

Global Equities Fund

Investor Factsheet for the quarter ended 30 September 2025

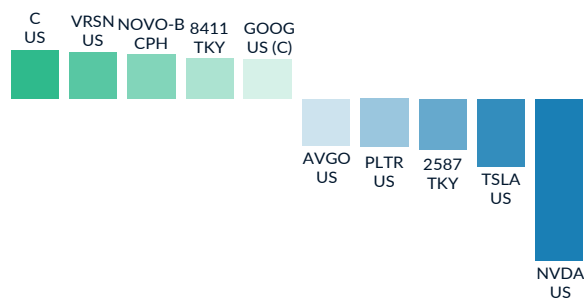
	Quarter Performance	1 year	3 years*	5 years*	Since Inception*	Since June 2022*
Gross Fund Return**	6.01%	14.50%	20.51%	7.40%	5.69%	17.11%
MSCI ACWI Net TR Index (50% Hedged)***	10.15%	22.58%	22.34%	15.67%	9.43%	20.05%
Out/under performance	-4.14%	-8.08%	-1.82%	-8.27%	-3.74%	-2.94%
Tracking error	n/a	4.82%	4.24%	4.77%	6.15%	4.25%
Information ratio	n/a	-1.68	-0.43	-1.73	-0.61	-0.69
Sharpe ratio	n/a	1.47	1.83	0.38	0.22	1.26

Key Fund Facts as at 30 September 2025

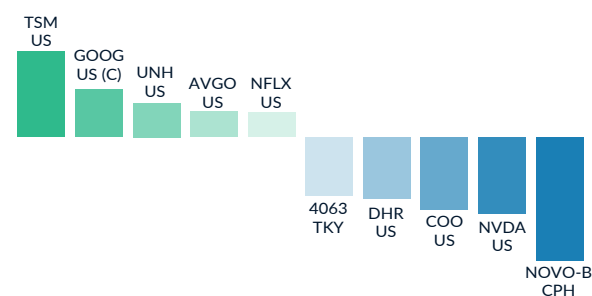
Fund Name	Global Equities Fund	Risk Indicator	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
Inception Date	26/06/2008	Market Index	MSCI ACWI Net TR Index (50% hedged)
Fund Value (NZD)	\$172,521,892	Unit Price	2.0930

ATTRIBUTION (ROLLING 4QS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)

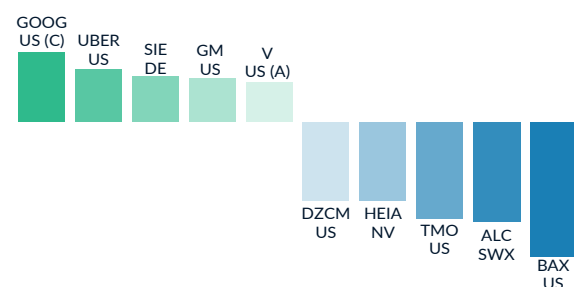
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The fund in its macro context

The September quarter extended the momentum-run since April 2nd liberation day lows. Global equity markets reported gains across both developed and emerging markets, pushing the MSCI ACWI index to new, record highs. Outperformance was led by US equities and Asian regional stocks as trade tensions subsided (until October) and AI euphoria continued. A softer labour market shifted the US Federal Reserve's tone towards further easing – cutting the federal funds rate by 0.25% – a key driver of market broadening.

US real GDP growth has re-rated to 1.5% annualised, which is better than feared three months ago. However, it remains well below last and prior years' growth, reflecting the drag from uncertainty on economic momentum. Monetary and fiscal policies are supportive to stimulate near-term growth. Macro data – including services PMIs, consensus GDP forecasts, and surprise indices – point to improving business sentiment. However, inflation remains sticky. The gap between manufacturing input costs and output prices is widening, alongside a firm Core CPI, highlights persistent price pressures.

Second quarter reporting season generally beat expectations, which were revised lower immediately after April 2nd liberation day. The very largest stocks, alongside technology and AI stocks, delivered strong second quarter earnings that continued to drive markets higher. Cyclical stocks outperformed defensives, and growth stocks outpaced value stocks. Corporate profit margins and balance sheets remain healthy.

* Annualised for periods greater than 1 year

** 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.

***For periods prior to April 2018, the market index/benchmark return used is an unhedged variant of the MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index in New Zealand dollars.

Portfolio attribution

For the quarter ended 30 September the Global Equities Fund delivered a gross return of 6.01%, underperforming the fund's benchmark return of 10.15%.

On a rolling four quarters basis to 30 September, the Fund delivered a gross return of 14.50%, which underperformed the fund's benchmark return of 22.58%.

The fund underperformed for the quarter as value and low-risk stocks lagged while growth and technology stocks outperformed. Our underweight positions in U.S. technology and overweights in global healthcare also detracted for the quarter.

Healthcare holdings – Alcon, Dexcom, Boston Scientific, and Baxter – fell on concerns over US healthcare subsidies, drug-pricing reforms, and potential Medicare reimbursement cuts. Dexcom faced FDA quality issues and product recalls; after addressing these concerns, shares have plateaued at \$65. The stock retains its position in the portfolio given its attractive fundamentals and strong expected earnings growth.

Portfolio conviction

We build our global equities portfolio across multiple managers, working together with complementary investment styles. Managers are selected following a due diligence process reviewing their team's culture, people, and investment processes. Currencies are managed to a 50% hedged index, holding tactical positions in USD, Euro, and Japanese Yen, with expectations that short-run deviations will revert to each currency's long-run real purchasing power.

During the third quarter the global equities fund fully exited Intermede Investment Partners, one of our growth managers, following a period of very poor returns. Whilst we acknowledge the concentration of returns in the Magnificent 7 over the past two years that has made for a tough backdrop for active management, we do not feel that Intermede has taken the corrective actions we would have expected in a timely manner.

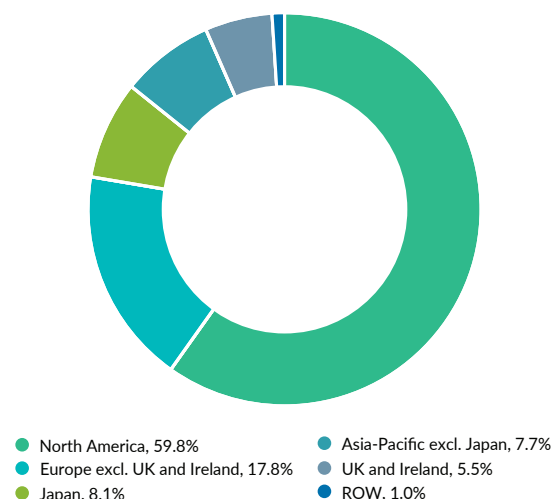
The portfolio is now 45% allocated to the minimum volatility manager; 25% to our thematic Growth manager, and 30% to our transition strategy using broad-market, ESG-aware ETFs. We are in the final phase of due diligence ahead of a new manager appointment, before the end of the year.

TOP 10 FUND HOLDINGS AT QUARTER END*

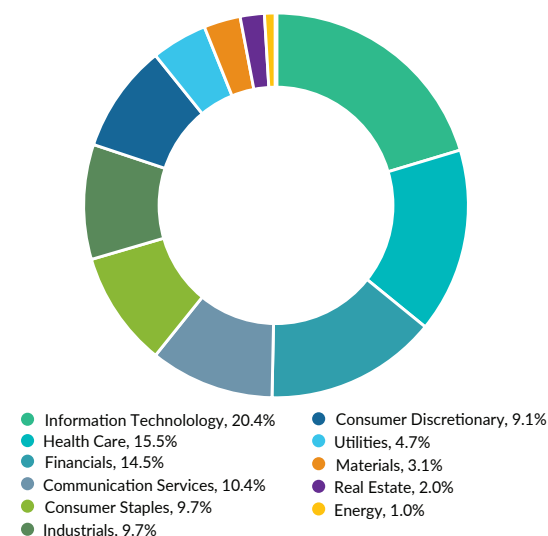
Security	Weight
Microsoft Corp.	4.1%
Alphabet Inc.	4.0%
Apple Inc.	3.2%
Amazon.com Inc.	2.8%
Uber Technologies Inc.	2.0%
NVIDIA Corp.	1.9%
Siemens AG	1.6%
Nestle SA	1.6%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	1.6%
Heineken NV	1.6%
Major holdings as % of total portfolio	24.4%

*Provided on a look-thru basis into the underlying investment manager portfolios

SECURITIES BY GEOGRAPHY (PRIMARY LISTING)



SECURITIES BY INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION (GICS)



Conclusion

In our June-quarter update, we noted that tariffs would likely slow global growth – but not cause a recession. This has played out with growth below the levels seen in the last few years. Given benign growth, we did not expect sentiment to push markets to new highs again so quickly.

Both risk and valuations have risen in our view. Using history as a guide, when price-to-earnings ratios have reached current levels – in the 90th percentile – future returns have typically landed in the mid-single digit levels. As a result, we maintain a higher weighting to our low volatility/value manager, and our growth manager has also tilted away from the most expensive parts of the US market.

Investment Philosophy and Thesis

Octagon is an active investment manager. Our investment philosophy focuses on developing a repeatable process that systematically looks for short-to-medium term inefficiencies in market pricing of securities with a solid economic basis and a good management team to deliver long term, measurable alpha.

The most common and persistent market inefficiencies we find are:

- excessive focus on near term earnings
- market dislocations and liquidity events
- temporary governance failures
- irrational investor behaviour

In the global equities space, we hire external managers who have proven track records, robust processes and exploit specific investment styles, whilst maintaining diversification in and between the funds.

Portfolio Manager



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