# International Small Companies Equity



## Second Quarter 2025 Report

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## **Performance**

Total Return (%) Periods Ended June 30, 2025

	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Small Companies Equity (Gross)	17.00	19.16	16.95	11.11	7.98	7.36	8.05
HL International Small Companies Equity (Net)	16.71	18.59	15.83	10.05	6.94	6.26	6.91
MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap Index	17.16	18.05	18.94	14.01	11.25	6.99	5.59

Performance returns are of the composite. The composite performance returns shown are preliminary. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year. International Small Companies Equity composite inception date: December 31, 2006. MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap Index, the benchmark index, is 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

The world is undergoing rapid change—from the gradual erosion in the US dollar's dominance to China's expanding influence in Africa and South America to its deepening cooperation with Russia and Iran. Protectionist measures by governments are disrupting global trade, requiring companies to reconfigure their supply chains in ways that may also contribute to inflation. Whether there will be a lasting realignment of global power remains uncertain, as recent developments likely reflect a tangle of cyclical dynamics and more enduring forces. However, amid the growing macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty, one trend we view as decisively structural is the accelerating adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and its far-reaching effects on how people will work.

In the less than three years since ChatGPT was released, its active user base has grown to roughly 800 million per week, catapulting it into the ranks of the world's largest digital platforms. Competitors have quickly emerged, including products from technology leaders Alphabet and Microsoft, as well as from formidable startups Anthropic, DeepSeek, and Perplexity. The way AI is used has also expanded into domains as varied and specialized as cybersecurity, drug discovery, synthetic medical imaging (realistic-looking scans made from computer algorithms for research purposes), predictive business analytics, predictive machine maintenance, as well as robotics.

Companies of all sizes, public and private, are experimenting with the technology, although the level at which they are engaged varies depending on their readiness and whether there's strategic urgency. Over time, however, Al's broader impact on industry may come to echo that of earlier transformative technologies—such as the internet, electricity, and the internal combustion engine.

The role of businesses in this portfolio generally won't be to create leading-edge AI models. But that doesn't mean that small companies are just leaves being blown in the AI wind. Businesses, regardless of their market cap, can exercise meaningful control over their future if they are led by strong management, invest effectively in research and development, maintain a solid financial position, and operate in markets with high barriers to entry—part of the checklist for inclusion in this portfolio. Many of our companies, including Reply and other Information Technology (IT) services holdings, are investing in AI to strengthen their existing competitive advantage. Some companies, such as CyberArk, may also benefit as their products and services become even more critical in the AI era.

For example, one of the more immediate consequences of businesses and government entities increasingly trusting AI with their data is security risk. An area of cybersecurity that may see greater demand because of AI is a niche known as identity and access management, which is Israel-based CyberArk's specialty. Humans who access an organization's computer systems are assigned digital identities, which include their login credentials and define what parts of the system they have permission to access. Computer hardware and software also have digital identities—called "machine identities"—which must be protected. Securing human and machine identities involves managing various digital mechanisms, such as application programming interfaces (APIs), which are sets of rules that allow one software to talk to another; digital certificates, which act like virtual identification cards with embedded signatures; and electronic keys that grant access to specific data or functions. CyberArk's software platform helps organizations manage digital identities and monitor them for suspicious or unauthorized activity.

This is important because AI is creating a new class of machine identities in the form of autonomous and semi-autonomous AI "agents" capable of performing tasks and making decisions previously handled by humans. Already, the number of machine identities is on the rise: according to CyberArk, organizations on its

platform had about 40 machine identities for every human identity last year—a ratio that has since doubled.

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CyberArk is also poised to benefit from the proliferation of so-called containers and microservices widely used by AI developers. Containers package everything an app needs to run (code, tools, libraries), while microservices focus on discrete functions such as authentication. The company also developed a suite of AI-powered tools called CORA AI that helps its identity-security platform analyze user behavior, detect risky activity, generate audit reports, and provide its clients actionable

## **Market Snapshot**

- The MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index advanced more than 17% in the second quarter, as non-US equities gained favor and tariff concerns temporarily faded. This return was well ahead of the 8% and 12% gains in the MSCI USA Small Cap and MSCI ACWI ex US indexes, respectively.
- Industrials and Financials were particularly strong, especially in Europe, amid monetary easing by the European Central Bank and certain countries, as well as fiscal stimulus packages in Germany and France.
- The IT sector also did well, especially small companies in the semiconductor and semiconductor equipment industry group, which benefited from growing demand for AI data center chips.
- Shares of quality-growth companies were in favor, while stocks in the most expensive quintile in the market outperformed those in the cheapest quintile.

#### Index Performance (USD %)

MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index

Sector	2Q 2025	Trailing 12 Months
Communication Services	21.0	32.8
Consumer Discretionary	15.0	14.2
Consumer Staples	10.7	13.2
Energy	13.9	2.5
Financials	20.3	37.1
Health Care	14.3	17.3
Industrials	20.9	22.0
Information Technology	21.2	7.8
Materials	13.3	17.6
Real Estate	13.7	19.0
Utilities	17.2	18.6

Source: FactSet, MSCI Inc. Data as of June 30, 2025.

Region	2Q 2025	Trailing 12 Months
Canada	19.3	27.8
Emerging Markets	17.3	8.9
Europe EMU	21.5	29.7
Europe ex EMU	19.1	19.7
Japan	12.4	23.5
Middle East	39.4	68.5
Pacific ex Japan	13.0	12.0
MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index	17.2	18.9

insights. Management has been a good steward of capital, using the company's strong balance sheet and free cash flow to invest in products and strategic partnerships that position CyberArk to meet the security challenges created by AI.

IT services is another industry already feeling the effects of Al. But unlike CyberArk, where the benefits to the company seem clear, the implications for IT-consulting businesses are not as straightforward. On the one hand, Al threatens to displace entry-level programming tasks, such as de-bugging or basic application development—traditionally reliable sources of billable hours for IT consultants that use the common time-and-materials (T&M) pricing model. Clients may be less inclined to outsource those services as easy-to-use Al-enhanced coding tools become more accessible. Therefore, companies including France-based Alten are moving away from T&M contracts—38% of Alten's revenue—toward fixed-price or outcome-based contracts, where payment is tied to specific results rather than time spent.

On the other hand, AI presents new opportunities for the most agile consulting firms. For example, Reply's diversified business model and decentralized structure have allowed it to move quickly in developing customized AI tools and services for specific industries. Not only is the Italian company less reliant on T&M contracts (about 30% of revenue) than its peers, but it is also further ahead in its AI integration. Its efforts have included partnering with OpenAI to come up with new uses of its technology, such as design tools that combine traditional manufacturing processes with machine-generated art, which can be used to create, for example, ceramic flooring that mimics natural marble. Reply has developed an AI-powered warehouse management solution and other industry-specific AI tools for clients in the automotive, publishing, retail, manufacturing, insurance, and media industries.

For Alten, which specializes in computer-aided design (CAD) software for the automotive and aerospace industries, Al isn't yet a meaningful source of revenue; however, the company is known for

its strong engineering culture. It seems to be finding value in using AI internally in areas such as human resources—a critical function for consulting firms, which build their competitive edge partly through the people they hire—by building skill matrices to match candidates to projects. It's also developing a data factory that uses machine learning to analyze CAD repositories to predict when equipment may fail and identify underlying issues. Moreover, work being done by one of its subsidiaries, VMO Holdings, shows how AI is enabling new categories of products and services: Using NVIDIA's H100 chips and natural-language processing, VMO has built AI-powered talking avatars for virtual influencers in Japan.

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Beyond the revenue opportunities, AI introduces the potential for meaningful cost efficiencies, particularly by automating entry-level roles. The question then becomes. what do companies do with these savings? It's too early to tell, but those we hold have a history of reinvesting the proceeds from productivity gains to discover and create new sources of growth.

This is also not the first time that many of these companies have faced technological disruption. From the internet to mobile computing to the cloud, small caps with forward-thinking leaders that prioritize R&D while remaining disciplined about capital allocation have successfully navigated past shifts. While much of the investment community has been focused on what large US companies are doing in the field of AI, this technology may become a powerful equalizer, offering businesses of all sizes across geographies a chance to leapfrog the competition (or risk falling behind).

# Portfolio in Focus

The portfolio's broad exposure to the IT-services industry underscores the many differences among these firms, which are sometimes overlooked by markets. Each has distinct strengths in certain regions, end markets, or areas of technological expertise. For example, while Alten is focused on engineering services for the auto industry (a factor that has contributed to recent pressure on the stock), Reply is strong in Europe and industries such as gaming. Bechtle is a leader in Germany and neighboring German-speaking countries, with expertise in helping companies navigate equipment-replacement cycles. Globant, though based in Argentina, primarily works with companies in the US and Europe.

Globant is also doing something that none of the others are. In June, it introduced AI Pods, a subscription-based toolkit that gives clients access to its proprietary AI model and capabilities. It is a way to both monetize its AI agents and prevent AI from upending its billing practices. It's too early to assess the success of AI Pods, but over time, the subscription-model approach may support more profitable long-term growth. The stock price adequately reflects the risks; we added to our holding in Globant this quarter.

Many of the early builders and users of large language models are US companies (including some of Globant's clientele). However, Al is hardly a US-only phenomenon. Far outside traditional IT hubs, in places such as Iga City, Mie Prefecture, Japan, for example, the technology is being used to speed factory production and improve quality controls in the production of eye drops and contact-lens solutions. Iga City is the home to Rohto Pharmaceutical's

"cyber-physical system"—a smart factory, where sensors and cameras monitor automated and semi-automated production equipment, then send the data they collect to the cloud for AI to analyze. The company, a new addition to the portfolio, is a leader in health and beauty, with a strong franchise in eye care, as well as a portfolio of skin- and lip-care products, acne treatments, deodorants, and antiseptic lotions. At a recent trade show in Osaka, Rohto showcased a pipeline of innovations in ophthalmology and regenerative medicine enabled by AI, such as a compact automated cell-culture system. It is also collaborating with Osaka University and SAI—a company that uses optical sensing technology to turn information from the physical world into digital data—on ways to use AI to predict diseases based on diagnostic eye-health readings.

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Some of the most well-defined AI experimentation we've seen thus far is at another Japanese holding, Shift, which was purchased last year. Shift is the leading provider of software-testing services in Japan, a country facing an acute shortage of IT engineers. Like many companies assisting others in their transition to AI, Shift has started by experimenting within its own business. But it is

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	HL	Index	Relative Weight
Comm Services	12.3	4.1	
Info Technology	18.3	10.8	
Cons Staples	10.7	5.5	
Health Care	9.7	6.9	
Cash	1.9	-	
Industrials	21.8	21.5	l
Utilities	1.5	3.1	
Energy	1.1	3.5	
Financials	8.8	12.3	
Materials	7.4	11.1	
Cons Discretionary	6.5	11.7	
Real Estate	0.0	9.5	
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"HL": International Small Companies Equity model portfolio. "Index": MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap 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 Small Companies Equity composite GIPS Presentation. Source: Harding Loevner International Small Companies 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.

refreshingly transparent and detailed about its plans and progress. For example, it has deployed 500 Al engineers across the company. By April, it said that more than 80% of its staff were using Al tools, and that this was saving the business 15 million yen (over US\$100,000) per month. Just one quarter later, it said that more than 90% were using Al, boosting its monthly cost savings to 22 million yen—about 2% of projected operating profit for its fiscal year ending in August.

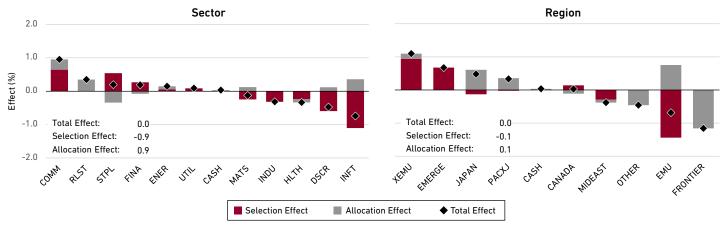
It's likely not a coincidence that this early progress has been made by a company in an industry known for its labor intensity, in a country confronting one of the world's most severe demographic headwinds. While AI has generated plenty of hype, much of the innovation may arise out of business necessity—and companies operating under structural constraints may become some of the most effective users.

## **Performance and Attribution**

The International Small Companies Equity composite rose 17.0% gross of fees in the second quarter, in line with a 17.2% increase in the MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index.

#### **Second Quarter 2025 Performance Attribution**

International Small Companies Equity Composite vs. MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index



<sup>&</sup>quot;FRONTIER": Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index. "OTHER": Includes companies classified in countries outside the index.

Source: Harding Loevner International Small Companies Equity composite, FactSet, MSCI Inc. Data as of June 30, 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

Poor stock selection in IT and Consumer Discretionary was offset by strong holdings in Communications Services, Consumer Staples, and Financials as well as helpful sector allocations.

Top contributors to relative performance:

- Within Communications Services, Mexico's Megacable
   Holdings reported strong growth in residential broadband
   subscribers, while profit margins recovered as the
   company gained scale in markets where it has high
   fixed costs.
- In Consumer Staples, Yantai China Pet Foods raised its year-over-year growth targets—from 25% to 30% for domestic revenues, and from 10% to "double digits" for international revenues—amid rising demand for high-quality, competitively priced pet food.
- In Financials, Indian life insurer Max Financial said its premiums grew 18%, faster than the industry's growth rate of 13–14%. Its expense ratio also improved slightly, due to better productivity among the company's sales force.

Top detractors from relative performance:

- Within IT, Globant's revenue was weaker than expected, and the company lowered its sales and earnings outlook for the year, citing macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty.
  Software sales and related IT-services revenues in Brazil also slowed.
- Shares of Consumer Discretionary holding TravelSky gave back most of their first-quarter gains amid weaker demand for air travel by Chinese consumers. The company is a dominant provider of airline IT systems in China and acts as a toll-taker in China's growing air-travel industry.

#### Relative Returns (%)

#### Second Quarter 2025

#### Trailing 12 Months

		Avg	. Weight				Avg	. Weight	
Largest Contributors	Sector	HL	Index	Effect	Largest Contributors	Sector	HL	Index	Effect
Belimo	INDU	1.9	0.2	0.65	Yantai China Pet Foods	STPL	0.9	-	1.04
Shift	INFT	1.6	<0.1	0.51	Belimo	INDU	1.6	0.2	0.93
Max Financial	FINA	2.2	0.1	0.48	Max Financial	FINA	2.1	0.1	0.85
Megacable	СОММ	1.8	<0.1	0.40	Scout24	СОММ	1.6	_	0.83
Senior	INDU	2.7	<0.1	0.39	Airtel Africa	СОММ	1.8	<0.1	0.80
		Avg	. Weight				Avg.	. Weight	
Largest Detractors	Sector	HL	Index	Effect	Largest Detractors	Sector	HL	Index	Effect
Artea	FINA	2.4	-	-0.61	STRATEC	HLTH	1.1	<0.1	-0.87
Hoa Phat Group	MATS	2.5	_	-0.49	Globant	INFT	0.9	_	-0.81
TravelSky	DSCR	1.7	-	-0.47	Hoa Phat Group	MATS	2.7	-	-0.75

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#### Portfolio Attribution by Region

Globant

TeamViewer

Stock-selection and allocation effects through this lens were small, with slightly unhelpful stock picks offset by slightly positive regional allocation.

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Top contributors to relative performance:

- An underweight in Japan and good stocks in India helped, as did an overweight in the European Monetary Union (EMU), especially Germany.
- Japanese IT-services provider Shift, and Belimo, a Swiss maker of HVAC devices, were the standouts. Shift benefited from strong demand for software-testing services along with a high utilization rate of its engineers, while the construction of Al data centers is creating demand for Belimo's products.

Top detractors from relative performance:

 TeamViewer, a German IT company focused on remote-connectivity software, experienced weak demand from its small- and medium-size business customers.

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- Uncertainty around global trade hurt shares of UK-based Clarkson, the world's leading ship broker.
- Frontier Markets also detracted from returns, as concerns over tariffs for hot-rolled coil steel products weighed on shares of Vietnamese steel manufacturer Hoa Phat Group.

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# Portfolio Holdings -

Communication Services	Market	End Wt	. (%)
Airtel Africa Telecom services	UK		2.4
Baltic Classifieds Online classifieds portal operator	UK		1.3
Cheil Worldwide Marketing and advertising services	South Kor	rea	0.7
Megacable Cable operator	Mexico		1.9
Paradox Interactive Video game publisher	Sweden		0.7
Rightmove Online property listings operator	UK		0.9
Sarana Menara Nusantara Telecom tower operator	Indonesia		0.3
Scout24 Real estate information services	Germany		2.0
TIME dotCom Berhad Telecom services	Malaysia		0.7
YouGov Market research and data analytics services	UK		1.3
Consumer Discretionary			
Allegro E-commerce retailer	Poland		8.0
Eclat Textile Technology-based textile manufacturer	Taiwan		0.4
Stanley Electric Automotive lighting manufacturer	Japan		1.5
Thule Group Lifestyle consumer products manufacturer	Sweden		1.2
TravelSky Aviation IT services	China		1.5
Wilcon Depot Home improvement retailer	Philippine	es	1.2
Consumer Staples			
Ariake Natural seasonings manufacturer	Japan		1.8
Cranswick Foods manufacturer	UK		2.3
Grupo Herdez Processed foods manufacturer	Mexico		1.0
KWS SAAT Agricultural products producer	Germany		1.8
Lotus Bakeries Confectionery snack manufacturer	Belgium		0.7
Robinsons Retail Foods & consumer products retailer	Philippine	es	0.9
Rohto Pharmaceutical Health & consumer products mfr.	Japan		1.0
Yantai China Pet Foods Pet food manufacturer	China		1.2
Energy			
Dialog Group Berhad Petrochemical services	Malaysia		0.4
Romgaz Natural gas producer	Romania		0.7
Financials			
Artea Commercial bank	Lithuania		1.8
Bankinter Commercial bank	Spain		1.0
GMO Payment Gateway Payment processing services	Japan		1.6
Linea Directa Insurance provider	Spain		1.2
Max Financial Financial services & insurance provider	India		2.4
Rathbones Wealth manager	UK		0.7
Health Care			
Asahi Intecc Medical device manufacturer	Japan		1.1
Carl Zeiss Meditec Medical technology provider	Germany		1.3
CellaVision Medical device manufacturer	Sweden		1.1
DiaSorin Reagent kits developer	Italy		1.0
Evotec Drug discovery and developer	Germany		1.4
Medistim Medical device supplier	Norway		0.9
Santen Pharmaceutical Pharma manufacturer	Japan		1.1
Square Pharmaceuticals Pharma manufacturer	Banglade	sh	0.7
STRATEC Life science products manufacturer	Germany		0.5
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Health Care	Market End Wt.	(%)
Tecan Life science products and services	Switzerland	0.7
Industrials		
Belimo HVAC manufacturer	Switzerland	2.1
Bossard Industrial components supplier	Switzerland	1.2
Brenntag Chemical distribution services	Germany	0.8
Burckhardt Compression Compressor manufacturer	Switzerland	1.7
Carel HVAC and refrigeration solutions	Italy	0.9
Clarkson Shipping services	UK	2.2
Copa Holdings Airline operator	Panama	1.2
<b>Diploma</b> Specialized technical services	UK	2.0
Grafton Construction products distributor	UK	1.4
Haitian International Injection-molding machines mfr.	China	0.6
Hanbell Precise Machinery Compressor mfr.	China	0.7
MISUMI Group Machinery-parts supplier	Japan	0.7
Pfeiffer Vacuum Vacuum pump manufacturer	Germany	1.4
Senior Aerospace and auto parts manufacturer	UK	3.1
Spirax Group Industrial components manufacturer	UK	0.9
TOMRA Industrial sensors manufacturer	Norway	1.0
Information Technology		
Alten Technology consultant and engineer	France	1.0
ASM Pacific Technology Semiconductor eqpt. mfr.	Hong Kong	0.3
Aspeed Electronic chip designer and manufacturer	Taiwan	0.9
Bechtle IT services and IT products reseller	Germany	1.6
<b>Bochu</b> Laser control system manufacturer	China	0.6
CyberArk Cybersecurity software developer	Israel	1.8
FPT IT service provider	Vietnam	0.3
Globant IT services provider	US	8.0
Kinaxis Supply chain software developer	Canada	1.2
LEM Holdings Electrical components manufacturer	Switzerland	1.5
Nemetschek Engineering software developer	Germany	1.3
Reply IT consultant	Italy	2.2
Shift Software assurance provider	Japan	1.8
<b>TeamViewer</b> Remote connectivity software developer	Germany	1.0
Temenos Group Banking software developer	Switzerland	0.3
Vaisala Atmospheric measuring devices manufacturer	Finland	1.7
Materials		
<b>Croda</b> Specialty chemical manufacturer	UK	1.2
Fuchs Petrolub Lubricants manufacturer	Germany	1.9
Hoa Phat Group Steel producer	Vietnam	2.4
JCU Industrial coating manufacturer	Japan	0.9
SH Kelkar Fragrances and flavors manufacturer	India	0.9
Real Estate		
No Holdings		
Utilities		
Rubis Liquid chemical storage and distribution	France	1.5
Cash		1.9

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# **Portfolio Facts**

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

Quality and Growth	HL	Index
Profit Margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	9.2	7.6
Return on Assets <sup>1</sup> (%)	7.3	5.1
Return on Equity <sup>1</sup> (%)	13.4	10.6
Debt/Equity Ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	30.8	47.7
Std. Dev. of 5 Year ROE <sup>1</sup> (%)	3.6	5.3
Sales Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	8.8	5.3
Earnings Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	7.6	9.7
Cash Flow Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	9.5	8.1
Dividend Growth <sup>1,2</sup> (%)	9.4	6.4
Size and Turnover	HL	Index
Wtd. Median Mkt. Cap. (US \$B)	3.3	2.8
Wtd. Avg. Mkt. Cap. (US \$B)	4.5	3.4
Turnover³ (Annual %)	16.8	_

Risk and Valuation	HL	Index
Alpha <sup>2</sup> (%)	-2.56	_
Beta <sup>2</sup>	0.98	_
R-Squared <sup>2</sup>	0.87	_
Active Share <sup>3</sup> (%)	97	_
Standard Deviation <sup>2</sup> (%)	16.89	16.16
Sharpe Ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.30	0.52
Tracking Error <sup>2</sup> (%)	6.0	_
Information Ratio <sup>2</sup>	-0.54	_
Up/Down Capture <sup>2</sup>	100/114	_
Price/Earnings <sup>4</sup>	21.0	15.6
Price/Cash Flow <sup>4</sup>	12.0	8.7
Price/Book <sup>4</sup>	2.4	1.4
Dividend Yield <sup>5</sup> (%)	2.2	2.7

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

## **Completed Portfolio Transactions**

Positions Established	Market	Sector
Croda	UK	MATS
FPT	Vietnam	INFT
Rohto Pharmaceutical	Japan	STPL
Spirax Group	UK	INDU
Temenos Group	Switzerland	INFT

Positions Sold	Market	Sector
Jarir Marketing	Saudi Arabia	DSCR
Solasto	Japan	HLTH
Verallia	France	MATS

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# **Composite Performance**

as of June 30, 2025

	HL ISC	M: HL ISC	SCI ACWI ex US Small	HL ISC 3-yr. Std.	MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap 3-yr. Std.	Internal		Composite	Firm
	Gross (%)	Net (%)	Cap <sup>1</sup> (%)	Deviation <sup>2</sup> (%)	Deviation <sup>2</sup> (%)	Dispersion <sup>3</sup> (%)	No. of Accounts	Assets (\$M)	Assets (\$M)
2025 YTD <sup>4</sup>	19.16	18.59	18.05	16.33	15.12	N.A.	1	289	36,090
2024	-5.26	-6.16	3.85	17.84	16.81	N.M.	1	411	35,471
2023	13.91	12.83	16.23	18.05	16.98	N.M.	1	537	43,924
2022	-23.74	-24.46	-19.57	21.96	22.72	N.M.	1	523	47,607
2021	14.71	13.60	13.36	18.81	19.85	N.M.	1	594	75,084
2020	20.14	18.81	14.67	19.78	20.97	N.M.	1	454	74,496
2019	31.30	29.83	22.93	12.36	11.60	N.M.	1	350	64,306
2018	-16.39	-17.34	-17.89	12.47	12.36	N.M.	1	165	49,892
2017	37.61	36.34	32.12	10.76	11.54	N.M.	3	323	54,003
2016	0.79	-0.22	4.29	10.78	12.15	N.M.	2	154	38,996
2015	5.83	4.63	2.95	10.26	11.32	N.M.	1	95	33,296

Benchmark index. <sup>2</sup>Variability of the composite, gross of fees, and the index returns over the preceding 36-month period, annualized. <sup>3</sup>Asset-weighted standard deviation (gross of fees). <sup>4</sup>The 2025 YTD performance returns and assets shown are preliminary. N.A.-Internal dispersion less than a 12-month period. N.M.-Information is not statistically significant due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

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The MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure small cap developed and emerging market equity performance, excluding the US. The index consists of 46 developed and emerging market countries, and is comprised of companies that fall within a market capitalization range of USD 37-14,960 million (as of June 30, 2025). You cannot invest directly in this index.

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The International Small Companies Equity composite was created on December 31, 2006 and the performance inception date is January 1, 2007.

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