

Brandywine Global Opportunistic Equity Fund

PIE Fund

Fund Facts

Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index in New Zealand Dollars

Issuer & Manager

FundRock NZ Limited

Delegated Investment Manager

Brandywine Global Investment Management as appointed by Franklin Templeton Australia Limited

Strategy

The Firm's Global Opportunistic Equity strategy is designed to utilize three of the Firm's areas of expertise: macroeconomic research, currency positioning, and stock selection. These proven capabilities represent a distinct competitive advantage for Global Opportunistic Equity versus other global equity managers, given Brandywine Global's long and successful track record of country and currency analysis dating back to 1995 and its experience conducting fundamental, value-oriented stock analysis since 1986.

The Global Opportunistic Equity strategy uses a differentiated process that combines top-down, macroeconomic country and currency research and rigorous, bottom-up fundamental analysis and stock selection to capture diversified sources of return. We believe taking this opportunistic approach at both the macro and security level gives us multiple ways to win. We have insights on countries' business cycles, which will not only enable us to narrow down the world to countries with tailwinds, but also help us identify attractive sectors within those countries.

The strategy seeks to earn a return (before fees and taxes) in excess of the Benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Index, Hedged to New Zealand Dollars, over rolling five-year periods.

What happened in the market?

Global stocks regained their poise in August amid ongoing economic resilience and a healthy corporate earnings backdrop.

U.S. equities advanced in August as strong earnings growth and strength across select AI beneficiaries supported sentiment.

Eurozone equities were mostly higher in August, although performance became increasingly differentiated by country, sector, and style.

UK equities posted modest gains in August, lagging continental Europe after July's strong outperformance.

Equities across Asia Pacific ex Japan rebounded in August, with strength in South Korea, Taiwan, and Australia outweighing weakness in China.

Emerging market equities delivered their strongest August performance since 2004, partly driven by dollar weakness and a broadening of the AI rally beyond the largest names.

What happened in the Fund?

The Fund returned 2.82% (after fees) in August compared to the benchmark which returned 1.99% for the same period.

The momentum reversal continued from last month, driving much of August's outperformance.

While not the biggest positive contributor to performance, semiconductor stocks continued to underperform in August, after breaking down in July. Our technology sector holdings are predominantly software, which saw strong double-digit returns during the month.

Consumer discretionary was the biggest driver of performance, driven almost entirely by very strong performance in one stock, Abercrombie & Fitch.

Healthcare was the biggest detractor, driven by a reversal in YTD performance in a few of our holdings.

What is the outlook?

Momentum, the dominant performance theme this year, reversed sharply in July and has continued, albeit unevenly, into August. Given momentum's strong mean-reverting tendency, we believe this reversal has further to run.

Within technology, we continue to favor software over semiconductors, supported by software's more attractive valuation and still-negative sentiment.

In energy, we increased exposure to reflect the extended Iran conflict and higher oil prices, a backdrop these companies are well positioned to benefit from.

In Korea, we continue to build our position, adding a new holding in a domestic bank.

Fund performance (%) as at 31 August 2026

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs p.a.
Fund (net)	2.82	11.00	8.97	20.71	-
Benchmark	1.99	3.16	11.18	23.05	-

The performance in this fact sheet is net of fees. Investors should also refer to the quarterly Fund Update, which is available on www.fundrock.com/fundrock-new-zealand and www.business.govt.nz/disclose. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Key features of the Fund

High conviction

Brandywine Global's conviction levels drive the composition of the Fund, not a benchmark.

Active management

Allows investors to gain overweight exposure to countries that are likely to outperform and underweight exposure to those who are likely to underperform.

Multiple Ways to Win

Marry top-down macroeconomic observations with fundamental assessment of market dynamics and corporate Financials

Superior risk adjusted returns

Designed to capture market upside but aiming to avoid market downside, and to provide long term performance.

Meet the team

The Fund is led by an experience, long-tenured portfolio management team that includes:

James J. Clarke

Portfolio Manager & Director of Fundamental Equity Research, with firm since 1997

Sorin Roibu, CFA

Portfolio Manager & Research Analyst, with firm since 2014

Top Ten Holdings (%)

Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.42
Bnp Paribas Sa	3.22
Aercap Holdings Nv	3.11
Microsoft Corporation	3.04
Constellation Software Inc	2.73
Meta Platforms Inc.	2.68
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	2.62
Valero Energy Corporation	2.58
Salesforce Inc.	2.46
Global Payments Inc.	2.45

Sector Allocations (%)

Financials	17.65	Health Care	8.77
Information Technology	16.10	Cash	4.90
Communication Services	13.23	Real Estate	3.71
Industrials	11.60	Energy	2.58
Consumer Staples	11.45	Materials	0.93
Consumer Discretionary	9.31	Utilities	0

Fund statistics

Fund size (\$m) (NZD)	152.47
Price-to-Earnings	15.0
Price-to-Book	2.1
Price-to-Cash Flow	7.5
Dividend Yield (%)	2.3
Number of Securities	65

Investment manager

Brandywine Global Investment Management, LLC ("Brandywine Global"), has built up significant experience across fixed income, equity and global portfolios that invest in international markets. Founded in 1986 by a group of highly experienced portfolio managers, Brandywine Global pursues one investment approach: value investing. Through practical experience, Brandywine has determined that value-style investing — whether in fixed income markets or equity — can provide excellent risk-adjusted returns over full investment cycles, and it is a particularly important strategy in today's global markets.