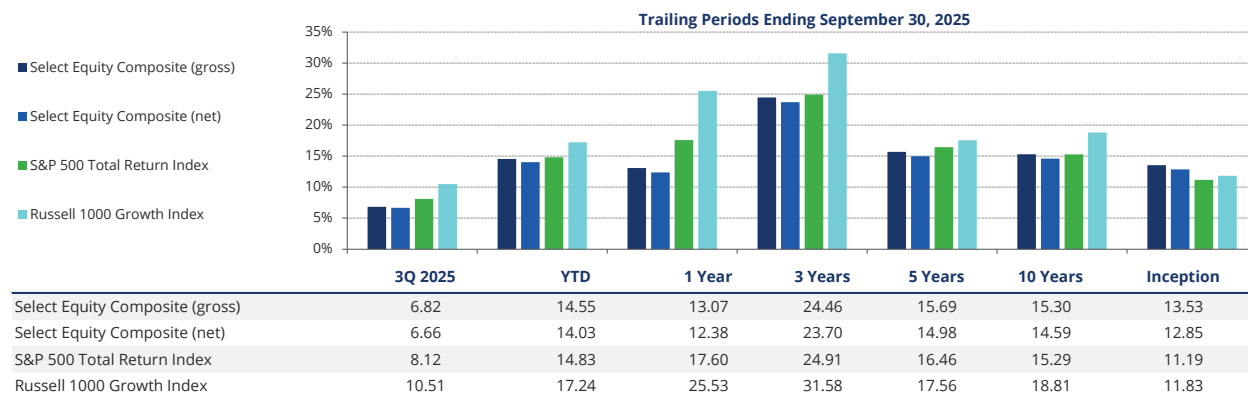

Hardman Johnston Select Equity

2025 Third Quarter Report



Performance



Performance is through September 30, 2025. Periods greater than one year are annualized. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.** Net performance reflects the deduction of advisory fees and reinvestment of income (if applicable). Composite inception date: December 31, 1990.

Key Takeaways

- Strong returns and increased market concentration prompt skepticism.
- While confusing, the underlying economy continues to muddle through.
- Strength in some areas of the market mask weakness in others. The weakness is creating new investment opportunities.

Market Review & Outlook

Spirited debate is an important part of our investment process. As you may imagine, we are currently debating how far artificial intelligence has to run, and whether the holdings involved in the AI buildout are bargains, over-extended, or fairly reflect their potential. Their appreciation has been remarkable, and that will always trigger healthy skepticism rather than complacency at Hardman Johnston. We still think we are at the beginning of a new productivity revolution. We suspect that current forecasts are far too low for the companies that are enabling this revolution. We also understand that there will be winners and losers, and know that, while our confidence in our current holdings is high, watchfulness is required to make sure we have not missed any threats or opportunities driven by this trend.

When a dominant theme drives the market, it also stands to reason that other industries not involved with the trend or on its periphery may be neglected by investors. This presents opportunities to find well-run, growing companies at attractive prices. We are seeing more of these opportunities in this environment than one might normally expect in a strong bull market. Some are already in the portfolio in areas like healthcare or aerospace, but others are still in the research process and may yet clear all the hurdles required to come into the portfolio.

Of course, growth depends on an economic backdrop that is supportive and healthy. We can acknowledge that the political backdrop remains chaotic, with the shutdown of the federal government and frequent policy reversals, but monetary policy is becoming less restrictive and the environment for corporate investment remains promising, particularly in 2026 when new tax policies kick in. This in turn will support a nervous labor market and hopefully consumption.

In sum, we are cautiously optimistic about the economic environment and the portfolio holdings. Our optimism remains, as always, tempered by healthy skepticism.

Portfolio Commentary

The Select Equity Composite generated a positive 6.66% return, net of fees, in the third quarter, compared to 8.12% for the S&P 500. It is important to note that the S&P 500 market capitalization weighted index has about 1/3 of its weight in a half dozen information technology stocks and may not currently be the best representation of the broader US stock market.

Strong contributors in the quarter included Vertiv Holdings Co., Alphabet Inc., and Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. Both Vertiv and Advanced Energy sell power conditioning and management tools into the computing sector and are seeing a surge in business related to the AI buildout. Alphabet was able to rally strongly into quarter end following a better than expected outcome from a Federal Anti-Trust trial. Their underlying business continues to grow strongly.

Detractors from performance were led by Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc., Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc., and Corteva Inc. Vertex's earnings results were not enough to excite investors after an earlier failure of a follow on drug for treating pain. Marsh & McLennan revised forecasts for growth slightly below what they had been delivering, a disappointment that was coupled with general weakness among insurance stocks. Finally, Corteva's outlook has been called into question given softening grain prices and proposals to subsidize US farmers and weaken the incentives for increasing yields per acre. We think all three companies are solid value creators and have more growth in front of them.

Quarterly Attribution* & Portfolio Activity

Sector Attribution	Average Weight		Total Return		Total Effect
	Rep. Portfolio	S&P 500	Rep. Portfolio	S&P 500	
Comm. Services	7.5	10.0	24.8	12.0	
Consumer Staples	0.0	5.3	0.0	-2.4	
Industrials	21.2	8.5	8.7	5.0	
Real Estate	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.5	
Energy	0.0	2.9	0.0	6.1	
Utilities	0.0	2.4	0.0	7.5	
Cons. Discretionary	3.1	10.5	4.2	9.6	
Health Care	17.7	9.0	3.9	3.8	
Info. Technology	26.6	33.7	13.0	13.1	
Materials	6.0	1.9	-1.7	3.1	
Financials	17.2	13.7	-3.3	3.0	
Cash	0.6	0.2	0.9	1.0	

-2.0% -1.0% 0.0% 1.0%

Contributors & Detractors

Third Quarter	Average Weight (%)	Total Effect (%)	Last Twelve Months	Average Weight (%)	Total Effect (%)
Largest Contributors			Largest Contributors		
Vertiv Holdings Co.	5.33	0.50	Howmet Aerospace, Inc.	7.55	4.42
Alphabet Inc.	5.76	0.47	Vertiv Holdings Co.	5.48	2.09
Advanced Energy Industries	2.50	0.46	Curtiss-Wright Corporation	4.13	1.68
Largest Detractors			Largest Detractors		
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	3.35	-0.69	Universal Display Corp.	2.63	-1.72
Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc.	3.95	-0.63	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	3.90	-1.27
Corteva, Inc.	3.09	-0.54	Illumina, Inc.	1.79	-1.20

Quarterly Initiations

None

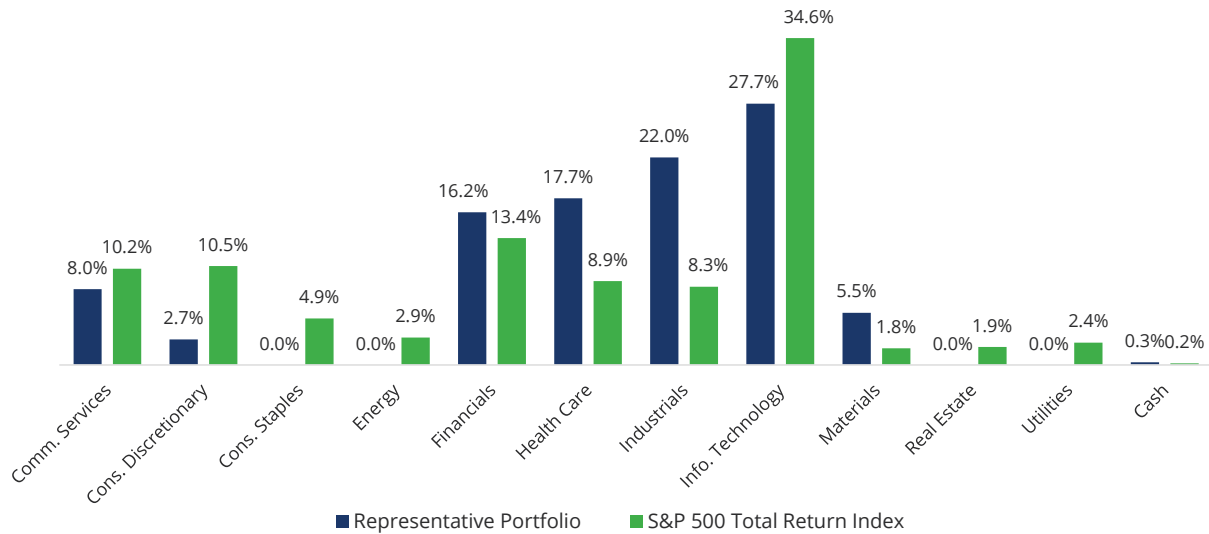
Quarterly Liquidations

None

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Exposures & Characteristics*



	<u>Representative Portfolio</u>		<u>S&P 500 Total Return Index</u>	
	3Q 2025	5 Year Average	3Q 2025	5 Year Average
Capitalization				
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	997.8	552.2	1374.3	735.7
Median Market Cap (\$B)	89.2	85.9	37.8	32.9
Growth Fundamentals				
EPS Growth: 3 to 5 year forecast (%) ¹	12.6	14.7	11.1	12.3
Revenue Growth: 3 to 5 year forecast (%) ¹	9.6	9.7	8.3	7.9
Value Fundamentals				
P/E Ratio: 12 Months - forward ¹	26.8	25.0	25.7	24.2
P/E Ratio: 12 Months - trailing ¹	31.6	29.2	29.8	27.2
PEG Ratio: forward ²	2.1	1.7	2.3	2.0
Dividend Yield (%) ³	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.4
Price/Book ⁴	5.7	5.6	5.1	4.2
Quality Fundamentals				
Return on Equity: 5 Year (%) - trailing ¹	24.2	22.0	27.4	24.6
Return on Invested Capital: 5 Year (%) - trailing	17.9	16.6	17.9	16.3
Long-Term Debt / Equity (%) ¹	76.0	81.4	73.3	85.0
Other				
Number of Positions	32	31	503	504
Beta: 3 year portfolio ⁵	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Turnover: 12 Months - trailing (%)	10.7	7.5	--	--

¹Interquartile weighted mean, ²PEG Ratio is calculated as "P/E Ratio: 12 Months - forward" divided by "EPS Growth: 3 to 5 year forecast", ³MPT beta (daily). ⁴Based on aggregate purchases and sales over prior 12 months. Data as of September 30, 2025. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.** *Information for S&P 500 attribution, exposures, and characteristics are derived from the iShares S&P 500 ETF. Source: FactSet, Hardman Johnston Global Advisors LLC®. The data shown is of a representative portfolio for the Hardman Johnston Select Equity strategy and is for informational purposes only and is not indicative of future portfolio characteristics/returns. Actual results may vary for each client due to specific client guidelines and other factors. The representative portfolio was chosen as most representative of the Select Equity strategy. Portfolio holdings and/or allocations shown above are as of the date indicated and may not be representative of future investments. Future investments may or may not be profitable. In the event the portfolio holds multiple share classes of a company, the total number of positions reflects the multiple share classes as a single position. Hardman Johnston Global Advisors generally uses Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS") to determine sector classification. Hardman Johnston may reclassify a company into a more suitable sector if it believes that the GICS classification for a specific company does not accurately classify the company from our perspective.

Portfolio Holdings

	Country	Weight (%)	Industry
Communication Services			
Alphabet Inc.	United States	6.5	Interactive Media & Services
Comcast Corp.	United States	1.5	Media
Consumer Discretionary			
SharkNinja, Inc.	United States	2.8	Household Durables
Financials			
Charles Schwab Corp.	United States	3.3	Capital Markets
HDFC Bank Ltd.	India	2.1	Banks
Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc.	United States	3.7	Insurance
Mastercard Inc.	United States	4.8	Financial Services
PayPal Holdings, Inc.	United States	2.2	Financial Services
Health Care			
AstraZeneca plc	United Kingdom	2.9	Pharmaceuticals
Becton, Dickinson & Co.	United States	1.8	Health Care Equipment & Supplies
Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	United States	2.8	Health Care Equipment & Supplies
Illumina, Inc.	United States	1.6	Life Sciences Tools & Services
IQVIA Holdings Inc.	United States	2.2	Life Sciences Tools & Services
Medtronic plc	United States	2.0	Health Care Equipment & Supplies
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	United States	1.4	Health Care Providers & Services
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	United States	3.0	Biotechnology
Industrials			
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	United States	2.4	Professional Services
Curtiss-Wright Corporation	United States	5.1	Aerospace & Defense
Howmet Aerospace, Inc.	United States	7.8	Aerospace & Defense
Stanley Black & Decker Inc.	United States	0.9	Machinery
Vertiv Holdings Co.	United States	5.8	Electrical Equipment
Information Technology			
Adobe Inc.	United States	1.8	Software
Advanced Energy Industries	United States	2.7	Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components
Apple Inc.	United States	5.4	Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals
ASML Holding N.V.	Netherlands	3.4	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
Microsoft Corp.	United States	5.0	Software
NVIDIA Corp.	United States	6.9	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
Universal Display Corp.	United States	2.4	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
Materials			
Albemarle Corp.	United States	0.8	Chemicals
Corteva, Inc.	United States	2.8	Chemicals
FMC Corp.	United States	0.6	Chemicals
Hexcel Corp.	United States	1.4	Chemicals
Cash & Equivalents			
Cash		0.3	

Green text indicates the security has been in the portfolio for greater than five years.

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