# Monthly Fund Fact Sheet December 2021

**Fe Ahumairang** 

GLOBAL EQUITY SPECIALISTS

## About the Fund

The Te Ahumairangi Global Equity Fund is a portfolio of investments in 150-180 listed companies around the world. The fund invests primarily in companies that are based in developed economies, in North America, Asia, and Europe.

We aim to invest mainly in companies where we believe we have good visibility about how the company will generate sufficient cashflows to deliver good long-run returns to shareholders. We favour investing in lower-risk companies that produce stable profits, are not too sensitive to the economic cycle, and whose share prices are not excessively volatile or overly sensitive to investor sentiment. We believe this means that our fund is likely to withstand market downturns better than the average global equity fund.

Unit Price (NZD)	<b>1.0526</b> 31 Dec 2021, uses 30 Dec valuations	
Monthly Return	+ <b>4.99%</b> After fees, before NZ taxes, Dec 2021	
Fund Size	<b>\$9.22 million</b> 31 December 2021	
Fund Type	Portfolio Investment Entity	
Start date	5 November 2021	
Minimum Investment	\$100,000 direct, or \$250 through InvestNow.	
Investment Manager	Te Ahumairangi Investment Management Ltd	
Issuer and Fund Manager	Implemented Investment Solutions Ltd	
Supervisor	Public Trust	
Custodian	BNP Paribas	
Registry	ммс	
Management Fees	0.60% per annum plus GST (approx 0.64% including GST)	
Performance Fees	None	

## **Global Equities as an Investment**

Over 95% of the fund will typically be invested in global equities. Although we aim to build a portfolio that is less sensitive to market conditions than the average global equity fund, investors should appreciate that our fund is nonetheless likely to fall in value if global equity markets decline. It could also fall in value if the New Zealand dollar rises. Global equities may not therefore be a suitable investment for people who expect that they may need to sell their investment portfolio within the next few years.

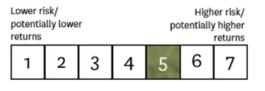
For long-term investors, it will often make sense to hold global equities as part of a diversified portfolio that also includes fixed interest investments and possibly other investments such as New Zealand equities. Global equities provide a level of diversification that is difficult to achieve from New Zealand equities alone.

A relatively high allocation to global equities will generally be more appropriate for investors who expect to continue saving money and contributing to their investment portfolio for the next few years. Higher allocations to global equities would also be more appropriate for investors who are psychologically prepared for the possibility of incurring investment losses in any given year.

Lower allocations to equities would generally be appropriate for investors who would find it psychologically difficult to deal with investment losses in any year or expect to be relying on their investment portfolio to fund their living expenses over the next few years.

Investors who are unsure about what place global equities should have in their investment portfolios should consult a financial advisor.

#### **Risk Indicator:**



For more information on the risks associated with this fund, please see the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS).



## **Performance Update**

Global equity markets were strong in December, with developed country equity markets returning +4.0% in gross local currency terms over the period. Currency effects slightly reduced this return, to +3.4% in NZ dollar terms.

Lower-risk equities performed better than other equities, which slightly boosted the returns of both the fund and its benchmark. The fund's benchmark index rose +4.3% in New Zealand dollar terms in December.

The Real Estate, Utilities, and Consumer Staples sectors delivered the strongest returns during the month, but the Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services sectors lagged the broader market. European and US share markets performed better than the broader global market, but the Japanese market performed significantly worse than other developed markets.

#### Benchmark Index

We compare the fund's performance to a composite benchmark index calculated by MSCI. The benchmark is a 50:50 combination of the MSCI World Index and the MSCI World Minimum Volatility (NZD) Index. The composition of the MSCI World Minimum Volatility (NZD) Index is calculated by MSCI to minimise volatility for NZ-dollar-based investors (subject to various constraints).

When benchmarking the fund's performance, we compare it to the <u>gross</u> return version of the benchmark, which makes no deduction for withholding taxes. This differs from the common practice of many other NZ-based funds, which compare their funds' pre-tax returns to the <u>net</u> return versions of their benchmark indices. This presents a lower hurdle for those funds' investment managers, as the net return indices assume high levels of withholding tax on dividend income.

Te Ahumairangi Investment Management considers the practice of these other funds to be misleading, as it does not provide investors with a like-for-like comparison for their funds' returns. The fund outperformed the benchmark index in December, delivering a return of 4.99% (after fees but before NZ taxes). Key factors explaining this relatively strong performance were:

- The fund achieved significantly better-thanmarket returns in the United States and also outperformed the market in other geographic regions.
- The relative performance of the fund benefitted from the fact that it had very little exposure to a group of highly valued companies that saw their share prices decline sharply over December. These companies included Adobe, Tesla, Nvidia, Amazon, Softbank, Netflix, and salesforce.com.
- The fund benefited from the strong performance of a number of US Health Care investments, including Quest Diagnostics, HCA Healthcare, CVS Health, Cigna, Davita, Abbvie, McKesson, and Laboratory Corporation.
- The fund benefitted slightly from how it was allocated between sectors, in particular benefitting from a comparably low allocation to the consumer discretionary sector, which performed poorly over December.

Partially offsetting these positive influences, the fund's relatively large weighting in Japanese equities detracted from performance, as the Japanese equity market underperformed other developed equity markets.

The fund's investment in China Tower (which owns and leases cell phone towers in China) detracted from performance in December. Its share price declined 14%, detracting -0.10% from the fund's relative performance.



# **Portfolio Composition**

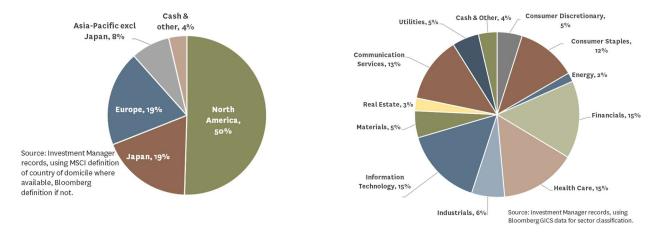
The table below shows the fund's top 10 equity investments at the end of December. For comparison, the table also shows how each company is represented in the fund's benchmark index.

Company	Percentage of fund	{Percentage of benchmark index}
Microsoft Corp	3.25%	2.10%
Verizon Communications Inc	2.77%	0.95%
Apple Inc	2.59%	2.51%
Alphabet Inc (Includes 2 classes of security)	2.02%	1.57%
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	2.01%	0.04%
KDDI Corp	1.57%	0.22%
Roche Holding AG (includes 2 classes of security)	1.28%	0.94%
Kroger Co/The	1.14%	0.59%
HCA Healthcare Inc	1.10%	0.05%
Meta Platforms Inc	1.07%	0.68%

Note that the fund's holding of US dollar cash also ranked amongst the ten largest investments, amounting to 2.2% of the value of the portfolio at the end of December.

The pie chart below shows how the fund is allocated between different geographical regions:

The pie chart below shows how the fund is allocated between different industrial sectors:



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### **Fund Returns**

	December 2021	<b>Since Inception</b> (5 Nov 2021 to 31 Dec 2021)
Return after fees but before NZ investor taxes	+4.99%	+5.21%
Benchmark Return*	+4.31%	+5.77%

\* See page 2 for a description of the benchmark index.

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