

# Global Equity Fund

## Portfolio Investment Entity

### Monthly Fact Sheet as at 31 July 2024



### Portfolio Managers



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The Fund gained 3.1% in July (benchmark 2.9%). Since its launch in April 2013, the Fund has returned a cumulative 181.5% (benchmark 181.2%). July saw a market rotation, with mega-cap tech companies, the so-called AI beneficiaries, underperforming, while more economically-sensitive industries such as industrials, homebuilders, and banks outperformed.

July's positive contributors included life sciences tools companies Avantor (+26.2%) and Thermo Fisher Scientific (+10.9%), both benefiting from improving demand as customers work through their excess inventory, with Avantor also benefiting from its inclusion in a S&P mid-cap index. US hospital operator HCA Healthcare (+13.0%) also reported strong earnings and positive trends, driven by strong procedure volumes, solid pricing, and decreasing labour costs. Homebuilders D.R. Horton (+27.7%) and PulteGroup (+19.9%) were other strong performers boosted by the prospect of interest rate cuts ahead. Contact centre software provider Nice (+5.3%) made a strong contribution, rebounding after we added materially to the position on weakness in June.

Detractors included Pinterest (-27.5%), whose earnings reflected positive progress on user growth and engagement, third-party agreements, and the effectiveness of newly introduced ad-technology tools, but third-quarter sales guidance fell short of some expectations. Uber (-11.3%) gave back June gains as fears over competition from Tesla's autonomous taxi service resurfaced, along with caution over upcoming earnings. Semi-conductor company Micron Technology (-16.4%) underperformed, as the semiconductor sector corrected lower and investors rotated away from AI beneficiaries. Mobile gaming ad-tech provider AppLovin (-7.4%) fell on a rotation away from year-to-date winners. We added to all these positions.

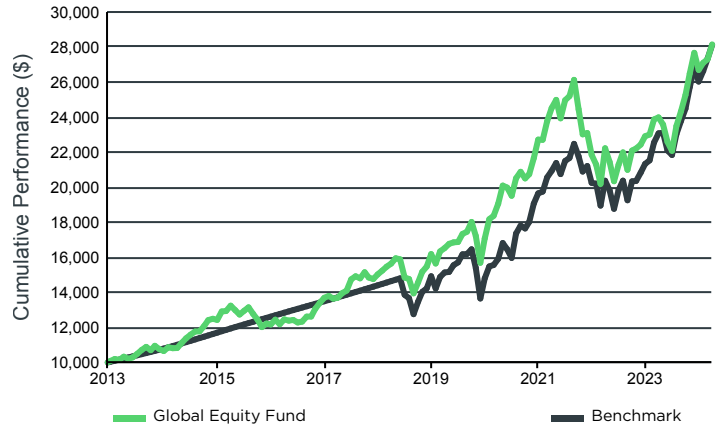
New positions included business information services company Dun & Bradstreet, which is accelerating organic growth after reinvesting in its product offering and go-to-market strategy.

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For previous fund reports see [milfordasset.com/fund-reports](https://milfordasset.com/fund-reports).

### Cumulative Fund Performance

(after fees and before tax)



Assumes the growth of \$10,000 invested at the Fund's inception date.

### Key Fund Facts

**Objective<sup>1</sup>** To provide capital growth by out-performing the relevant share market index over the minimum recommended investment timeframe

**Description** Primarily invests in international equities

**Minimum recommended investment timeframe** 8 years +

**Target Allocation** 5% Income Assets / 95% Growth Assets

**Neutral FX Exposure** 50.0%

**Net Asset Value (NAV)** \$486.1 M

**Buy-sell Spread** None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)

**Inception Date** 12 April 2013

**Benchmark** MSCI World Net Total Return Index (50% NZD-hedged)

**Base Fund Fee<sup>2</sup>** 1.35%

**Performance Fee** 15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark<sup>1</sup>, subject to the high watermark.

**Total Fund Fees<sup>3</sup>** 1.35%

**Risk Indicator**

Lower risk: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Higher risk

Potentially lower returns: 1 2 3 4 5 Potentially higher returns: 6 7

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## Investment Performance after fees as at 31 July 2024<sup>4</sup>

Unit Price: \$2.7723

|  | 1 Month | 3 Months | 1 year | 3 years (p.a.) | 5 years (p.a.) | Since inception (p.a.) |
|--|---------|----------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Milford Global Equity Fund<br>(Gross Of Tax) | 3.10%   | 5.47%    | 17.36% | 4.71%          | 11.24%         | 9.59%                  |
| After Tax 10.50%                             | 3.08%   | 5.34%    | 16.92% | 4.33%          | 10.90%         | 9.28%                  |
| After Tax 17.50%                             | 3.07%   | 5.25%    | 16.62% | 4.08%          | 10.68%         | 9.07%                  |
| After Tax 28.00%                             | 3.05%   | 5.13%    | 16.18% | 3.70%          | 10.35%         | 8.76%                  |
| Benchmark                                    | 2.87%   | 8.04%    | 21.87% | 10.34%         | 13.18%         | 9.58%                  |

## Top Security Holdings

| Holdings                       | % of Fund |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Shell                          | 4.20%     |
| Elevance Health                | 4.17%     |
| Amazon                         | 4.12%     |
| Avantor                        | 4.05%     |
| Apple                          | 3.51%     |
| Coca-Cola Europacific Partners | 3.26%     |
| Fiserv                         | 3.25%     |
| Nice                           | 3.22%     |
| HCA Holdings                   | 3.12%     |
| Micron Technology              | 2.91%     |

## Current Asset Allocation

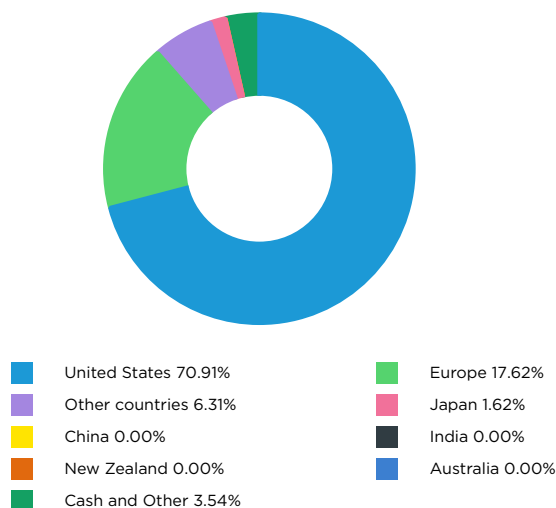
|                              | Actual Investment Mix | Neutral Investment Mix |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Effective Cash #             | 3.54%                 | 5%                     |
| New Zealand Fixed Interest   | 0.00%                 | 0.0%                   |
| International Fixed Interest | 0.00%                 | 0.0%                   |
| New Zealand Equities         | 0.00%                 | 0.0%                   |
| Australian Equities          | 0.00%                 | 0.0%                   |
| International Equities       | 96.46%                | 95%                    |
| Other                        | 0.00%                 | 0.0%                   |

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 6.09%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

## Sector Allocation

| Allocation             | Weight % |
|------------------------|----------|
| Information Technology | 22.82%   |
| Health Care            | 15.60%   |
| Industrials            | 11.86%   |
| Financials             | 11.08%   |
| Consumer Discretionary | 11.07%   |
| Consumer Staples       | 6.64%    |
| Materials              | 4.53%    |
| Energy                 | 4.36%    |
| Other Sectors          | 8.50%    |
| Cash and Other         | 3.54%    |

## Region Exposure



1. After the Base Fund Fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 2. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 3. The Total Fund Fees comprise the Base Fund Fee and any estimated Performance Fee. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for more information as to how these are calculated. 4. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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