

Acadian Global Managed Volatility Equity Fund - Class A

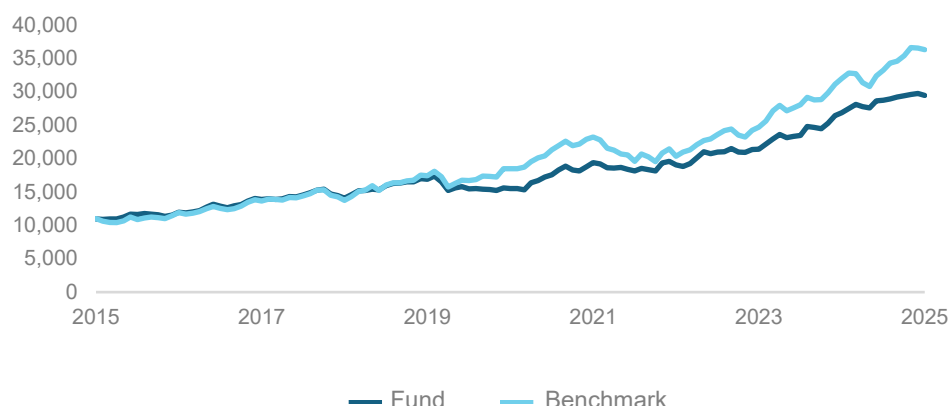


Quarterly Factsheet | **December 2025**

Features of the strategy

- The strategy aims to deliver returns comparable to those of a global equity index, but with significantly lower absolute volatility and stronger downside protection over the long term.
- By limiting absolute risk, the strategy offers the potential for investors to compound wealth more efficiently and steadily than traditional capitalisation-weighted indices.
- The investment manager, Acadian Asset Management, applies a systematic investment process to an investable universe of over 40,000 stocks across developed and emerging markets. Acadian's global investment capability is supported by a team of over 120 investment professionals across all strategies, sophisticated quantitative models that process 518 million data points daily, and a 39-year track record of its systematic investment 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 December 31, 2025 (%) (Returns beyond 1 year are annualised)

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception	Sharpe Ratio	Beta
Fund (Gross)	-0.9	0.4	2.9	9.7	16.1	14.3	11.0	13.2	1.4	0.7
Fund (Net)	-0.9	0.2	2.6	9.1	15.4	13.6	10.3	12.5	1.3	0.7
Benchmark Index	-0.6	2.7	9.2	13.6	21.3	14.5	12.7	14.4	1.2	1.0
Excess (Net - Index)	-0.3	-2.4	-6.7	-4.5	-5.9	-0.9	-2.4	-1.9		

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception date is 19 January 2012.

Key Facts

Strategy Snapshot

An equity portfolio that aims to provide returns similar to those of the global equity market but with lower absolute volatility over the market cycle. The fund aims to exploit the historical pattern in which higher volatility stocks have underperformed lower volatility stocks on a risk-adjusted basis.

Investment Objective

The fund aims to perform in line with the MSCI All Country World Index over rolling three-year periods before fees.

Benchmark Index¹

MSCI All-Country World Index

Inception Date

19 January 2012

Number of Stocks

300 - 600

Fund Size

\$390 million

Management Fee

0.63%

Buy/Sell Spread

0.05%

Distribution Frequency

Semi annually

Minimum Investment

\$25,000 or platform minimum

APIR

FSF1240AU

Research Ratings

Zenith "Recommended"²

Lonsec "Recommended"³

Performance Commentary

The portfolio underperformed its benchmark² by -241 basis points for the quarter ending December 31, 2025. Stock selection in information technology detracted 104 basis points, led by an overweight position in F5 Inc. Meanwhile, a combination of stock selection and an overweight position in consumer staples detracted 69 basis points, owing primarily to an overweight in Clorox. This was partially offset by 45 basis points of positive returns from a combination of stock selection and an overweight position in materials, driven by an overweight position in Newmont.*

Approximately 35% of the portfolio was held in the lowest beta stocks, compared to roughly 11% for the Index. Both the portfolio's allocation to the lowest beta quintile and the stock selection within that group detracted from returns.

Key Holdings⁴

Positive

Our overweight in Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. was rewarded with 24 basis points of active return as share prices rallied 37.3% in the period. While competition around Eylea remains fierce, the recent FDA approval of Eylea HD 8 mg for macular edema following retinal vein occlusion has been a game-changer. This marks the first and only FDA-sanctioned therapy for RVO with extended dosing intervals of up to eight weeks post initial monthly regimen, fueling U.S. sales amid heightened demand. Additionally, Regeneron's oncology portfolio and Dupixent franchise continue to gain traction, supported by ongoing label expansions and strong market momentum.

Negative

Our underweight in Alphabet cost the portfolio 21 basis points of active return as shares rose 31.2% over the quarter. Gains were driven by Gemini AI's success in Search and Cloud, strong ad engagement from Search Generative Experience, and a surge in Google Cloud revenue fueled by enterprise AI adoption and TPU chips. Alphabet's AI integration in Search—via AI Overviews and AI Mode—continues to boost queries, enhance user experience, and unlock monetization opportunities.

Market Review

Global equities delivered strong performance in Q4 2025, rising 3.4%, supported by an expansionary macro backdrop and resilient corporate fundamentals. The Federal Reserve resumed its easing cycle with two rate cuts, bringing the range to 3.5%–3.75%. Despite persistent inflation and elevated valuations, risk assets rallied broadly, driving U.S. large and small caps, non-U.S. developed equities, and gold to new highs. Emerging markets outperformed developed peers, led by South Korea and Taiwan, while U.S. growth stocks continued to shine in technology and communications, though gains from the “Magnificent 7” were more muted. Valuations climbed across regions, with U.S. price-to-earnings ratios remaining well above historical averages for the third consecutive year, while non-U.S. markets offered relatively attractive entry points. Earnings growth persisted globally, with double-digit gains in the U.S. and emerging markets. A weaker dollar provided a tailwind for international equities and commodities, while gold surged past \$4,000/oz, cementing its position as the top-performing asset amid inflation hedging and safe-haven demand. While optimism for continued earnings growth remains, elevated inflation, tariff-related uncertainties, and heightened policy risk underscore the need for disciplined positioning and diversification going forward.

Top 10 Stocks	Industry	%
NVIDIA CORP	Semicon & Semicon Equip	2.6
APPLE INC	Tech Hardware & Equip	2.4
ALPHABET INC	Media & Entertainment	1.8
MICROSOFT CORP	Software & Services	1.5
NEWMONT CORP	Materials	1.3
ROCHE HOLDING AG	Pharma, Biotech & Life Sci	1.3
TE CONNECTIVITY PLC	Tech Hardware & Equip	1.2
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	Tech Hardware & Equip	1.1
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	Pharma, Biotech & Life Sci	1.1
ZIJIN MINING GROUP CO LTD.	Materials	1.1
Total		15.4

Industry Sectors	%
Information Technology	25.2
Health Care	15.3
Consumer Staples	12.2
Communication Services	12.1
Materials	7.7
Industrials	6.6
Financials	6.4
Energy	4.8
Utilities	4.0
Consumer Discretionary	3.4
Real Estate	1.8

Country Exposure	%
North America	58.7
Asia	14.0
Continental Europe	12.8
Japan	7.9
Middle East	2.2
Australia/New Zealand	1.8
Hong Kong/Singapore	0.9
United Kingdom	0.8
Europe/Mid East/Africa	0.2
Latin America	0.1

Outlook and Strategy

The OECD's latest outlook highlights a global economy that displayed unexpected resilience in 2025, buoyed by improved financial conditions, AI-led investment, and supportive macroeconomic policies that partially offset U.S. tariff shocks. However, underlying vulnerabilities remain. Growth momentum is projected to moderate, with global GDP expected to ease from 3.2% in 2025 to 2.9% in 2026, before edging up to 3.1% in 2027. Near-term softness reflects the lagged impact of higher tariffs, persistent geopolitical uncertainty, and subdued confidence, with improvement expected as inflation falls and financial conditions ease.

Inflation is forecast to continue its downward trajectory, gradually converging toward central-bank targets by 2027. G20 consumer price inflation is projected to fall from 3.4% in 2025 to 2.5% by 2027, stabilizing real incomes and consumption. Nonetheless, sticky services inflation and wage pressures remain in select regions.

Energy markets are poised for easing in 2026 as supply growth outpaces demand. The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects global oil inventories to rise, exerting downward pressure on prices. Brent crude is forecast to average \$55 per barrel in 2026, reflecting robust production and modest demand growth. OPEC+ production strategies and China's ongoing inventory accumulation will likely act as stabilizing forces, limiting the extent of the decline. Electricity demand continues to grow, driven by electrification and energy-intensive sectors such as data centers, though growth is expected to slow slightly. Renewable energy generation continues to expand, contributing to a decline in coal consumption in 2026, though coal inventories and exports remain elevated in some regions.

Platform Availability

- AMP North
- Colonial First State Edge
- Dash
- Insignia (MLC) Expand
- Mason Stevens
- BT Panorama
- Colonial First State FirstChoice
- HUB24
- Macquarie Wrap
- Netwealth

Fund Ratings

- Zenith "Recommended"²
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