

## Performance (% Total Return)

Periods ended August 31, 2021 <sup>1</sup>	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years <sup>2</sup>	5 Years <sup>2</sup>	Since Inception <sup>2,3</sup>
HL World Equity (Gross)	4.03	22.34	35.50	21.86	21.05	16.68
HL World Equity (Net)	4.03	21.98	34.97	21.37	20.56	16.21
MSCI World Index <sup>4,5</sup>	2.52	18.29	30.33	15.54	15.43	12.02
MSCI All Country World Index <sup>5,6</sup>	2.53	16.24	29.18	14.89	14.87	11.39

## Portfolio Positioning (% Weight)

Sector	HL World	MSCI World	(Under) / Over
Health Care	22.6	12.8	
Cash	4.1	-	
Industrials	12.4	10.4	
Info Technology	24.4	22.9	
Comm Services	10.0	9.3	
Financials	12.8	13.4	
Energy	2.1	2.8	
Real Estate	0.5	2.7	
Utilities	0.2	2.8	
Cons Discretionary	8.7	11.7	
Materials	0.0	4.3	
Cons Staples	2.2	6.9	

Geography	HL World	MSCI World	(Under) / Over
Emerging Markets	4.7	-	
Cash	4.1	-	
Europe ex-EMU	11.1	9.0	
Frontier Markets <sup>7</sup>	0.0	-	
Middle East	0.0	0.2	
Pacific ex-Japan	3.0	3.3	
Europe EMU	8.7	9.7	
Japan	4.6	6.6	
Canada	0.0	3.2	
United States	63.8	68.0	

## Investment Perspectives

### Market

Global equity markets posted another month of gains as comments from US Federal Reserve Chairman Powell comforted investors. He indicated that the Fed would move more slowly than expected to reduce its asset purchase program. This support seemed to offset concerns that rising COVID-19 cases, driven by the Delta variant, would dampen economic growth. All regions in the MSCI World Index delivered positive returns. Japan was the top performer in August, though it is still trailing the index by about 1,500 basis points year to date as pandemic restrictions grip the country. By sector, Communication Services led market returns, while Materials and Energy modestly declined amid concerns that prices will decline due to weaker demand.

### Portfolio

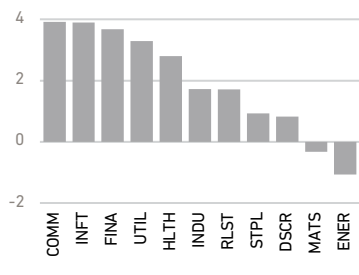
Companies with leading competitive positions and strong pricing power over their customers are often able to do well in an inflationary environment, as they can pass along rising costs to customers. Indeed, two of our Information Technology (IT) holdings announced significant price increases in August. **Microsoft** plans to increase prices by 10–15% for its most popular Office 365 software options, while semiconductor foundry **TSMC** is reportedly planning price hikes of 10% for its most advanced chips and 20% for its less advanced models. These companies joined **PayPal**, which in June announced it was raising the fees it charges merchants for transactions.

## Ten Largest Holdings

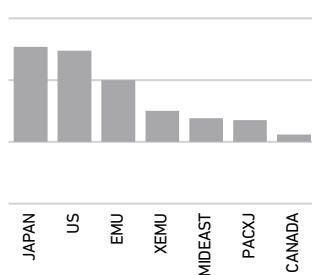
Company	Market	Sector
Alphabet	US	Comm Services
First Republic Bank	US	Financials
Amazon.com	US	Cons Discretionary
Facebook	US	Comm Services
John Deere	US	Industrials
SVB Financial Group	US	Financials
Illumina	US	Health Care
Microsoft	US	Info Technology
PayPal	US	Info Technology
Adobe	US	Info Technology

## Benchmark Performance | Aug.

Total Return by Sector (%)

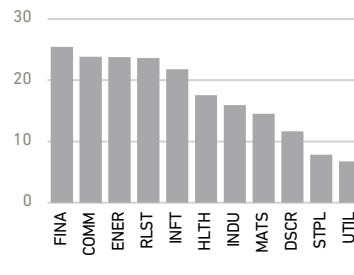


Total Return by Geography (%)

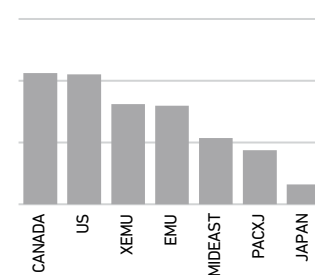


## Benchmark Performance | YTD

Total Return by Sector (%)

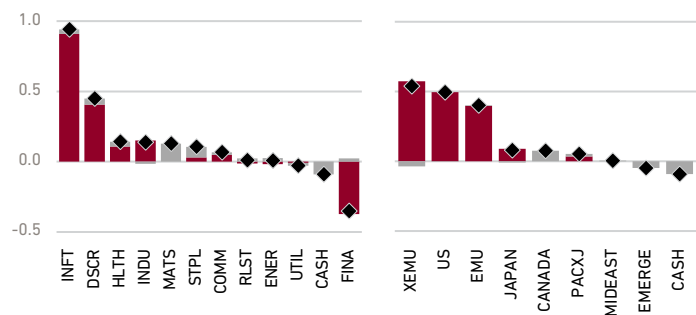


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## Performance Attribution | Aug.

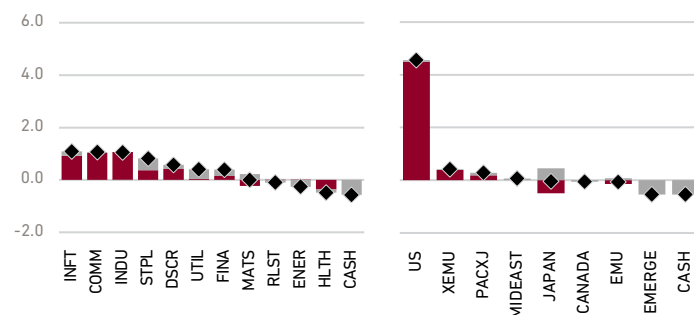
	Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector		1.2	0.3	1.5
Geography		1.6	-0.1	1.5



- In IT, software companies **Synopsys** and **Workday** both raised their full-year guidance after reporting stronger-than-expected sales growth. Dutch payments processor **Adyen** reported strong revenue growth, especially in North America.
- Our off-benchmark exposure to Emerging Markets (EMs) was a slight drag on returns. In China, shares of gaming company **NetEase** and property manager **Country Garden Services** both declined in response to regulatory crackdowns by the Chinese government.
- In the US, enthusiasm for e-commerce stocks boosted shares of **Etsy** and **eBay**, though the latter reported lower-than-expected revenues for the second quarter.

## Performance Attribution | YTD

	Effect (%)	Selection	Allocation	Total
Sector		3.4	0.6	4.0
Geography		4.4	-0.4	4.0



- In IT, PayPal reported strong growth as it continues to roll out new features, while **Adobe** reported accelerating growth due to strong demand for the company's Creative Cloud and Document Cloud offerings.
- In the US, **Alphabet**, which experienced accelerating advertising demand, and IT services company **EPAM**, which reported robust sales growth in demand for digitalization projects, boosted relative returns. Conversely, shares of **Vertex Pharmaceuticals** declined after disappointing clinical-trial outcomes.
- In EMs, Brazil's COVID-19 struggles weighed on **Itaú Unibanco**. Polish video game developer **CD Projekt**, still impacted by last year's botched *Cyberpunk 2077* launch, also detracted.

## Top Five Contributors/Detractors (%) | Aug.

to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
Adyen	Netherlands	INFT	0.1	0.24
EPAM	US	INFT	0.1	0.19
eBay	US	DSCR	0.1	0.17
Synopsys	US	INFT	0.1	0.17
Etsy	US	DSCR	<0.1	0.15
<b>Detractors</b>				
Illumina	US	HLTH	0.1	-0.27
CME Group	US	FINA	0.1	-0.11
Systemex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.10
Epiroc	Sweden	INDU	<0.1	-0.08
Nike	US	DSCR	0.4	-0.07

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to Relative Returns

Contributors	Market	Sector	Index Weight	Effect
EPAM	US	INFT	<0.1	0.71
SVB Financial Group	US	FINA	<0.1	0.71
First Republic Bank	US	FINA	0.1	0.70
Proton Labs	US	INDU	-	0.58
Alphabet	US	COMM	2.4	0.56
<b>Detractors</b>				
TeamViewer	Germany	INFT	<0.1	-0.96
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	US	HLTH	0.1	-0.69
Systemex	Japan	HLTH	<0.1	-0.50
Verisk	US	INDU	0.1	-0.34
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Japan	HLTH	0.1	-0.34

## Endnotes

(1) The August 2021 Composite performance shown is preliminary (2) Annualized returns  
(3) Inception date: September 30, 2013 (4) The benchmark index (5) Gross of withholding taxes  
(6) Supplemental index (7) Includes countries with less-developed markets outside the index.

## Sources

Benchmark Performance: FactSet; MSCI Inc. and S&P.

Sector/Geographic Attribution: FactSet; Harding Loevner World Equity Composite; MSCI Inc. and S&P.

Sector/Geographic Positioning and Ten Largest Holdings: FactSet; Harding Loevner World Equity Model; MSCI Inc. and S&P.

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