

CLARITY TRANS-TASMAN VALUE FUND

The Fund enjoyed another good month of absolute and relative returns in September, rising +3.2% versus the benchmark at +2.7%. At a country level, the New Zealand share market (+3.3%) was the main driver of returns for the Fund. The Australian market posted a small decline for the first month since March, but a -2.8% drop in the New Zealand Dollar / Australian Dollar cross rate meant on average the Fund's Australian investments actually rose in value (when translated to NZD).

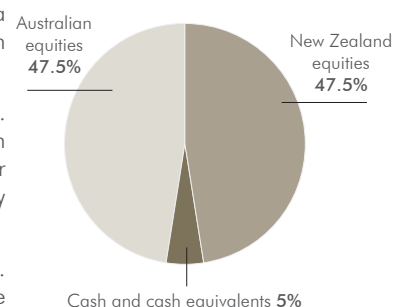
September was a classic example of bad news for the economy being good news for the share market. GDP growth for the June quarter was released and showed the economy shrank -0.9%, much worse than expected. This increased expectations for interest rate cuts by the RBNZ, driving market interest rates lower and benefitting shares that provide stable and defensive dividend yields – Vital Healthcare (+11%), Argosy Property (+8%) and Precinct Property (+7%) were good examples.

The interest rate decline was also the major reason for the falling New Zealand dollar mentioned above. During the month it hit its lowest level versus the Australian dollar since 2013, breaking out of a very stable long-term trading range, reflecting the diverging fortunes of the two economies.

Declining interest rates and exchange rates should eventually help fuel an economic recovery in New Zealand, and this expectation factored in to strong performance from New Zealand cyclical companies in the Fund like courier company Freightways (+15%) and Fletcher Building (+7%).

In Australia the Fund's investment in gold mining companies Northern Star (+32%) and Newmont (+19%) were our standout performers. Gold is in a galloping bull market as a safe haven from trade wars, geopolitical tensions, and a potential government funding crisis in the US. We are gently selling into this strength.

Target investment mix¹



Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Trans-Tasman Value Fund*	3.2%	9.2%	13.7%	9.5%	10.4%	8.6%
Benchmark Index**	2.7%	9.0%	12.8%	10.8%	9.3%	6.0%

CLARITY DIVIDEND YIELD FUND

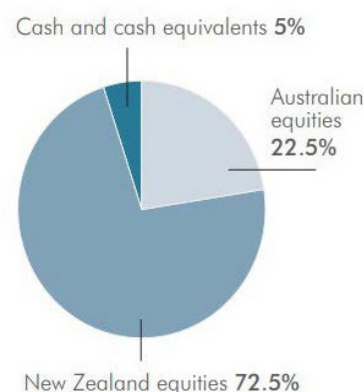
The Clarity Dividend Yield Fund returned +3.2% in September and is now up +20% over the last six months, its best half-year return ever other than the dramatic bounce back in markets from the initial Covid crash in 2020. As noted above a big driver of this performance has been investors seeking defensive yield as interest rates on bond and term deposits have fallen. For example, the Fund currently has a 22% weighting to listed property shares. On average, shares in this sector in New Zealand have returned 23.3% over the last six months, while the sector has returned 18.9% in Australia.

With the Reserve Bank expected to cut rates further in New Zealand, we believe this rally may have further to run, although share prices are starting to reach fair value when compared to the underlying property assets.

That said, during September the strongest performers for the Fund came from outside the property sector. Heartland Bank (+17%) continued to rally after reporting results in August that showed a stabilisation in earnings following a tough run driven by the weak economy and increased costs associated with their acquisition of a small bank in Australia.

Freightways (+15%) continued its strong run on optimism about improving freight volumes and market share gains, while Fonterra (+13%) reported strong full year results, a higher-than-expected dividend, and remains on track to return capital of \$2 per share upon completion of the sale of its Consumer division to French dairy company Lactalis.

Target investment mix¹



Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Dividend Yield Fund*	3.2%	10.7%	20.0%	10.6%	9.0%	10.1%
Benchmark Index**	3.6%	11.2%	19.5%	10.4%	9.3%	7.1%

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CLARITY NEW ZEALAND EQUITY FUND

The Fund returned +2.8% during the month. The muted performance of the New Zealand share market in 2025 (only +2% year-to-date to the end of September) has been driven by weak performance from some of our largest list companies, illustrated by NZX 10 Index declining -7% over this period. This is a notable contrast to other major markets like the United States and Australia, where the largest listed companies continue to outperform and drive the returns of the broader Market.

In aggregate, the Clarity New Zealand Equity Fund is underweight the top 10 names, as we have felt smaller companies in the index offered better value. This has helped to drive strong relative performance for the Fund (+3.3% ahead of benchmark year-to-date).

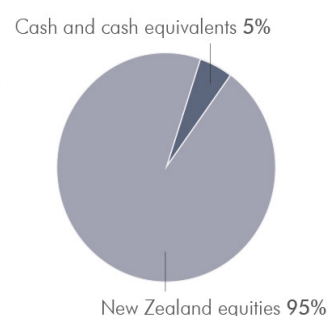
Looking through the top 10, most companies have continued to perform well operationally, but their share prices have drifted this year after strong prior performance left them looking fully valued. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare, Infratil, Auckland Airport and Contact Energy fall in this category. Fletcher Building and Meridian Energy had weak years, but this was well anticipated, while Spark, EBOS and Mainfreight have delivered performance or guidance materially below what investors were expecting, and their share prices have suffered as a result. A2 Milk has been the standout performer.

Taking a step back from short term performance, we're lucky that in general our largest listed companies are good quality businesses with strong long-term outlooks. After a year of middling performance and with smaller stocks playing catch up, we are starting to see opportunities in some of these names.

Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity New Zealand Equity Fund*	2.8%	5.0%	10.0%	8.1%	4.5%	5.2%
Benchmark Index**	3.0%	5.8%	7.7%	7.2%	3.3%	4.2%

Target investment mix¹



CLARITY FIXED INCOME FUND

The Clarity Fixed Income Fund returned +0.9% in September, level with its benchmark.

In September 2025, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand announced the appointment of Dr. Anna Breman as its new Governor, effective December 1, 2025. Dr. Breman, currently the First Deputy Governor of Sweden's central bank, the Riksbank, will succeed Christian Hawkesby, who has been serving as Acting Governor since April following the resignation of Adrian Orr earlier in the year.

During the month, New Zealand's Q2 GDP was announced, contracting by -0.9% quarter-on-quarter, weaker than expected, highlighting a slowdown in economic activity. The softer growth pushed market expectations toward further RBNZ monetary easing, putting downward pressure on interest rates. As a result, bond yields fell and rates across the curve declined, with short and medium-term rates seeing the most pronounced drops, reflecting anticipation of potential future Official Cash Rate cuts.

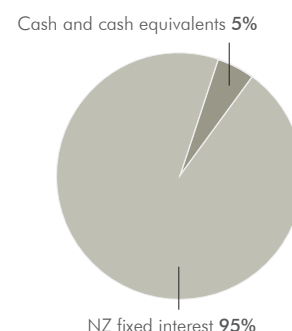
September was an active month for the Fund, with investments across three new bond issues: a Meridian Energy green bond (NZ\$350 million, 6.5-year fixed-rate, 4.55% running yield), a Community Housing Funding Agency bond (NZ\$100 million, 5-year fixed-rate, 3.89% running yield), and a Watercare Services bond (NZ\$400 million, 5-year fixed-rate, 3.85% running yield).

At month-end, the portfolio's yield stood at 3.8%, with an average duration of 2.6 years.

Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Fixed Income Fund*	0.9%	2.3%	5.7%	6.2%	2.3%	3.9%
Benchmark Index**	0.9%	2.3%	5.9%	6.7%	4.3%	3.2%

Target investment mix¹



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CLARITY GLOBAL SHARES FUND

The Clarity Global Shares Fund returned +3.8% in September.

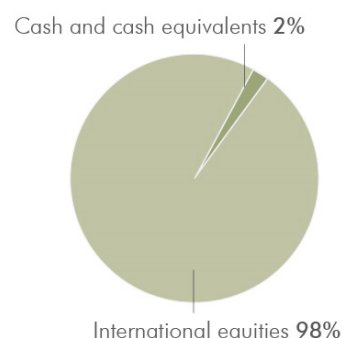
Global markets advanced over the month, supported by a 25 basis-point interest rate cut from the U.S. Federal Reserve. The Fed lowered its target range to 4.00%–4.25%, citing softer labour data and easing inflation pressures. The move lifted investor confidence and extended gains across technology, industrial, and consumer sectors. Toward month-end, however, political uncertainty surrounding a U.S. government shutdown reminded investors of the risks tied to fiscal policy and government spending, however equity markets largely shrugged this off.

Within the Fund, Lam Research Group (+34%) was a standout contributor. The U.S. semiconductor-equipment company rallied strongly as demand for AI-related chips continued to accelerate. Lam highlighted resilient margins and issued robust guidance for the coming quarter, while analyst upgrades and momentum buying drove the stock to new highs. The company remains well positioned as global chipmakers expand production capacity to meet structural demand in data centres, smartphones, and cloud computing.

SK Square Co (+35%) also added meaningfully to returns. The Korean technology investment and infrastructure holding company benefited from growing investor interest in Korea's semiconductor ecosystem. With solid profitability metrics and increasing institutional ownership, SK Square gained traction as a diversified exposure to Korea's digital economy.

Elsewhere, the Fund's three largest positions had mixed results. Nvidia (+7%) and Microsoft (+2%) continued to post gains on the back of resilient earnings and strong demand for AI and cloud services. Meta (–0.5%) was marginally weaker after strong performance earlier in the year, with investors rotating toward other opportunities.

Target investment mix¹



Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Global Shares Fund*	3.8%	8.8%	23.3%	23.2%	17.9%	13.1%
Benchmark Index**	4.5%	10.3%	22.6%	22.1%	15.1%	12.7%

CLARITY - CAPITAL GROUP NEW PERSPECTIVE FUND²

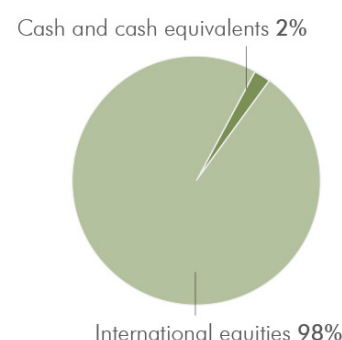
The Clarity-Capital Group New Perspective Fund also delivered a return of +3.8% in September.

Within the Fund, ASML Holding (+30%) was a key contributor. The Dutch semiconductor equipment leader announced a strategic partnership with French artificial intelligence company Mistral, investing €1.3 billion for an 11% stake. This collaboration is expected to accelerate the integration of AI across ASML's product suite and R&D operations, reinforcing its central role in the global semiconductor ecosystem. The stock also benefited from analyst upgrades highlighting its dominant market position in extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography systems.

BAE Systems (+17%) also delivered strong returns. The U.K. defence group unveiled a partnership with Lockheed Martin to co-develop modular autonomous air systems through its FalconWorks division. The company also showcased its naval and aerospace innovations at the DSEI 2025 exhibition, outlining a roadmap for advanced warship design and next-generation combat systems. Growing order momentum and rising investor interest in the defence sector added to share price strength.

Elsewhere, the Fund benefited from strong gains in Micron Technology (+41%), Grupo Mexico (+32%), and Contemporary Amperex Technology (32%) (CATL). Each rallied on robust sector trends, with semiconductors, mining, and battery storage companies continuing to attract strong investor support.

Target investment mix¹



Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity - Capital Group New Perspective Fund*	3.8%	7.6%	20.1%	20.2%	12.2%	12.9%
Benchmark Index**	4.5%	10.3%	22.6%	22.0%	15.1%	13.2%

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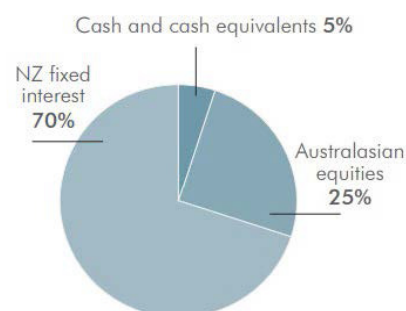
CLARITY DIVERSIFIED INCOME FUND

The Diversified Income Fund returned +1.7% in September, a touch behind the benchmark.

Within the Fund, returns were driven by the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund which returned +3.2%. The Clarity Fixed Income Fund posted a return of +0.9%, while the Smart Global Aggregate Bond ETF returned +0.6% over the month.

The Diversified Income Fund is invested across three underlying strategies: the Clarity Fixed Income Fund, the Clarity Dividend Yield Fund, and the Smart Global Aggregate Bond ETF.

Target investment mix¹



Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Diversified Income Fund*	1.7%	5.1%	9.7%	7.2%	4.6%	4.7%
Benchmark Index**	1.9%	5.0%	9.9%	8.1%	5.8%	4.7%

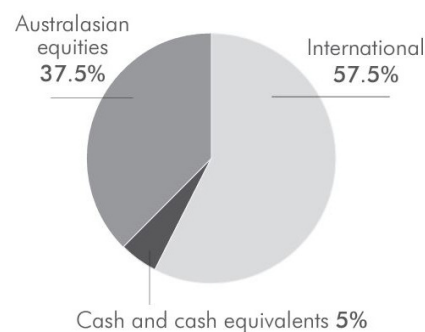
CLARITY DIVERSIFIED GROWTH FUND

The Diversified Growth Fund returned +3.0% in September.

Returns were driven by the Clarity Global Shares Fund, which rose +3.8% over the month. The Clarity Trans-Tasman Value Fund contributed +3.2%, the Clarity-Capital Group New Perspective Fund added +3.8%, while the TAHITO Te Tai o Rehua Fund returned +0.4%.

The Fund maintains growth exposure across four underlying strategies: the Clarity Global Shares Fund, the Clarity-Capital Group New Perspective Fund, the Clarity Trans-Tasman Value Fund, and the TAHITO Te Tai o Rehua Fund.

Target investment mix¹



Performance

As at 30 September 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Diversified Growth Fund*	3.0%	7.2%	16.1%	16.1%	12.6%	9.3%
Benchmark Index**	3.8%	9.7%	18.6%	17.5%	12.9%	11.3%

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