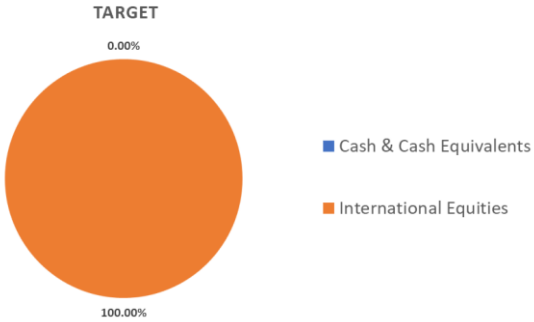
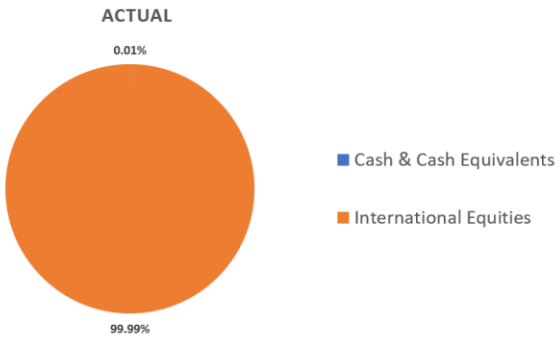
FOUNDATION SERIES US DIVIDEND EQUITY FUND

Fund Fact Sheet at 30 September 2026

Fund Information	
Description	Single-sector fund targeting high-range long-run returns by investing in an underlying Exchange-Traded Fund ('ETF') that invests in high dividend yielding shares issued by companies in the United States that have a record of consistently paying dividends.
Objective	To perform broadly in line with the return of the Fund's investment benchmark on a before fees and tax basis.
Benchmark	Dow Jones U.S. Dividend 100 Index (NZD) TR
Inception	4 March 2025
Fund Type	PIE
Fund Size (NAV)	$20.0 million
Annual Fund Charges (Estimated, % of NAV)	0.06%
Performance Fee	Nil
Buy/Sell Spreads	Nil
Buy/Sell Transaction Fees	0.50%/0.50%
Unit Price	$1.1641

Investment Mix





Commentary

The Foundation Series US Dividend Equity Fund underperformed its benchmark in the third quarter, returning 4.17% after fees and before tax.

US equities delivered positive returns during the September quarter despite a backdrop of higher energy prices, persistent inflation, and further monetary tightening, as economic growth proved resilient and corporate earnings generally exceeded expectations. The Federal Reserve increased interest rates during the quarter in response to ongoing inflation pressures, yet strong labour markets and consumer spending continued to support business activity. Against this backdrop, the dividend and value-oriented companies that make up the Dow Jones U.S. Dividend 100 Index benefited from investor preference for businesses with durable cashflows and attractive shareholder distributions.

Sectors such as Health Care, Energy, Industrials, Consumer Staples, and Financials benefited from their stronger current cash generation, lower starting valuations, and generally higher dividend yields. Continued strength in energy prices also provided support to several energy-related holdings during the quarter, while financial companies benefited from the higher interest-rate environment. Although AI-related companies continued to drive broader market headlines, market performance broadened beyond the largest technology stocks, providing a more favourable backdrop for value-oriented investments.

Company-level performance continued to reflect the quality bias embedded within the strategy. Major holdings such as Chevron, ConocoPhillips, AbbVie, Merck, Coca-Cola, Cisco, Verizon, and Lockheed Martin remained supported by resilient earnings, strong balance sheets, and their ability to generate consistent cashflows across varying market conditions. Many of these companies also continued returning significant capital to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks. While the technology sector remained an important driver of broader US equity market returns, the quarter demonstrated that businesses focused on income generation can continue to perform well.

The Fund's strategy is to provide exposure to a diversified portfolio of high dividend yielding US equities, targeting high-range long-run returns by reweighting back to the Fund's benchmark/target investment mix within a cost-effective and tax appropriate investment structure.

Performance	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Year	Inception (p.a.)
Fund (after fees before tax)	-1.55%	4.17%	8.88%	26.88%	14.27%
Fund (after fees and 28% PIR)	-1.66%	3.80%	8.11%	25.10%	12.77%
Benchmark (no deductions)	-1.50%	4.22%	8.91%	26.99%	14.40%

Investors should also refer to the Quarterly Fund Update, which is available at fundrock.com/fundrock-new-zealand and business.govt.nz/disclose.

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