# Monthly Fund Fact Sheet March 2025



### **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.

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Unit Price (NZD)	<b>1.6562</b> 31 March 2025	
Monthly Return	-O.12% After fees, before tax. March 2025.	
Return since inception	+16.35% per annum After fees, before taxes. Since fund inception, 5 November 2021.	
Fund Size	\$467.7 million* * Includes fund flows effective 31 March.	
Fund Type	Portfolio Investment Entity	
Minimum Investment	\$100,000 direct or \$250 through InvestNow	
Investment Manager	Te Ahumairangi Investment Management Ltd	
Issuer and Fund Manager	FundRock NZ Ltd	
Supervisor	Public Trust	
Custodian	BNP Paribas	
Registry	Apex Investment Administration (NZ) Ltd	
Management Fees	o.6o% per annum plus GST (approx o.62% including GST)	

## 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.

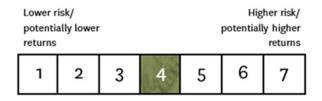
For long-term investors, it will often make sense to hold global equities as part of a diversified portfolio that also includes fixed interest investments and possibly other investments such as New Zealand equities. Global equities provide a level of diversification that is difficult to achieve from 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 fell slightly in March. Developed country equity markets (as represented by the MSCI World index) returned -4.96% (including gross dividends) in local currency terms. Weakness of the US dollar / strength in the NZ dollar meant that returns were even worse for NZ-based investors: the MSCI World index returned -5.41% (gross) in NZ dollar terms.

Lower-risk equities outperformed the broader equity market in March. The fund's benchmark (which includes a lower-risk component) returned -3.03% in NZ dollar terms.

Share market returns were strongest (i.e. actually positive) in the Energy and Utilities sectors, and weakest in Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary, and Communication Services sectors. Returns were strongest (less negative) in Europe and Asia Pacific, and weakest in North America.

#### **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 gross 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 net 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 returned -0.12% in March (after fees, but before taxes), outperforming the benchmark index, which returned -3.03%. The following factors affected relative performance in March:

- ➤ The market environment was very good for the fund, with value and low-risk stocks generally outperforming expensive and volatile stocks.
- ➤ The fund benefited from strong performances from: Verizon Communications (returned +4.1%); CK Hutchison (returned +11.4%,); WH Group (returned +14.4%); National Grid (returned +5.0%); Next (returned +12.2%); and Endesa (returned +17.5%). Each of these holdings individually contributed between +0.12% and +0.19% to the fund's relative performance for the month.
- ➤ The biggest positive contributor to the fund's relative performance was from holding a much lower than benchmark weight in Nvidia. Nvidia fell -14.2% over the month, which detracted -0.30% from the performance of the benchmark. Although the fund bought some Nvidia shares during March, these shares only detracted -0.01% from the return of the fund.
- The fund's relatively low weight in the United States and relatively high weights in Europe and Asia-Pacific contributed to the outperformance, as the US equity market performed significantly worse than equity markets in other regions.
- The fund's relatively low weighting in the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors and relatively high weighting in the Utilities sector contributed to the outperformance.
- The fund's holdings of cash contributed +0.10% to relative performance (by performing better than falling equity markets!).
- ➤ Fees deducted -0.05% from the fund's return in March.



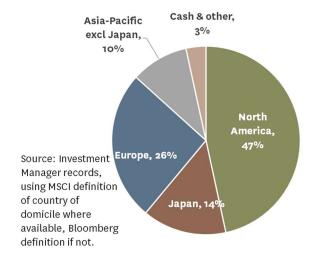
# **Portfolio Composition**

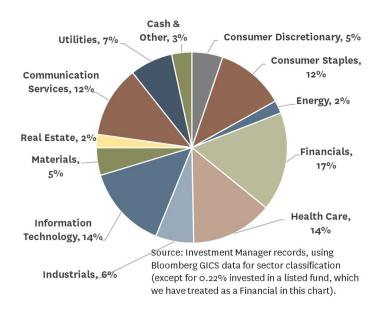
The table below shows the fund's top 10 equity investments at the end of March.

Company	Percentage of fund	Company's weight in benchmark index
Microsoft Corp	3.53%	2.18%
Verizon Communications	3.06%	0.51%
Apple	2.26%	2.56%
Alphabet (includes 2 classes of security)	1.94%	1.26%
National Grid	1.62%	0.04%
Everest Group	1.31%	0.01%
VeriSign	1.25%	0.26%
Suntory Beverage & Food	1.22%	0.03%
CK Hutchison Holdings	1.18%	0.01%
KB Financial Group	1.14%	0.00%

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

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





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#### **Fund Returns**

	March 2025	One year to March 2025	Since Inception (5 Nov 2021 to 31 March 2025) annualised return
Return after fees but before taxes	-0.12%	+18.23%	+16.35%
Benchmark Return*	-3.03%	+16.41%	+12.78%

<sup>\*</sup> See page 2 for a description of the benchmark index.

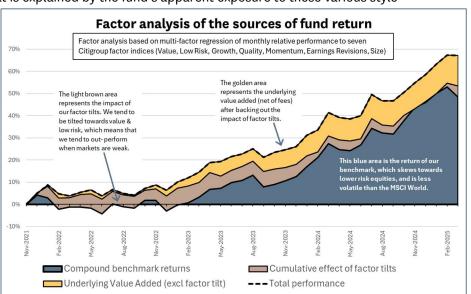
## **Factor Analysis of Fund Performance**

As previously mentioned, the market environment contributed significantly to the fund's outperformance against the the benchmark in March. It can be difficult to exactly measure the impact that the market environment has had on relative performance. We think that perhaps the best way of estimating this is to undertake multi-factor regression analysis which seeks to explain the fund's performance based on the performance of indices which track the relative performance of different investment styles. For the graph below we have undertaken this analysis using "style factors" calculated by Citigroup, which measure the relative performance of "value investing", "low-risk investing", "growth investing", "momentum", etc.

The blue area on the graph shows the cumulative performance of the fund's benchmark, while the brown area shows the cumulative performance that is explained by the fund's apparent exposure to these various style

factors. The fund's investment style boosted performance in 2022, hurt performance in 2023 & 2024, and has boosted performance again in the first 3 months of 2025.

The golden area shows the outperformance (net of fees) that goes beyond what we would expect based purely on the fund's typical exposure to "style factors". We think of this as the "underlying value added" by our specific investment decisions and are pleased that this wedge of cumulative "underlying outperformance" has been steadily increasing over time.



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