

International Small Companies Equity Review | First Quarter 2025

# Composite Performance Summary

As of March 31, 2025

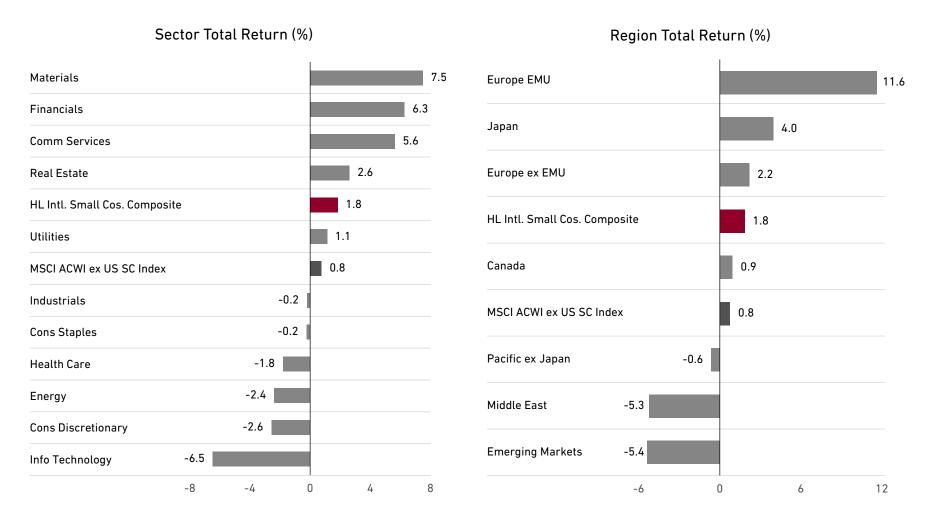
#### Performance (% Total Return)

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
HL International Small Companies Equity (Gross)	1.85	-3.43	-1.08	9.36	5.94	7.24
HL International Small Companies Equity (Net)	1.60	-4.35	-2.02	8.30	4.86	6.10
MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap Index	0.76	2.38	1.49	12.34	5.76	4.76

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. For comparison purposes the composite return is measured against the MSCI All Country World ex US Small Cap Index (Gross). 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, 2024. 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 International Small Companies Equity composite has had a performance examination for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2024. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request. Performance data quoted represents past performance does not guarantee 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 Small Companies Equity composite, please contact Harding Loevner at (908) 218-7900 or invest@hlmnet.com. The firm maintains a complete list of composite descriptions, a list of limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and a list of br

## Benchmark Performance

#### First Quarter 2025



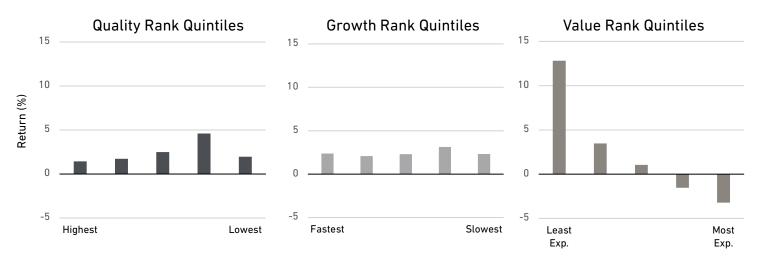
## MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index Total Returns by Quality, Growth, and Value Rank

1Q25 Cheap companies outperform



Trailing 12 Months

Cheap companies outperform

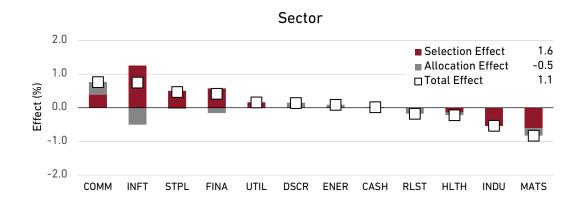


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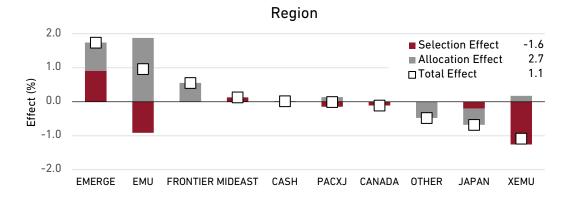
# Performance Attribution: Composite vs. Benchmark

#### First Quarter 2025



#### **Top 5 Contributors**

	Avg.	Wt. %	Effect
to Relative Returns	HL	Index	%
Airtel Africa	1.9	<0.1	0.78
Carl Zeiss Meditec	1.6	<0.1	0.52
Siauliu Bankas	2.5	_	0.39
Bankinter	1.3	0.1	0.38
Megacable	1.5	<0.1	0.35



#### Top 5 Detractors

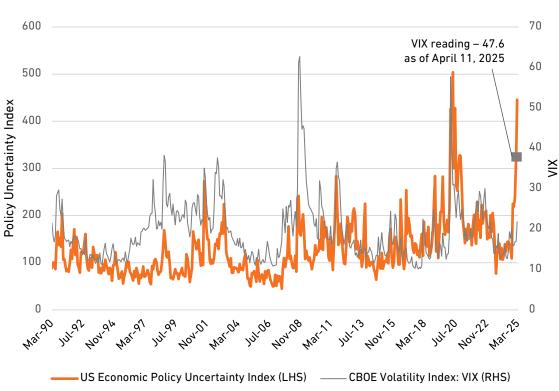
	Avg	. Wt. % Effect
from Relative Returns	HL	Index %
Wilcon Depot	1.1	<0.1 -0.60
YouGov	1.3	<0.1 -0.50
Globant	0.9	0.48
Evotec	1.5	<0.1 -0.37
Keva	0.9	0.34

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# Rising US Policy Uncertainty

## Leading to rising market volatility





## **Uncertainty related to:**

- **Economy**
- Regulation
- **Monetary**
- **Fiscal**

# April 2, 2025 Tariffs

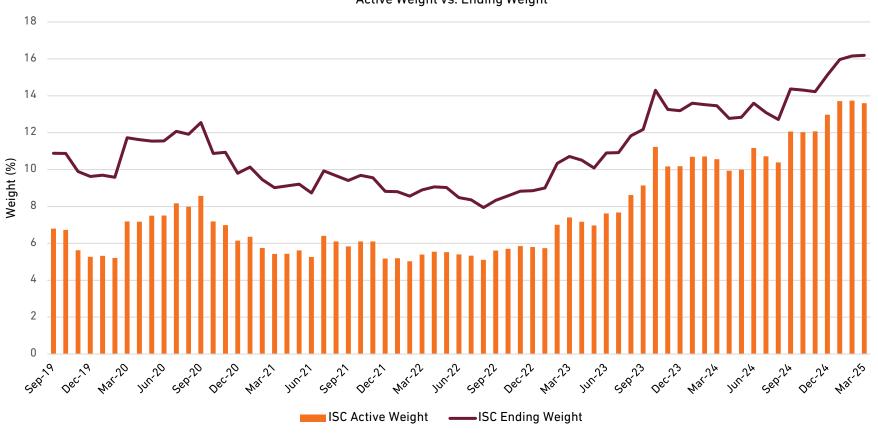
	HL ISC Portfolio Weight	US Revenue Exposure (HL ISC Weighted)	Announced Tariff Rate (as of 4/2/25)	Announced Tariff Rate (as of 4/10/25)
Europe EMU	29.8%	2.9%	20%	10%
United Kingdom	16.4%	2.8%	10%	10%
Japan	10.1%	0.4%	24%	10%
Switzerland	6.5%	0.7%	31%	10%
China & Hong Kong	5.9%	0.1%	34%	125%
Sweden	3.3%	1.5%	10%	10%
Vietnam	2.8%	0.0%	46%	10%
India	2.8%	0.0%	26%	10%
Mexico	2.7%	0.1%		*25%
Lithuania	2.5%	0.0%	20%	10%
Philippines	2.1%	0.0%	17%	10%
Israel	1.9%	1.0%	17%	10%
Norway	1.6%	0.5%	16%	10%
Canada	1.0%	0.6%		*25%
Taiwan	1.0%	0.0%	32%	10%
South Korea	0.7%	0.0%	25%	10%
United States	0.6%	0.3%		

TOTAL: 10.9%

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Announced Tariff Rate (as of 4/2/25)" column reflects the 10% universal tariff rate plus reciprocal tariffs for certain countries as specified by the White House on April 2, 2025. The "Announced Tariff Rate (as of 4/10/25)" column reflects the 10% universal tariff rate without reciprocal tariffs announced on April 10, 2025, unless otherwise indicated. "Per US administration officials, as of April 10th, 2025 Canada and Mexico are subject to 25% tariffs on goods that do not comply with the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) trade deal, as well as 25% tariffs on steel, aluminum, and foreign autos. Per US administration officials, Canada and Mexico are not subject to the 10% universal tariff rate. Source: FactSet, Reuters / White House, Wall Street Journal. Portfolio end weights as of March 31, 2025. Revenue estimates as of April 2, 2025.

# HL International Small Companies – Exposure to Germany

#### HL International Small Companies Germany Weight vs. MSCI ACWI ex US Small Cap Index Active Weight vs. Ending Weight



## Nemetschek

## German engineering software developer

# NEMETSCHEK GROUP

#### **Company Description**

- Leading software provider of solutions covering lifecycle of construction/infrastructure projects
- Focused exclusively on fast-growing AEC software market
- Extremely well managed company good CFROI and multiple value-additive acquisitions

#### **Industry Structure**

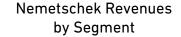
 Software spending in construction should increase from low penetration levels

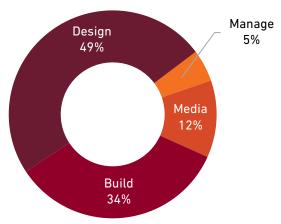
#### **Competitive Advantage**

- Differentiated product offering and strong customer relationships
- decentralized model helps products closely adhere to customer needs

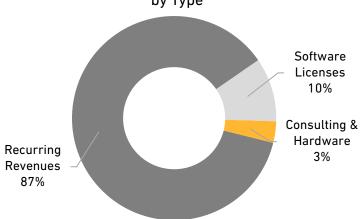
#### **Sustainable Growth**

 End market growth driven by trend to urbanization and digitalization





### Nemetschek Revenues by Type



#### German real estate information services firm



#### **Company Description**

- Operates ImmoScout website, a platform where real estate agents, private landlords and private sellers can list/display properties for sale or rent
- Dominant player with over 70% market share
- Monthly subscription fees

#### **Competitive Advantage**

- Quality of its product, user reach and agent reach provide a durable competitive moat
- Affords pricing power in a market which is also under monetized vs. other developed markets

#### Sustainable Growth

 Expanding product range in value added services - agent lead generation, mortgage finance lead generation, property management software and other renter subscription products

#### German Transactions - Structural Growth Market

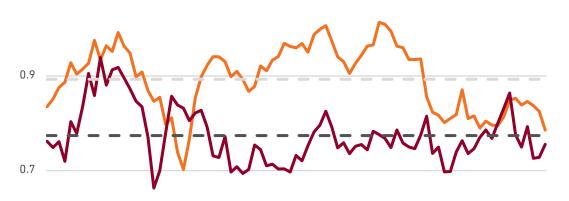


# International Small Cap vs. Large Cap Valuation

# International Small Cap Relative Valuation vs. International Large and vs. US Small

(Equal-weighted composite of relative P/E, P/B, and P/CF multiples)





# Valuation as of March 31, 2025 (Based on most recent annual data)

	P/E	P/B	P/CF
HL Intl. Small Cos.	18.1	2.2	10.3
MSCI ACWI ex US	15.7	1.9	9.9
MSCI ACWI US SC	17.5	2.0	10.0
MSCI ACWI ex US SC	14.2	1.3	8.0



# **Completed Portfolio Transactions**

## Trailing 12 Months as of March 31, 2025

	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25
				Asahi Intecc
Positions	GMO Payment Gateway	Brenntag Carl Zeiss Meditec		Aspeed Carel
Established	Shift	Wilcon Depot	Verallia	Medistim
Positions	Hello Fresh	Bank of Georgia	Advantech	BML
Sold	Prodia	Keywords Studios	Localiza	Meyer Optoelectronic
			Mabanee	SMS
			Novonesis	
			Pigeon	

Portfolio Turnover (5-year annualized average): 16.5%

## Asahi Intecc

## Japanese medical device manufacturer



#### **Company Description**

- Specialist supplier of wire-based devices for minimally invasive surgery
- Favorable industry market growth

#### **Competitive Advantage**

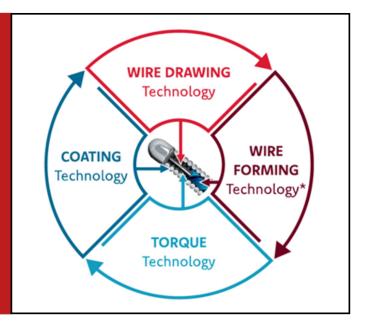
- Differentiated product offering and strong customer relationships
- Commercialization of new products should be a benefit to understanding customers, manufacturing capability for sophisticated products and direct relationships with physicians

#### Sustainable Growth

 Numerous company specific initiatives to gain market share and expand into adjacent markets

13% 5-Year Revenue CAGR Year ending 2024

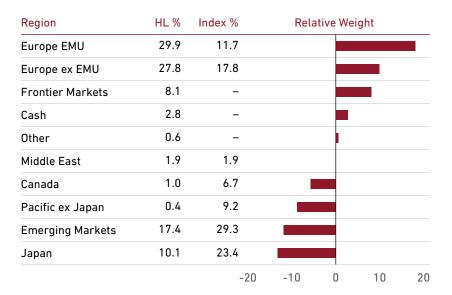
5-Year EBIT CAGR Year ending 2024 Integration of Asahi's four core proprietary technologies provides purposeful optimization of guide wire performance for precise control of both simple and complex procedures



# Portfolio Positioning

### As of March 31, 2025

Sector	HL %	Index %	Relative	Weight	
Comm Services	11.5	3.9			
Info Technology	17.3	10.1			
Cons Staples	10.0	5.7			
Health Care	10.1	6.7			
Cash	2.8	_			
Industrials	20.4	20.9			
Utilities	1.5	3.1			
Energy	1.1	3.8			
Financials	9.5	12.2			
Materials	8.2	11.9			
Cons Discretionary	7.6	11.9			
Real Estate	0.0	9.8			
		-20	-10	0 10	20



Ten Largest Holdings – Total Weight: 23.2%

Company	Market	Sector	Wt. (%)
Hoa Phat Group	Vietnam	Materials	2.8
Senior	UK	Industrials	2.7
Siauliu Bankas	Lithuania	Financials	2.5
Reply	Italy	Info Technology	2.4
Airtel Africa	UK	Comm Services	2.4

Company	Market	Sector	Wt. (%)
Cranswick	UK	Cons Staples	2.3
Diploma	UK	Industrials	2.2
Fuchs Petrolub	Germany	Materials	2.0
Max Financial	India	Financials	2.0
TravelSky	China	Cons Discretionary	1.9

97% Active Share

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Global Equities	\$9.3в АИМ	International Equities	\$31.4 <sub>B</sub> AUM	Emerging Markets Equities	\$1.2 <sub>B</sub> AUM
Global Equity	\$7.0в	International Equity	\$17.9в	Emerging Markets Equity	\$1.0в
Global Equity ADR	\$0.6в	International Equity ADR	\$11.3в	Chinese Equity	<\$0.1в
Developed Markets	\$1.6в	Developed Markets	\$1.7в	Emerging Markets ex China	<\$0.1в
Paris-Aligned	\$0.1в	Developed Markets ADR	<\$0.1в	Frontier Emerging Markets	\$0.1в
Small Companies	<\$0.1в	Carbon Transition	<\$0.1в		
		Small Companies	\$0.4в		



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