# **GLOBAL EQUITY FUND**

## **MARKET REVIEW**

• Global equity markets advanced in the third quarter, building on gains from the previous period. Bullish talking points included a shift toward U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) dovishness with a rate cut delivered in September, better-than-expected corporate earnings results and forward guidance, continued generative artificial intelligence growth tailwinds, and economic data resilience with consumer spending remaining firm. However, policy uncertainty remained the primary headwind over the period as US-China trade talks continued, though broader deals were announced with the EU and Japan. Additionally, the Fed maintained its focus on labor market conditions amid mixed employment data, with job creation slowing over recent months.<sup>1</sup>

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- The Fund returned 5.09%, reflecting performance at the net asset value (NAV) of Class I (acc) shares with all distributions reinvested, for the quarter ended 30 September 2025. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index (Net)<sup>2</sup>, returned 7.62% in the same period.
- Security selection within the Communication Services sector contributed to relative performance over the period, driven by an allocation to Tencent Holdings, Ltd. (1.5%), a China-based holding company primarily engaged in value-added services, online advertising services, as well as FinTech and business services.
- Security selection within the Consumer Staples sector also contributed to relative performance, driven by an allocation to Imperial Brands PLC (1.9%), a United Kingdom-based consumer goods company.
- Conversely, security selection within the Consumer Discretionary sector detracted from relative performance over the period, driven by an allocation to MercadoLibre, Inc. (1.8%), a Uruguay-based e-commerce company.
- Security selection within the Information Technology sector also detracted from relative performance, driven by an allocation to Intuit, Inc. (0.9%), a U.S.-based financial technology platform provider.

Past performance does not predict future returns. The portfolio weights shown in parenthesis are based on the average portfolio weight during the quarter for each security.

## OUTLOOK

- We believe that the secular bull market for global equities continues. Taking a step back and evaluating the overall market: inflation continues to ease, which has enabled several central banks to begin cutting interest rates this year; earnings have proven to be resilient across developed and emerging markets, and continue to broaden out beyond the "Magnificent 7," both in the U.S. and overseas; secular forces, such as productivity gains from generative artificial intelligence and a generational shift in Europe's fiscal and defense spending ethos, continue to provide markets with additional tailwinds; and while investor sentiment levels have recovered from recent lows, they are not overly optimistic which has historically been supportive of further market strength.
- That said, it is still too early to tell exactly what will happen regarding tariffs. Key uncertainties include: How other nations would respond (retaliatory tariffs vs. concessions); How currencies would react (e.g., stronger U.S. dollar can mitigate inflationary impact of tariffs for the U.S. while a weaker U.S. dollar would likely do the reverse); What global central banks, especially the Fed, would do in response; and the potential for additional tariff measures on goods that have thus far been excluded. Our investment team's extensive experience in global equity markets through cycles, combined with our emphasis on high-quality companies with strong competitive advantages, higher profitability and strong balance sheets, should help navigate us should uncertainty persist in the medium-term.

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Performance as of 30/09/2025	2023	2024
Class I (acc) USD (Net)	24.03%	18.17%
MSCI All Country World Index (Net)	22.20	17.49

The following performance is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the performance data presented above.

Performance as of 30/09/2025	3Q25	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception <sup>3</sup>
Class I (acc) USD (Net)	5.09	20.26	19.61	23.14
MSCI All Country World Index (Net)	7.26	18.44	17.27	21.65

<sup>1</sup>Factset as of 30/09/2025. <sup>2</sup>The MSCI All Country World Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. Indexes are unmanaged, do not reflect the deduction of fees or expenses, and are not available for direct investment. <sup>3</sup>Since Inception: 28/12/2022.

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