Fund Profile - 28 February 2025



Implemented RI International Share Portfolio

Fund facts

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APIR code	PER3458AU		
Inception date	1 November 2024		
Asset class	Global Equities		
Investment style	Multi manager blend		
Benchmark	MSCI AC World Index - Net Return (Unhedged in AUD)		
Suggested length of investment	Five years or more		
Unit pricing frequency	Daily		
Distribution frequency	Quarterly		
Legal type	Unit trust		
Product type	Wholesale Managed Investment Scheme		
Status	Open		
Management fee*(%)	0.93%		
Buy/Sell spread	0.12% / 0.12% as at November 2024		
Issuer	Perpetual Investment Management Limited		

*Additional fees and costs generally apply. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for further details.

Investment objective

Aims to provide investors with long term capital growth through investment in a diversified portfolio of International Shares. To outperform the MSCI All Country World Index – Net Return (unhedged in AUD) (before fees and tax) over rolling three-year periods.

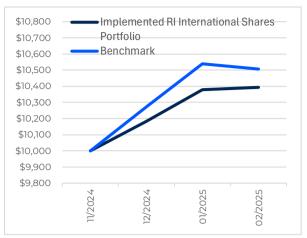
Benefits

Provides investors with a practical solution to managing and diversifying exposure to International Shares through a multi-manager style investment portfolio.

Investment approach

The portfolio combines specialist investment managers with different investment styles and philosophies. This can help reduce the volatility of the Fund by avoiding over exposure to a particular specialist investment manager. The portfolio selects specialist investment managers who implement Responsible Investment strategies (which may include the replication of an ESG index). Derivatives may be used in managing the Portfolio. The currency exposure of the international assets is monitored, and hedging strategies may be implemented (using derivatives) with the aim of reducing the impact of adverse currency movements

Growth of \$10,000 since inception (net of fees)



Source: State Street

Net performance

As at 28 February 2025

Returns	1М	3М	1YR	3YR	5YR	S/I*
Total return	0.1%	3.9%	-	-	-	3.9%
Growth return	0.1%	3.9%	-	-	-	3.7%
Distribution return	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	0.2%
Benchmark	-0.3%	5.1%	-	-	-	5.1%
Excess Return	0.4%	-1.1%	-	-	-	-1.1%

Source: State Street. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. *Since Inception

Top 10 stock holdings

As at 28 February 2025

Stock	Weight %	Country
Apple Inc.	3.3%	United States
NVIDIA Corporation	3.0%	United States
Microsoft Corporation	2.4%	United States
Amazon.com	1.7%	United States
Meta Platforms	1.5%	United States
Alphabet Inc.	1.4%	United States
Sanofi	1.3%	France
Danone SA	1.2%	France
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.2%	Canada
Comcast Corporation	1.2%	United States
Total Top 10 Holdings %	18.2%	

Source: State Street, FactSet.

Investment strategy

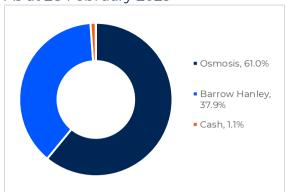
The strategy is biased towards utilising specialist investment managers that have a robust investment process, operate within an appropriate risk management framework and operate in an aligned and stable organisational structure. Utilising a multi-manager framework, the strategy aims to provide a blend of managers that together are expected to deliver a relatively smooth return profile whilst also integrating responsible investment considerations holistically as part of their investment approach. We note each manager is granted the flexibility to employ their own unique investment approach and philosophy in assessing companies from an ESG and Responsible Investment perspective, which may be a combination of both negative and/or positive screens. As part of this process, all managers are also mandated to adhere to the strategy's GICSbased exclusionary screens (per the PDS), which prohibits the managers from investing within particular GICS sub-sectors.

From a portfolio construction perspective, the highest weighting will be afforded to a Core manager, one that will have a more neutral investment style and is expected to add ballast to the overall portfolio. With the flexibility to invest broadly across the market capitalization spectrum of Developed Markets, this Core manager has a more benchmark-aware framework, constructing a portfolio that is well diversified and that has similar characteristics to the benchmark, whilst seeking to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns through their stock selection process. Beyond the Core, managers are then intentionally selected with certain investment styles and/or biases that are complementary to one another, including the flexibility to invest across emerging markets as part of their portfolio construction. In aggregate the portfolio is expected to be diversified across a number of holdings and have broad-based exposures from a sector, regional and market cap perspective.

Perpetual conducts rigorous due diligence before selecting any manager for inclusion in the portfolio. Any chosen managers will be appointed to manage a proportion of the aggregate portfolio as a separate account

Portfolio exposure by manager

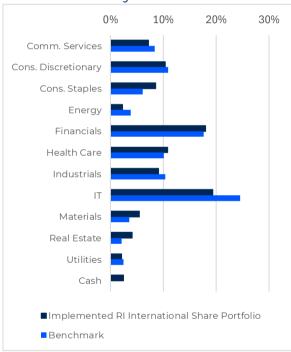
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Source: State Street, FactSet

Sector Exposures

As at 28 February 2025



Source: State Street, Factset

Manager line-up and approach

Manager	Approach
Barrow Hanley Global Investors	Mid-large cap value manager that applies an ESG framework to their stock selection process.
Osmosis Investment Management	Core, quantitative strategy targeting resource efficient companies.

under an agreement on behalf of the fund, whereby Perpetual will have full visibility over all underlying holdings. Each pool of assets that is managed by each manager is held by a Custodian that has been appointed by Perpetual as its agent. These specialist investment managers are regularly reviewed and may be appointed or removed at any time without notifying you. As a result, the specialist investment managers may vary throughout the life of your investment.

Market Commentary

February saw a shift in global equity momentum as geopolitical uncertainty and macroeconomic concerns weighed on markets. The MSCI AC World Index fell 0.3%, primarily dragged down by weakness in the US.

US markets struggled amid renewed stagflation fears, softer economic data, and persistently high inflation. Policy uncertainty from the newly inaugurated Trump administration, particularly regarding tariffs and trade, also fuelled volatility. Technology stocks were hit hardest, with Al-related names facing pressure as growth expectations tempered. Meanwhile, China's equity market surged on optimism surrounding government support measures and a tech-driven rebound.

Europe stood out as a relative bright spot, with better-than-expected earnings results and improving cyclical indicators supporting equity gains. The MSCI Europe Index rose 3.1% ii, with Value stocks leading. Political developments, including a public dispute between President Trump and Ukraine's President Zelensky, surprisingly galvanised European unity. Additionally, discussions around increased defence spending and potential pro-growth reforms provided further support for European equities.

Trade policy remained a dominant theme in February, with the Trump administration delaying 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada following last-minute border security agreements. However,

REGION EXPOSURES

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Source: State Street, Factset

Exclusionary Screens

Excluded Industries for Direct Investment*

Tobacco (30203010 – Manufacturers of cigarettes and other Tobacco products

Casinos and Gaming (25301010 – Owners and operators of casinos and gaming facilities. Includes companies providing lottery and betting services)

Brewers or Distillers and Vintners (30201010 & 30201020 producers of beer and malt liquors, distillers, vintners and producers of alcoholic beverages)

Other specialised REITS (60108010 Companies or Trusts engaged in the acquisition., development, ownership. Leasing, management and operation of properties not classified elsewhere (under another GICS equity real estate investment Trusts classification))

*Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for further information in relation to our ESG screening criteria

uncertainty lingers, with tariffs on Chinese goods rising by 10% and numerous threats of further hikes.

Developed markets, led by Europe and the UK, outperformed, while Emerging Markets outside of China, lagged. Sector rotation saw growth-oriented sectors like Tech and Consumer Discretionary underperform, while Consumer Staples, Energy, and Real Estate led gains

Portfolio Commentary

The Implemented RI International Share Portfolio outperformed the MSCI AC World Indexⁱⁱⁱ in February on a net-of-fees basis. A small underweight allocation to North America and an overweight to Europe and the UK, as well as positive stock selection, contributed to the relative outperformance.

Osmosis Investment Management

Osmosis outperformed the MSCI AC World Index³ benchmark for the quarter. The strategy's allocation effect was negligible, while stock selection was positive in 8 out of 11 GICS sectors. Utilities contributed to performance, mainly due to Exelon and Constellation Energy (not held). On the negative side, Consumer Staples was a notable detractor, with tobacco firm Philip Morris rallying. Other detractors included Illumina and Advanced Micro Devices.

Barrow Hanley

Barrow Hanley outperformed the MSCI AC World Index³ in February. Allocation and stock selection effects were positive, as Value stocks outperformed Growth during the month.

An underweight to the Information Technology sector, combined with overweight positions in Real Estate and Consumer Staples, helped drive positive relative returns, while not owning Energy stocks was a slight drag on relative performance Regionally, an overweight to Europe was beneficial, while an underweight to Emerging Markets detracted slightly. Overweight positions in Standard Chartered PLC and American International Group, Inc. contributed positively, while Avantor, Inc. and Carnival Corporation detracted from performance

Outlook

Markets remain in a delicate balance as shifting political and macroeconomic conditions drive heightened volatility. While the divergence between US and European economic performance has been a key theme in recent years, February offered early signs of this gap narrowing. US economic data softened, raising questions about the sustainability of its recent strength, while Europe moved toward more pro-growth policies, particularly in defence and infrastructure spending Interest rate expectations remain a major driver of sentiment, with markets broadly anticipating cuts across most major economies - though the timing and scale remain uncertain. In the US, the Federal Reserve continues to weigh persistent inflationary pressures against a stillresilient economy. A key focus for investors will be whether labour market conditions weaken enough to warrant a shift in Fed policy.

For international equities, the near-term outlook is likely to be defined by increased volatility, as markets adjust to changing economic conditions and policy decisions. While earnings growth has been concentrated in a narrow group of stocks over the past year, signs of broadening corporate earnings momentum - particularly in Europe and select emerging markets - could provide a more durable foundation for equity returns. Sector leadership is also evolving, with more defensive and value-oriented areas showing signs of resilience amid shifting market conditions.

¹ As measured by MSCI AC World Index – Net Return (AUD unhedged)

 $^{^2}$ As measured by MSCI Europe – Net Return (AUD unhedged)

³ Unhedged AUD

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