

Global Equities Fund

Monthly Performance Update as at 28 February 2026

To review the fund's investment objective and strategy, fees information and risk indicator please see the funds' product disclosure statement and most recent fund update at www.octagonasset.co.nz/our-funds/global-equities-fund/.



Return comparison	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years*	Since inception*
Net Fund Return [^]	2.01%	3.09%	12.83%	17.25%	4.79%
Gross Fund Return	2.12%	3.45%	14.39%	18.87%	5.98%
MSCI ACWI Net TR Index (50% hedged to the NZD)	1.73%	2.66%	18.30%	21.36%	10.56%

*Annualised

Major investments

Microsoft Corp.	3.80%
Alphabet Inc.	3.63%
Apple Inc.	2.29%
Amazon.com Inc.	1.91%
NVIDIA Corp.	1.87%
Nestle SA	1.63%
Mastercard Inc.	1.63%
Veolia Environnement SA	1.55%
Uber Technologies Inc.	1.48%
Salesforce Inc.	1.47%
Major holdings as % of total portfolio	21.26%

Manager's comments

How did your portfolio perform?

The Global Equities Fund delivered a gross return of 2.12% during February, modestly outperforming the fund's benchmark return of 1.73% by 0.39%.

For the 12 months to the end of February, the Global Equities Fund delivered a gross return of 14.39%, underperforming its benchmark return of 18.30% by -3.91%.

Solid relative performance in February was driven by the minimum volatility manager, which benefited from a rotation into value and lower-risk stocks and away from mega-cap technology names. Being underweight to the "Magnificent Seven" contributed positively to returns. The Global Factor portfolio detracted modestly, reflecting a broad-based derating across software-as-a-service business models, partially offset by strength in Healthcare and Energy. The concentrated growth manager detracted more materially as market performance broadened across index constituents.

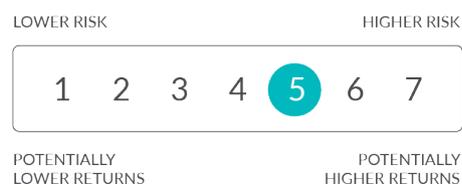
In January the fund switched to a core, global factor portfolio to enhance our multi-manager approach. The global factor portfolio builds stock positions based on strong cash-flow generation and robust earnings fundamentals. Combined with market-reaction factors, these positions are optimised to create a diversified portfolio with a clear focus on risk control. More detail about the new Octagon Global Factors Portfolio can be found on the GEF page: www.octagonasset.co.nz/our-funds/global-equities-fund/

We actively manage the Fund's foreign currency exposures. During the month, the New Zealand dollar weakened -0.79% against the US dollar and was broadly unchanged against the euro and Japanese yen. Active hedging detracted modestly from overall portfolio performance.

Things to note

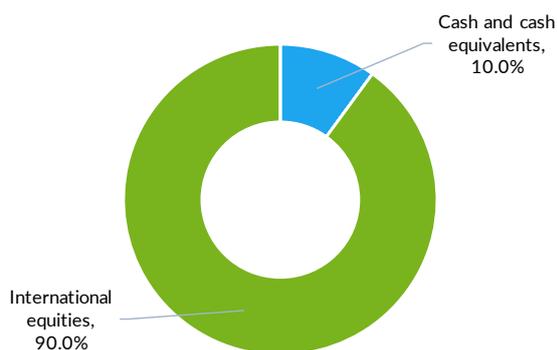
- Manager: Forsyth Barr Investment Management Ltd
- Investment manager: Octagon Asset Management Ltd
- Date the fund started: 26 June 2008
- Tax status: Portfolio Investment Fund (PIE)
- Minimum suggested investment time frame: At least five years
- Market Index: MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index, 50% hedged to the NZD
- Currency: New Zealand dollars

Risk indicator**



View the [Product Disclosure Statement](#) for detailed information about this Fund and Octagon Investment Funds Scheme.

Tactical Asset Allocation



Currency Hedging

As at 28 February 2026

Percentage of the fund exposed to FX risk	99.09%
Value of the fund unhedged (after hedging)	40.54%

What happened in the markets that you invest in?

Global equities have recently pulled back amid heightened uncertainty surrounding the conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran. Earlier in February, gains had broadened well beyond the US, with Japan, UK, Europe, developed Asia and emerging markets all posting positive returns. US equities were the exception, declining modestly as AI continued to be a source of market volatility. The rotation away from the software sector boosted value stocks.

Japanese equities surged following the Prime Minister's landslide election victory – the largest since the Second World War – signalling the potential for fiscal expansion, tax cuts and food tax relief. The Japanese Topix rose 10.5% over the month. Economic data also improved, with February business surveys indicating

continued broadening in global growth and moderating inflation pressures across the UK, US and Japan.

More recently, as tensions escalated and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz came under threat, Brent crude oil prices rose materially – from around US\$80 per barrel early in the escalation to above US\$110 at peak levels in March. Bond markets weakened as inflation expectations increased, with US 10-year Treasury yields moving back above 4%.

What are we thinking about the future?

Markets have remained volatile for much of this year. Earlier concerns around the return on investment in artificial intelligence (AI) meant that, despite a strong US earnings season, investors punished many of the companies lifting capital expenditure well ahead of revenue growth.

More recently, the war in Iran has influenced short-term market returns, with Energy outperforming due to the spike in oil prices. Software stocks have since rebounded, appearing relatively more macro-defensive than normal cyclical businesses in the face of higher oil prices.

History suggests that the financial market impacts of military conflicts are contained, provided escalation remains limited. Remaining diversified across the three managers, alongside a larger-than-normal allocation to the minimum volatility manager, remains central to managing risk and return.



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Fees

Annual fund charges are currently 1.35% p.a. of the value of your investment. We pay management and administration charges along with the Supervisor fee out of this. All fees and charges are quoted exclusive of GST.

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[^] Net Fund Returns are calculated before the deduction of taxes and after deduction of fund charges and trading expenses and including imputation credits where available. Gross Fund Returns are calculated before deduction of taxes and fund charges but after deduction of trading expenses and including imputation credits where applicable. Market index returns do not have any deductions for fund charges, trading expenses or tax.

^{**} The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the relevant fund's assets goes up and down (volatility). A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the five years to 28 February 2026. See more information about the risks of investing in the Product Disclosure Statement.

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