauliu Bankas	1.8	-	0.41
Haitian International	1.6	-	0.41
TeamViewer	0.9	<0.1	0.35



#### Top 5 Detractors

	Avg.	Wt. %	Effect
from Relative Returns	Port.	Index	%
Hoa Phat Group	2.0	-	-0.72
Cyberark	2.0	_	-0.59
Sarana Menara Nusantara	1.9	_	-0.58
Max Financial	1.3	0.1	-0.39
Yantai China Pet Foods	0.8	_	-0.37

<sup>1</sup>Includes companies classified in countries outside the Index; <sup>2</sup>Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the Index.

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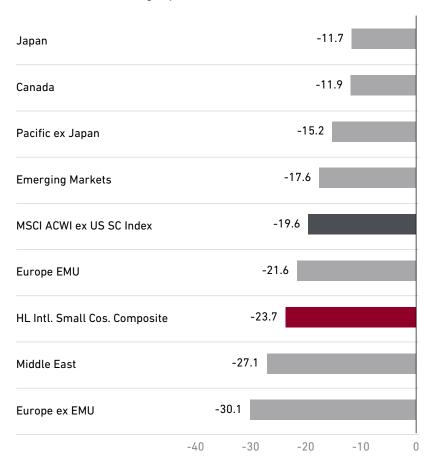
### Benchmark Performance

### Trailing 12 Months as of December 31, 2022

#### Sector Total Return (%)

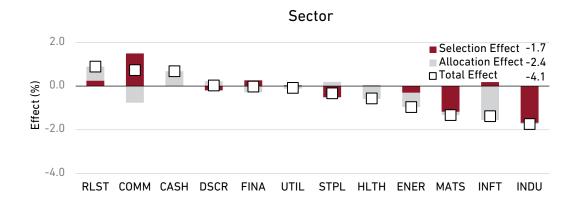
#### 27.6 Energy -7.6 Utilities -9.4 Financials -12.3 Cons Staples -15.7 Materials -16.9 Industrials MSCI ACWI ex US SC Index -19.6 Cons Discretionary -22.9 -23.7 HL Intl. Small Cos. Composite -26.3 Real Estate Comm Services -30.8Info Technology -32.0 Health Care -32.0 -20 0 20 -40 40

#### Geographic Total Return (%)



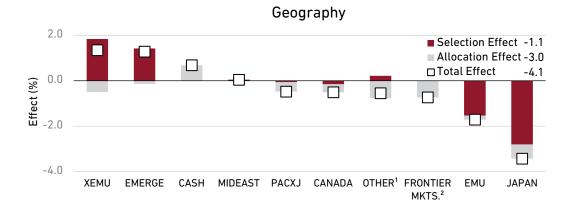
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### Trailing 12 Months as of December 31, 2022



#### **Top 5 Contributors**

	Avg. Wt. %		
to Relative Returns	Port.	Index	<u></u>
Bank of Georgia	1.9	<0.1	1.03
Localiza	2.0	_	0.59
EMIS Group	0.9	<0.1	0.55
Tecan	1.2	0.1	0.41
Chr. Hansen	0.5	_	0.35



#### Top 5 Detractors

	Avg. Wt. %		Effect
from Relative Returns	Port.	Index	%
Hoa Phat Group	2.8	-	-0.96
Dechra	2.0	0.1	-0.89
Reply	2.8	0.1	-0.83
Bechtle	1.7	_	-0.64
Infomart	0.9	<0.1	-0.56

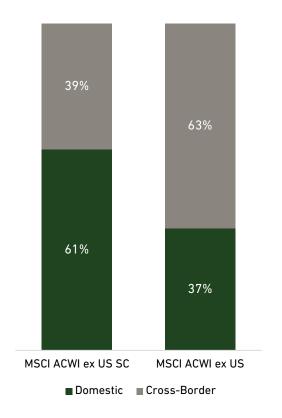
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# De-Globalization and Geopolitical Risks in ISC Strategy

Most ISC holdings have primarily domestic or regional revenue exposures and supply chains

Average Domestic vs. Cross-border Revenue Exposure for International Benchmarks

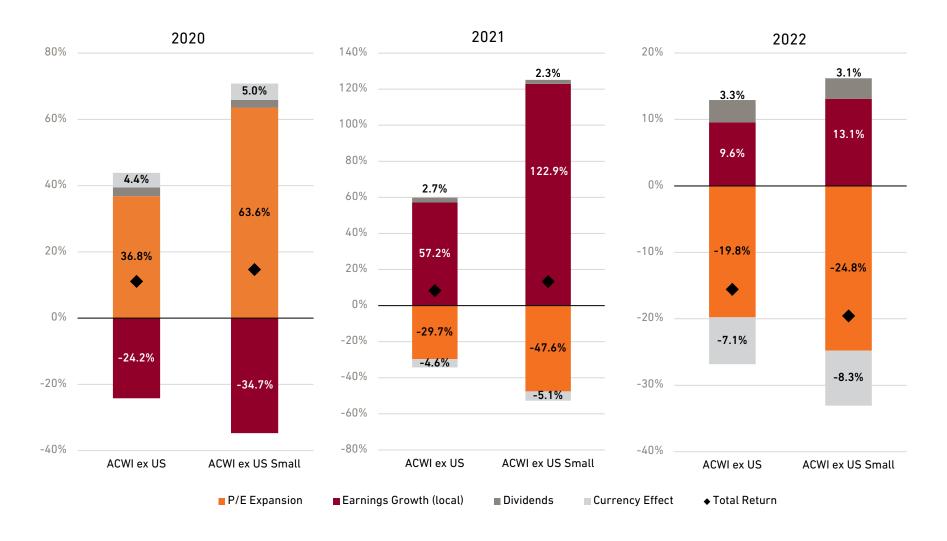


HL ISC Holdings: Exposure by Revenues, Supply Chains, and Manufacturing Base



# Total Return Decomposition (USD)

### Multiples have compressed



# Recent Research Trip - Nordics, Lithuania, and Switzerland



#### Meetings in Norway

- Commercial & Professional Services: Product Demo
- Software & Services
- Capital Goods
- Media & Entertainment
- Health Care Equipment & Supplies
- Retailing





- Tech. Hardware & Equipment Site Visit, R&D Facility
- Capital Goods
- Telecommunication Services
- Containers & Packaging
- Health Care Equipment & Supplies
- Media & Entertainment
- Commercial & Professional Services
- Software & Services



### Meetings in Switzerland

 Technology Hardware and Equipment: Analyst Day

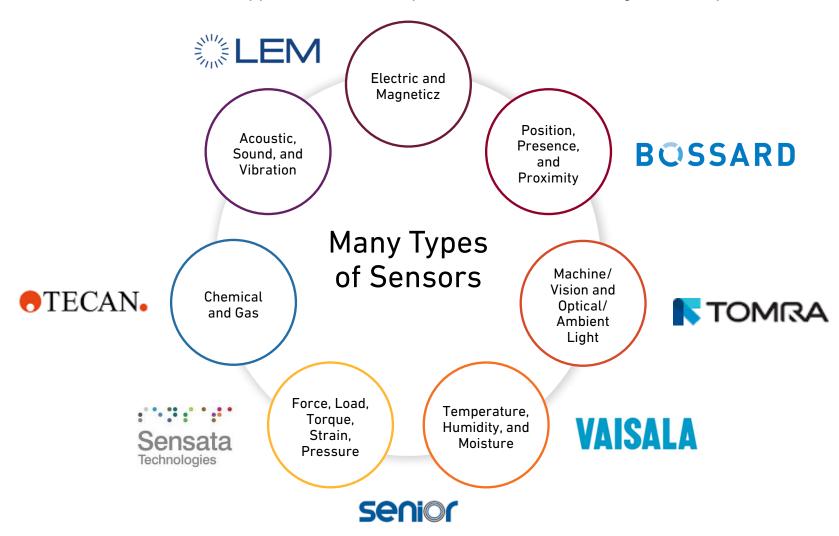


#### Meetings in Lithuania

- Banks
- Media & Entertainment

# Sensor-y Appeal

Sensors are critical to industrial applications used for process control, monitoring, and safety



# High Quality Sensor Companies

Competitive advantages compound long-term growth opportunities



# Stock Example: Vaisala

#### Finland, Industrial

- Technology leader and strong market position
  - Leading technologies in environmental + industrial sensing
  - Most accurate and reliable instruments, algorithms, and software
- Continuous investments in R&D sensors, semis, software
- New products and technologies, broad range of use cases
- In-house manufacturing (custom designed machines from third parties or own machines)
- Strong cash flow generation capabilities and good financial position

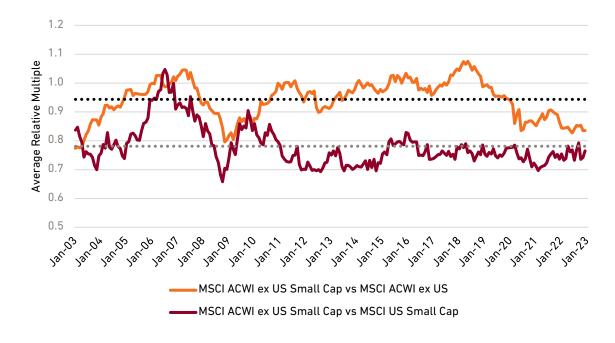
#### Multi-Dimensional Growth Potential

- Increased monitoring of air/water pollution
- Focus on environment, extreme weather phenomena
- Weather, road, maritime, defense, aviation
- Solar and wind sensors/lidars
- Monitoring of indoor environments in manufacturing (semi cleanrooms, data centers, food industry, pharma manufacturing)
- Chemical sensors battery manufacturing; biogas; hydrogen in power transformers; semi foundries



### **Relative Valuation**

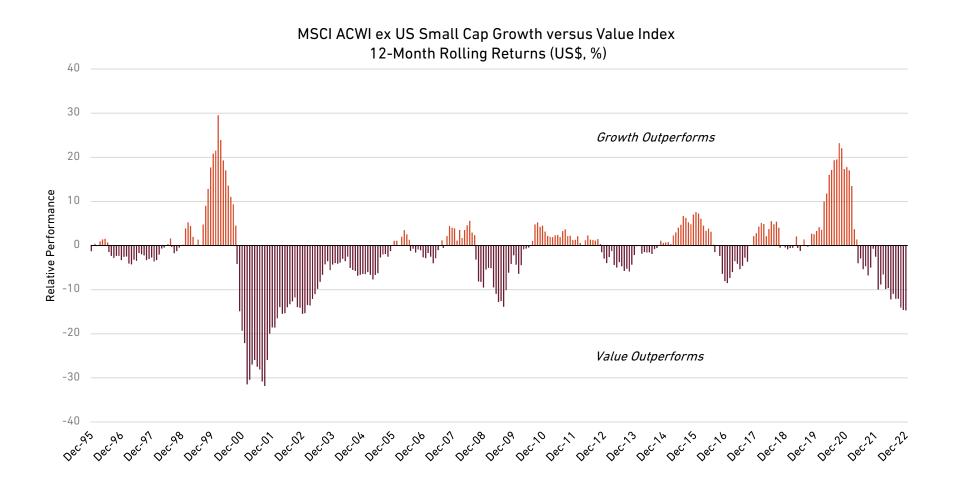
### International Small Cap Relative Valuation vs. International Large Cap and vs. US Small Cap (Equal-weighted composite of relative P/E, P/B, and P/CF multiples)



#### Valuation as of December 31, 2022 (Based on most recent annual data)

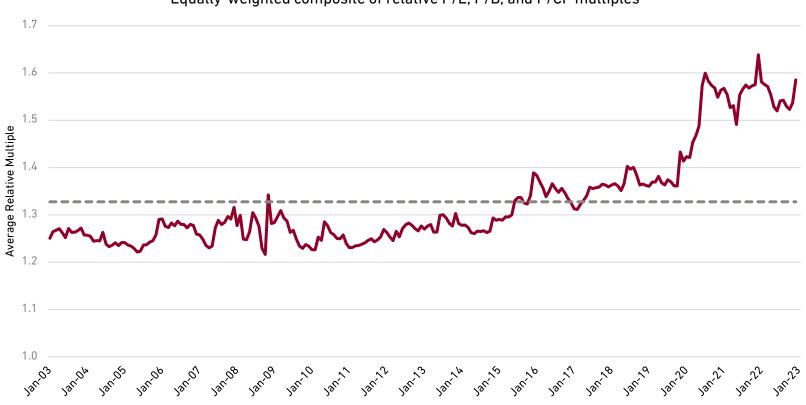
	P/E	P/B	P/CF
HL Intl. Small Cos.	17.0	2.3	11.5
ACWI ex US SC	10.3	1.2	6.9
ACWI ex US	11.8	1.6	7.8
US SC	12.3	2.0	8.1

# Growth Versus Value in Small Caps



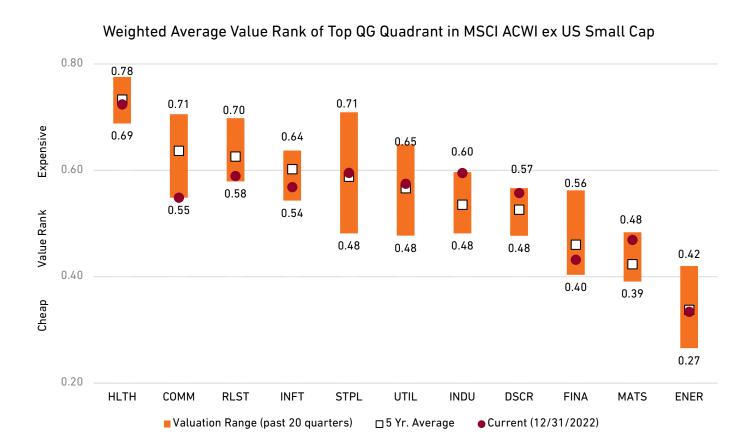
# **Growth Stocks Still Look Expensive**

# MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Growth versus Core Index Equally-weighted composite of relative P/E, P/B, and P/CF multiples



# Valuation Snapshot by Sector – Top Quality-Growth Quadrant

### Communication Services and Information Technology look attractive



# **Completed Portfolio Transactions**

### Trailing 12 Months as of December 31, 2022

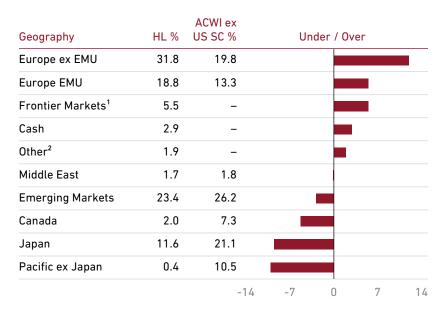
	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22
			Airtel Africa	
	Linea Directa		Baltic Classifieds	
	Meyer Optoelectronic		Chr. Hansen	
	Scout24		Evotec	
Positions	Tecan	Prodia	Grafton	Commercial International Bank
Established	Yantai China Pet Foods	TravelSky	NCSOFT	Robinsons Retail
Positions	HomeServe	Agthia	CD Projekt	Edita Food Industries
Sold	Kernel	LISI	EMIS Group	
	Nihon M&A Center Inc.		Rohto Pharmaceutical	

Portfolio Turnover (5-year annualized average): 17.0%

# Portfolio Positioning

### As of December 31, 2022

Sector	HL %	ACWI ex US SC %	U	nder / Over		
Info Technology	22.8	10.7				
Comm Services	12.3	3.7				
Health Care	11.7	7.2				
Cash	2.9	_				
Cons Staples	8.5	6.3				
Utilities	2.3	3.5				
Energy	2.1	4.3				
Financials	8.4	11.1				
Industrials	17.2	20.2				
Materials	7.5	11.6				
Cons Discretionary	3.7	11.5				
Real Estate	0.6	9.9				
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Ten Largest Holdings – Total Weight: 20.9%

Company	Market	Sector	Wt. (%)
Rubis	France	Utilities	2.3
Megacable	Mexico	Comm Services	2.2
Keywords Studios	UK	Info Technology	2.2
Reply	Italy	Info Technology	2.1
Diploma	UK	Industrials	2.1

Company	Market	Sector	Wt. (%)
Alten	France	Info Technology	2.0
Hoa Phat Group	Vietnam	Materials	2.0
Abcam	UK	Health Care	2.0
Senior	UK	Industrials	2.0
Kinaxis	Canada	Info Technology	2.0

97% Active Share

### Global Equity Specialist

A single investment philosophy, process, and research team drives all Harding Loevner strategies

Firm AUM: \$55.6 Billion						
Global Equities	\$15.1 <sub>B</sub> AUM	International Equities	\$33.1в АИМ	Emerging Markets Equities	\$7.4 <sub>B</sub> AUM	
Global Equity	\$12.5в	International Equity	\$20.5в	Emerging Markets Equity	\$7.2в	
Global Equity ADR	\$0.7в	International Equity ADR	\$11.2в	Chinese Equity	<\$0.1в	
Developed Markets	\$1.8в	Developed Markets	\$0.8в	Emerging Markets ex China	<\$0.1в	
Paris-Aligned	\$0.1в	Developed Markets ADR	<\$0.1в	Frontier Emerging Markets	\$0.2в	
Small Companies	<\$0.1в	Carbon Transition	<\$0.1в	Research	<\$0.1в	
Research	<\$0.1в	Small Companies	\$0.6в			
		Research	<\$0.1в			

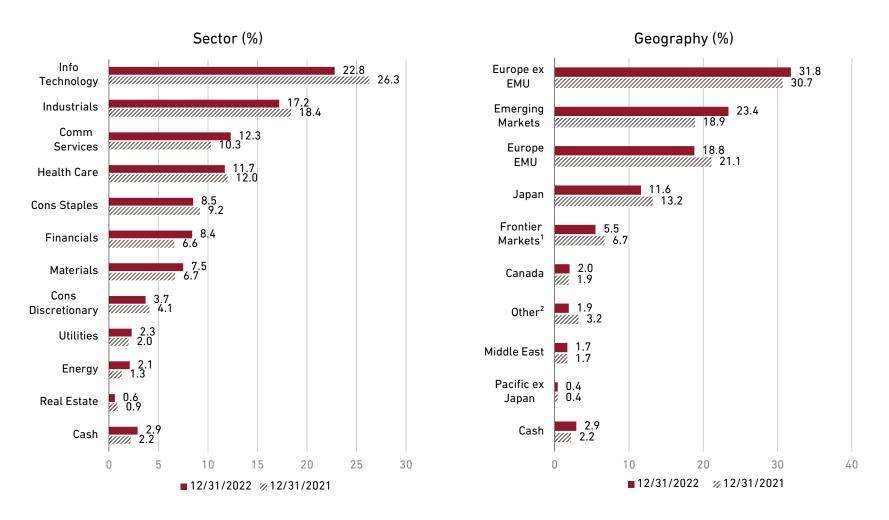


Source: Harding Loevner as of December 31, 2022. Harding Loevner 22



# Portfolio Allocation Comparison

### December 31, 2022 vs. December 31, 2021



# **Completed Portfolio Transactions**

#### Fourth Quarter 2022

#### Positions Established

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Company	Market	Sector
Commercial International Bank	Egypt	Financials
Robinsons Retail	Philippines	Cons Staples

Company	Market	Sector
Edita Food Industries	Egypt	Cons Staples

Portfolio Turnover (5-year annualized average): 17.0%

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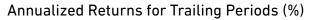
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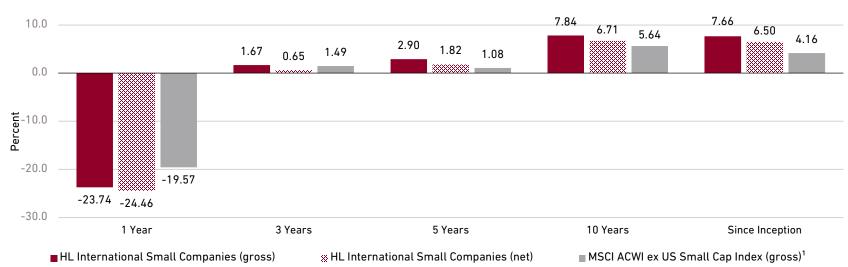
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### Composite Performance

#### As of December 31, 2022





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