# Acadian Geared Global Equity Fund

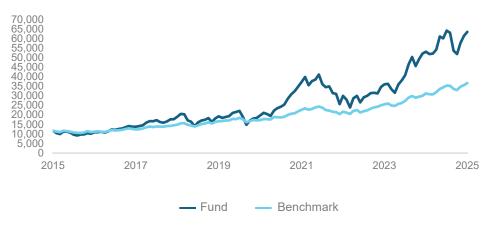


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## Features of the strategy

- Strategy aims to maximise long-term returns by using gearing to magnify returns from the underlying global equity strategy†. The target gearing level for this fund is 55%, with a usual tolerance of 5%.
- Strategy aims to outperform the MSCI World ex Australia Index over rolling seven years by investing in a diversified portfolio of global securities. The investment manager Acadian Asset Management, apply a systematic investment process with an investible universe of over 40,000 stocks, in developed and emerging markets. The strategy applies ESG considerations as described below.
- Acadian's global investment capability is underpinned by a large team with over 120 members across all strategies, sophisticated quant models that access 518 million data points daily, and a 39-year track record of its systematic quant process.

## Growth of \$10,000 over 10 years



Fund return is net of fees and taxes and assumes reinvestment of distributions in the 10 year period.

# Investment returns as at July 31, 2025 (%) (Returns beyond 1 year are annualised)

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Fund (Gross)	3.5	23.3	0.3	22.8	31.8	29.8	21.4	13.2
Fund (Net)	3.3	22.5	-1.1	19.5	28.4	26.4	18.4	10.6
Benchmark Index	3.1	11.3	3.8	17.5	19.1	16.3	12.1	8.9
Excess (Net - Index)	0.2	11.2	-4.8	2.0	9.3	10.1	6.3	1.6

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception date is 16 April 2007.

† A geared fund will not always magnify gains (particularly in a low return environment) but will always magnify losses. Investors will therefore experience increased volatility (potentially large fluctuations up and down) in the value of their investment.

## **Key Facts**

## Strategy Snapshot

A portfolio designed to maximise long-term returns by borrowing to invest in global stocks while carefully controlling portfolio risk and transaction costs. The fund integrates ESG criteria to select stocks.

#### **Investment Objective**

To outperform the MSCI World ex Australia Index over rolling seven-year periods before fees and taxes.

Benchmark Index<sup>1</sup>

MSCI World ex-Australia Index

Inception Date

16 April 2007

Number of Stocks

400 - 600

**Fund Size** 

\$1 billion

Management Fee 1.23%(g) / 2.69%(n)

Buy/Sell Spread

0.05 - 0.15%

**Distribution Frequency** 

Semi annually

Minimum Investment

\$25,000 or platform minimum

**APIR** 

FSF0891AU

Research Ratings

Lonsec "Recommended"2

Carbon Reduction

80% BM

## **Exclusions**

No exposure to Tobacco (or tobacco alternatives) production & Controversial Weapons (including nuclear) Fossil Fuel Companies considered to be climate transition laggards and UN Global Compact violators

**Tracking Error** 

3 - 4%

Max Active Position

2.25%

(>5% Revenue)

Production of Alcohol, Gambling, Adult Entertainment, Conventional Weapons, Thermal Coal Mining and Unconventional Oil & Gas

#### **Fund Characteristics**

	Global Equity Fund	MSCI World Ex AU
Valuation		
Price/Earnings	20.5	23.7
Price/Book	3.4	3.7
Price/Sales	2.1	2.5
Price/Cash Earnings	13.1	15.2
Yield	1.6%	1.7%
Market Cap		
Large > A\$77.7B	73.7%	79.2%
Med/Large A\$31.1-A\$77.7	9.7%	14.1%
Medium A\$15.5-A\$31.1	7.3%	5.3%
Med/Small A\$4.7-A\$15.5	5.7%	1.4%
Small < A\$4.7	2.7%	0.0%
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (B)	1223.5	1436.6
MEDIAN (B)	4.4	39.2
ACTIVE SHARE OF PORTFOLIO (%)	65.8	

## Allocation to Sustainable Investments\*

GEARED GLOBAL EQUITY	53.85%
MSCI WORLD EX AU	48.62%

NVIDIA CORP  Semicon & Semicon Equip  AMAZON.COM INC  Consumer Disc, Distr, Retail  3.7  APPLE INC  Tech Hardware & Equip  2.7  MICROSOFT CORP  Software & Services  2.7  MASTERCARD INC  Financial Services  2.5  META PLATFORMS INC  Media & Entertainment  2.4  CISCO SYSTEMS INC  Tech Hardware & Equip  2.4  ALPHABET INC  Media & Entertainment  2.4  CITIGROUP INC  Banks  2.2  BOOKING HOLDINGS INC  Consumer Services  2.1	Top 10 Stocks	Industry	%
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Total 29.3	BOOKING HOLDINGS INC	Consumer Services	2.1
	Total		29.3

Industry Sectors	%
Information Technology	30.0
Financials	18.6
Communication Services	11.8
Consumer Discretionary	10.3
Health Care	10.3
Industrials	9.4
Consumer Staples	4.3
Energy	1.6
Real Estate	1.1
Materials	1.0
Utilities	0.6

Country Exposure	%
North America	74.6
Continental Europe	13.4
Asia	3.7
Japan	3.2
United Kingdom	1.7
Europe/Mid East/Africa	1.1
Hong Kong/Singapore	8.0
Middle East	0.4
Latin America	0.1
Australia/New Zealand	0.0
Unclassified Region	0.0

<sup>\*</sup>Companies that derive more than 20% revenue from products and services that align with the UN SDGs. Portfolio holdings are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell individual securities. The data presented here is for a representative portfolio and is supplemental to the composite performance disclosure page attached. Reference to the benchmark is for comparative purposes only and is not intended to indicate that the composite will contain the same investments as the benchmark. Investors have the opportunity for losses as well as profits. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

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## ESG Considerations (Detailed)

No exposure to companies that are producers or manufacturers of tobacco (or tobacco alternatives) and controversial weapons (including nuclear) as defined by third party providers.

Alcohol, Gambling, Conventional Weapons, Adult Entertainment, Thermal Coal Mining and Unconventional Oil & Gas Restrict companies with more than 5% of revenue from the production of related products.

#### Fossil Fuel Companies considered to be Climate Transition Laggards

Restrict companies with more than 10% of revenue from the extraction and production of oil & gas or power generation associated with fossil fuels that appear (using a proprietary classification model) unwilling or unable to transition to a low carbon economy.

#### Companies that violate the UN Global Compact

Restrict companies, considered by third-party providers, to have business practices that violate the UN Global Compact, for example, those involved in very severe ESG controversies such as human rights abuses or corruption.

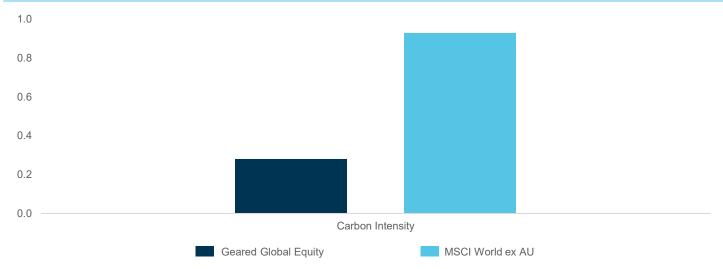
#### Carbon Exposure Reduction

Restrict the portfolio's active carbon (scope 1 + 2) emissions exposure by limiting the total portfolio weighted average carbon intensity (WACI) to a maximum of 80% relative to the MSCI World Ex Australia Index. The portfolio will also reduce the maximum allowable WACI exposure systematically over time. This involves an upfront WACI reduction relative to the benchmark such that it is no more than 80% of the WACI of the benchmark at 31st December 2020 and an annual absolute WACI reduction of 7% p.a.

#### Positive Environmental & Social Exposure

Positive (at least 1.1x exposure of the index using a proprietary model) active exposure to companies that contribute to environmental objectives (such as water use, clean energy, climate action) and social objectives (such as alleviation of poverty and hunger, good health and wellbeing, promotion of education, gender equality). Contribution to these objectives is measured via an issuer's revenue alignment to UN SDGs (United Nations Sustainable Development Goals)

## Carbon Exposures



Scope 1: Direct emissions through the consumption of fossil fuels, includes industrial use, power generation and aircraft

Scope 2: Indirect emissions through consumption of purchased electricity

Carbon Intensity: (Scope 1 + Scope 2 /Sales)

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### Restriction List

Top 10 Benchmark Names Excluded Under ESG Considerations	Benchmark Weight
CHEVRON CORPORATION	0.4%
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	0.4%
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL INC	0.3%
RTX CORP	0.3%
BOEING CO	0.2%
LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUITTON SE	0.2%
NEXTERA ENERGY INC	0.2%
HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC	0.2%
AMPHENOL CORP	0.2%
CONOCOPHILLIPS	0.2%

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