

CLARITY GLOBAL SHARES FUND

Monthly Commentary

The Clarity Global Shares Fund continued to build on its 2023 performance gaining a further 2.0% in July. The Fund's holdings reflect the geographical distribution of stocks by market capitalisation globally, although the composition within each country will differ.

The Fund benefitted in July as it participated in the strength of the United States market. Three of the largest monthly contributors to performance were Alphabet, Nvidia and Meta, which are part of the continuing artificial intelligence wave that investors have embraced. Another tech holding is Lam Research, which provides manufacturing equipment to the semi-conductor sector, and gained +11% in the month. However, the Fund is well diversified by sector and financial companies DBS Group (Singapore), JPMorgan Chase and Fairfax Financial (Canada) were amongst the top 10 contributors to the portfolio over the month. Communication stocks held in the portfolio suffered some value slippage with Hellenic Telecommunications (Greece), Ericsson (Sweden) and KDDI (Japan) all detracting.

Performance

As at 31 July 2023	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Global Shares Fund*	2.0%	8.3%	14.3%	15.0%	9.5%	10.2%
Benchmark Index**	2.6%	8.2%	12.7%	11.9%	9.2%	10.2%

*These returns are after deductions for charges and before tax. **Benchmark returns reflects no deduction for charges and tax. The Fund inception on 26 April 2017. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. The Quarterly Fund Update is available at <https://clarityfunds.co.nz/quarterly-fund-updates-and-commentaries>.

About the Clarity Global Shares Fund

The objective of the Clarity Global Shares Fund is to provide actively managed exposure to international equities and generate a better return than the benchmark¹ over the medium to long term. The Fund is actively managed with a value bias which means its holdings may differ considerably from the benchmark index. Clarity has appointed global investment manager MFS as the investment manager for the Fund. MFS has constructed the portfolio in consultation with Clarity and in accordance with the Fund's objectives. Boston-based MFS, which began in 1924 as Massachusetts Investment Trust, started America's first mutual fund. The strategy uses an actively managed approach and a consistent, disciplined, bottom-up stock selection and investment process that blends proprietary fundamental and quantitative research to build a well-diversified, large-cap core global portfolio.

¹the MSCI All Country World ex-Tobacco Index (net dividends reinvested), measured in NZ dollars, 50% hedged to NZ dollars.

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