# BARROW HANLEY GLOBAL SHARE FUND (MANAGED FUND)

# **ASX code: GLOB**

# October 2024



**Investment objective:** Aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth throughinvestment in quality global shares.

### **FUND BENEFITS**

Provides investors with the potential for capital growth through a portfolio of global companies using Barrow Hanley's experienced investment team and disciplined investment process.

### **FUND RISKS**

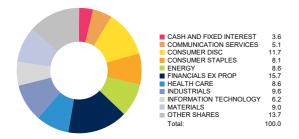
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Benchmark: MSCI World Net Total Return Index (\$A)

Inception date of strategy: August 2014
ASX commencement date: 06 June 2022
Distribution Frequency: Half-Yearly
Management Fee: 0.99%\*

Investment style: Active, fundamental, bottom-up, value Suggested minimum investment period: Seven years or longer

**PORTFOLIO SECTORS** 

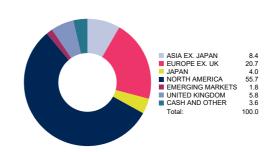


# **TOP 5 STOCK HOLDINGS**

	% of Portfolio
Entergy Corporation	3.2%
Enbridge Inc.	3.1%
Bank of Nova Scotia	3.1%
Comcast Corporation Class A	3.1%
Sanofi	2.9%

# \*Information on management costs is set out in the relevant PDS

# **PORTFOLIO REGIONS**



# **NET PERFORMANCE - periods ending 31 October 2024**

	Fund	Benchmark	Excess
1 month	2.52	3.81	-1.29
3 months	4.13	2.14	+1.99
1 year	18.78	29.22	-10.43
2 year p.a.	15.45	20.08	-4.62
3 year p.a.	-	-	
Since incep.	13.96	18.22	-4.26

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

# **MARKET COMMENTARY**

October was marked by significant activity as the U.S. electionseason concluded, while geopolitical concerns persisted. Early inthe month, U.S. job openings declined to three-year lows, and jobadditions 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 toadopt 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.

# **PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY**

The Barrow Hanley Global Value strategy posted muted results in themonth of October, underperforming the MSCI World Index. Allocationimpacts by sector were the primary driver of underperformance. Anunderweight to the Information Technology sector, mixed with anoverweight to the Materials sector, explains most of theunderperformance. Stock selection within the Utilities, Materials, and Industrials sectors positively contributed to relative returns. However, this was offset by stock selection within the Health Caresector, which saw continued struggles from U.S. Managed CareOrganizations (MCOs).

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

Carnival Corporation positively contributed to relative performanceafter the cruise line reported strong earnings. The industry as awhole is thriving as it still serves as the value vacation aspricing remains a constraint for many consumers. When paired withpositive currency trends, lower fuel prices, and continued strongdemand, the setup for the company going forward remains strong.

Humana Inc. detracted from relative performance in October as thehealth insurance company on fears that its star rating would fallfor its Medicare Advantage plans. Those fears materialized on October 2nd as the company announced that only 25% of participantswere in plans rated 4 stars, which is down significantly. The starrating impacts reimbursement rates from Medicare, which willdepress Humana's margins going forward and push out the earningsrecovery further in the future. Given what we believe arelonger-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 wherethe company missed market expectations. In particular, Aptiv isstruggling 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 isnormalizing while the company is still likely to grow above marketrates.

# **OUTLOOK**

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 themarket 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 newadministration, and whether or not the next jobs report confirms that October's weakness was an aberration.

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