

## CLARITY GLOBAL SHARES FUND

### Monthly Commentary

The Clarity Global Shares Fund returned 6.1% in May, outperforming its benchmark return of 5.4%.

Global share markets were calmer last month following extreme volatility in April. The US S&P 500 Index led global share markets, gaining 6.2%, its best May in 30 years. In a joint announcement the US and China agreed to significantly reduce tariffs. The US agreed to lower the recently imposed 145% tariff on Chinese goods to 30%, while China agreed to lower the 125% tariff on US goods to 10%. Sector specific tariffs that apply to most countries remain (e.g. 25% on autos) and the agreement is temporary, lasting 90 days.

Within the Fund, Finning International Inc. (+31%) was a standout contributor. Finning is the world's largest dealer of Caterpillar equipment—including construction machinery, mining equipment, and industrial engines and operates across Canada, South America, and the UK. During the month the company reported strong quarterly results, with revenue up 9% and an 18% increase in earnings. The rally was further supported by a record equipment backlog, analyst upgrades, all reflecting strong operational performance and rising investor confidence.

Elsewhere, the Fund's three largest positions—Meta (+18%), Microsoft (+17%), and Nvidia (+24%) - all contributed positively, with each company reporting strong earnings and highlighting continued momentum in AI and cloud-based services.

### Performance

As at 31 May 2025	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Clarity Global Shares Fund*	6.1%	-0.8%	13.0%	15.5%	15.9%	11.8%
Benchmark Index**	5.4%	-1.7%	14.6%	14.0%	13.7%	11.4%

\*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/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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