

## CLARITY GLOBAL SHARES FUND

### Monthly Commentary

The Clarity Global Shares Fund returned +1.5% in December, ahead of the benchmark return of +0.8%.

Tapestry (+17%) was a standout contributor, driven by a combination of strong operational performance and positive momentum in its luxury brand portfolio; the company is a New-York-based global fashion house behind iconic brands such as Coach and Kate Spade. Investor confidence was bolstered in December by a series of analyst price-target upgrades and bullish research notes, reflecting expectations of resilient revenue and earnings growth and stronger consumer demand into 2026, which helped propel the shares toward new 52-week and multi-year highs. Sentiment was further supported by the company's 14% December dividend increase.

Dollar General (+21%) was a strong contributor in December, driven by an earnings beat and improved outlook. The company is a leading U.S. discount retailer focused on value-oriented shopper and is benefitting from consumers trading down as they come under cost of living pressure. In December, quarterly earnings were released, sales rose 5% year-on-year with, while earnings climbed 44%, beating expectations and signalling stronger profitability. Management also raised full-year guidance for sales and earnings, underscoring confidence in ongoing demand and operational execution, which helped push the shares higher.

The Fund's three largest holdings had mixed results. Nvidia (+5%) rose modestly despite tech-sector volatility and scrutiny of AI valuations. Microsoft (-2%) fell amid sector weakness and caution around capital spending. Apple (-3%) held up better than many peers, supported by steady iPhone sales and stable services revenue.

### Performance

As at 31 December 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Global Shares Fund*	1.5%	4.0%	20.6%	23.9%	16.7%	13.2%
Benchmark Index**	0.8%	3.9%	19.3%	22.6%	14.1%	12.8%

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

### 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 benchmark<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup>MSCI All Country World Index (net dividends reinvested) in NZ dollars with 50% hedged to NZ dollars.

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