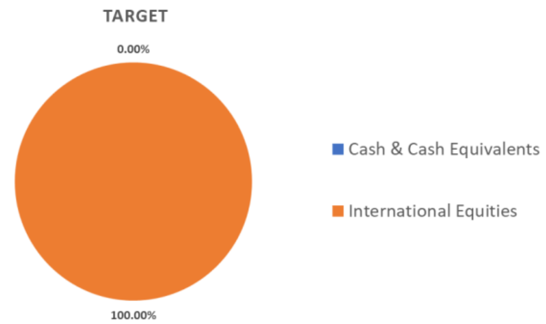
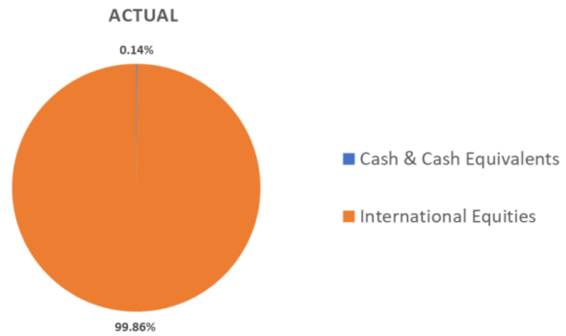
FOUNDATION SERIES US DIVIDEND EQUITY FUND

Fund Fact Sheet at 30 September 2025

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)	$5.4 million
Annual Fund Charges (Estimated, % of NAV)	0.06%
Performance Fee	Nil
Buy/Sell Spread	Nil
Entry/Exit Fee	0.50%/0.50%
Unit Price	$0.9577

Investment Mix





Commentary

The Foundation Series US Dividend Equity Fund slightly outperformed its benchmark in September, returning 0.32% after fees and before tax.

Dividend-focused stocks delivered a strong performance over the September 2025 quarter, returning around 8.7% in New Zealand dollar terms for unhedged New Zealand investors. Returns were supported by solid gains in U.S. equity markets and a firm U.S. dollar, which amplified offshore earnings in local-currency terms. As inflation pressures eased and expectations for potential interest-rate cuts increased, investors rotated toward high-quality income-producing companies. These dividend payers offered both stability and attractive yields during a period of mixed economic growth, although they generally lagged the growth-heavy U.S. benchmarks due to lower exposure to the technology sector.

Within healthcare, large pharmaceutical and biotechnology names provided steady support, underpinned by resilient cash flows and reliable dividends, though modest revenue growth and research-pipeline uncertainty limited capital appreciation. The consumer-staples sector also contributed positively, led by global beverage and snack producers that continued to demonstrate strong brand power and pricing resilience. Together, these defensive sectors helped sustain overall performance, reflecting the market's renewed preference for earnings consistency.

Performance across energy and industrials was more varied. Integrated oil producers benefited from firmer commodity prices earlier in the quarter but faced volatility as supply and demand expectations fluctuated. Aerospace and defence companies continued to deliver stable income amid strong government spending, even as broader geopolitical uncertainty tempered investor sentiment. Meanwhile, the comparatively low technology exposure of dividend-focused portfolios meant they captured less of the ongoing AI-driven rally, yet this positioning helped preserve income stability and reduce valuation risk. Overall, dividend-oriented equities continued to demonstrate their value as a core holding for investors seeking dependable returns in a shifting macroeconomic landscape.

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
Fund (after fees before tax)	0.32%	8.68%	-2.94%	–	-2.65%
Fund (after fees and 28% PIR)	0.19%	8.30%	-3.50%	–	-3.31%
Benchmark (no deductions)	0.24%	8.73%	-2.83%	–	-2.56%

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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