

BARROW HANLEY GLOBAL EQUITY TRUST

October 2024



FUND FACTS

Investment return objective: Aims to provide the trust with higher returns compared to the benchmark, while maintaining lower risk.

FUND BENEFITS

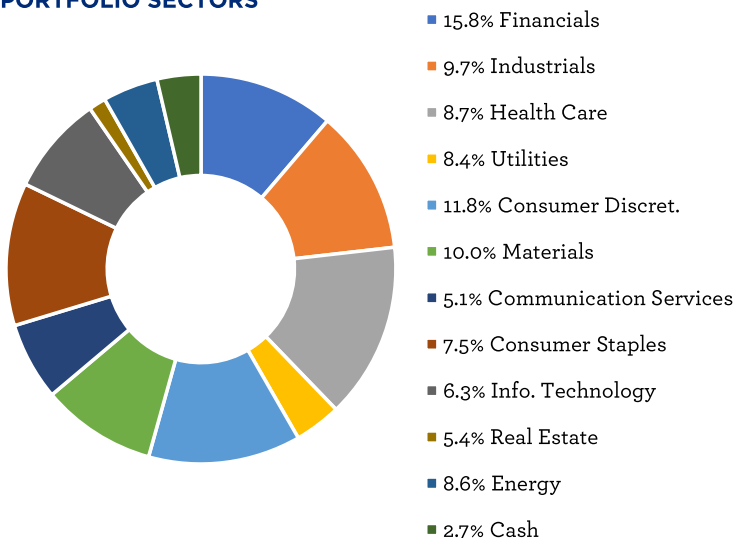
True traditional value portfolio concentrated in 50-70 stocks which focuses on undervalued companies with improving operating fundamentals identified by Barrow Hanley's screening process.

FUND RISKS

All investments carry risk and different strategies may carry different levels of risk. The relevant product disclosure statement or offer document for a fund should be considered before deciding whether to acquire or hold units in that fund. Your financial adviser can assist you in determining whether a fund is suited to your financial needs.

Benchmark:	MSCI World Index (Measured in AUD)
Inception date:	6/05/2016
Delegated Investment Manager:	Barrow Hanley Mewhinney & Strauss
APIR:	ETL0434AU
Management Fee:	0.99% p.a
Size of fund	\$ 260.83 million as at 30/09/2024
Suggested minimum investment period:	Five years or longer

PORTFOLIO SECTORS



NET PERFORMANCE - Periods ending October 31, 2024

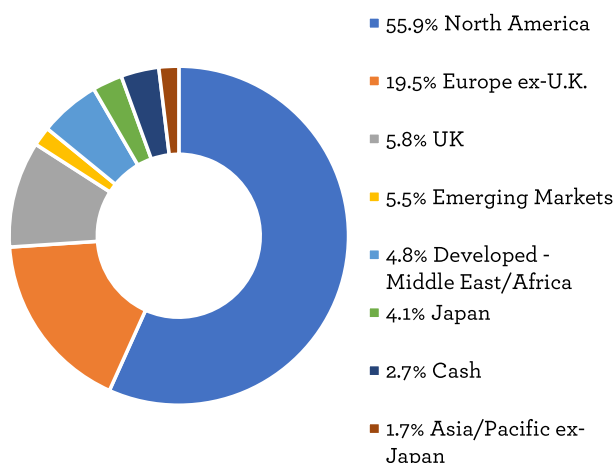
	Fund	Benchmark	Excess
1 month	2.6	3.8	-1.27
3 months	4.1	2.2	+1.87
FYTD	10.0	6.4	+3.59
1 year	19.5	29.8	-10.32
2 years	15.5	20.7	-5.14
3 years	10.9	11.9	-1.00
4 years	16.7	16.6	+0.09
5 years	10.0	13.7	-3.67
Since Inception	11.6	13.8	-2.29

Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Returns may differ due to different tax treatments.

TOP 5 STOCK HOLDINGS

	% of Portfolio
ENTERGY CORP	3.2%
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	3.1%
ENBRIDGE INC	3.1%
COMCAST CORP	3.1%
AIR PROD & C	2.6%

PORTFOLIO REGIONS



October was marked by significant activity as the U.S. election season concluded, while geopolitical concerns persisted. Early in the month, U.S. job openings declined to three-year lows, and job additions were minimal at 12,000, impacted by weather and strikes. Following the Federal Reserve's 50-basis-point rate cut in September, U.S. yields rose over inflation and deficit concerns. Globally, western central banks continued rate cuts, except for Japan, which raised rates. The U.S. economy demonstrated resilience with 2.8% growth in Q3, while Europe saw 0.4% growth but still faces demand challenges, prompting the European Central Bank to adopt a more accommodative stance. In Asia, China issued additional bonds to address local debt, though markets anticipate more stimulus for sustained recovery. Geopolitics intensified as Israel's potential response against Iran initially raised oil prices, though they later stabilized as fears eased. The Russia-Ukraine conflict remains an ongoing flashpoint for markets. While October concluded with a negative global equity performance, November's U.S. election results spurred some optimism. Donald Trump's victory, alongside a unified government, suggests possible large-scale policy shifts. Uncertainty looms over trade, particularly with China and Mexico, with potential tariffs on the horizon.

The Barrow Hanley Global Value strategy posted muted results in the month of October, underperforming the MSCI World Index. Allocation impacts by sector were the primary driver of underperformance. An underweight to the Information Technology sector, mixed with an overweight to the Materials sector, explains most of the underperformance. Stock selection within the Utilities, Materials, and Industrials sectors positively contributed to relative returns. However, this was offset by stock selection within the Health Care sector, which saw continued struggles from U.S. Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

Energy Corporation positively contributed to relative performance after reporting strong earnings and revised growth estimates. The company raised its growth targets from a 6-8% to 8-10% CAGR based on data center growth mixed with positives from industrial and chemical growth. They signed a large deal with hyperscaler Amazon in Mississippi, in addition to another deal with an unnamed partner in Louisiana. Data center demand is extremely strong in Louisiana due to cheap gas, a positive regulatory environment for electricity, and a lot of excess fiber capacity (which data centers need).

Carnival Corporation positively contributed to relative performance after the cruise line reported strong earnings. The industry as a whole is thriving as it still serves as the value vacation as pricing remains a constraint for many consumers. When paired with positive currency trends, lower fuel prices, and continued strong demand, the setup for the company going forward remains strong.

Humana Inc. detracted from relative performance in October as the health insurance company on fears that its star rating would fall for its Medicare Advantage plans. Those fears materialized on October 2nd as the company announced that only 25% of participants were in plans rated 4 stars, which is down significantly. The star rating impacts reimbursement rates from Medicare, which will depress Humana's margins going forward and push out the earnings recovery further in the future. Given what we believe are longer-term challenges facing the company, we sold the position in the month in favor of higher risk/reward opportunities.

Aptiv PLC detracted from relative performance during the month of October. The company fell on another tough earnings report where the company missed market expectations. In particular, Aptiv is struggling from the slowdown in EV sales, and new cars generally, as it has curbed demand for its integrated power and safety systems as some OEMs found themselves with too much inventory. While GDP and geopolitics remain risks for the company, the market is normalizing while the company is still likely to grow above market rates.

Given the muted market returns and increased volatility that continued in October, a sentiment shift may be afoot, as we have seen material rotations over the past couple of months mixed with elections playing out. Surprisingly resilient economic numbers and stagnant inflation over the last few months will be an interesting combination for the Fed. The expectation is for a rate cut in November, but the pace and magnitude of cuts going forward remains a question – especially given the political context. While the market continues to look for more cuts, expansionary fiscal policy could force the Fed to slow down if inflation remains above its target and the economy remains healthy. A few areas to watch going forward in the U.S. are policy initiatives, who is part of the new administration, and whether or not the next jobs report confirms that October's weakness was an aberration.

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