

SEPTEMBER 2026

Net return for
September 2026

12.26%

After fees, pre-tax

Net return for FY2027
to date

30.55%

After fees, pre-tax, March y/e

Net return for FY2027
to date for the MSCI ACWI

17.98%

March y/e

If you'd invested \$10,000 five
years ago it'd now be worth

\$22,247

At 0% PIR tax

Net Returns As At 31 August 2026	1 month	6 months	1 year	2 years (pa)	5 years (pa)	Inception (pa)
Lighthouse Global Equity Fund	12.3%	30.6%	1.3%	21.3%	17.3%	
Lighthouse Funds' investment strategy	12.3%	30.6%	1.3%	21.3%	17.3%	19.2%
MSCI ACWI net in NZD	3.6%	18.0%	20.1%	24.2%	16.1%	14.7%

COMMENTARY FOR THIS MONTH

The Fund was up 12.3% in September. A bit over 4% of that was due to the United States dollar strengthening, largely on the back of rising interest rates there, but the other 8% or so was the underlying investments rising in value.

Last month we were cautious that September would, at best, track sideways, based on historical seasonality. But seasonality can be a bit of a fickle guide and September turned out more positively than we'd expected. The major indexes were basically flat for the month, so that tallied with our expectations, but those stocks that had been (harshly?) punished back in July continued their recovery in September.

What that feeds into though is that market breadth is narrowing. There's fewer stocks pushing up to new highs and at the end of September only 25% of the S&P500 was priced above their 50 day average. This narrowing market breadth is something we're watching at the moment.

There's still plenty of good news to support current share prices. Labour markets are improving, retail consumer spending is increasing, those are contributing to rising corporate profits and that's underpinning strong corporate capex.

But, at the same time, interest rates are rising to restrictive levels – partly for “good” reasons (to offset the inflationary push from a strong economy) but partly because of the high supply of debt needed to fund persistent government deficits and the AI capex boom. And energy costs are beginning to bite

(something we can likely all attest to). The energy costs in particular are a big headwind to economic growth.

Markets aren't fully ignoring those problems. They are a big driver of the narrowing market breadth, where companies that are vulnerable to higher debt and/or energy costs are seeing their share prices fall. And higher interest rates lead directly to lower share prices (mathematically, through the formulas for calculating equity values, but also through making investing in bonds relatively more attractive).

So despite a good result in September we find ourselves with much the same outlook we had at the end of August – things could track sideways from here for a while until political uncertainty (US mid-term elections) and geopolitical uncertainty (Iran and the Strait of Hormuz) are resolved.

Meanwhile our simple test of whether the Fund's positions are currently over- or under-valued suggests it's back to being right on fair value. If you look at the cumulative returns chart over the page we've added a red dashed line that shows our rough take on “fair value”, based on our strategy's long-run return. Since AI became a thing in mid-2024 we've seen more volatility, with unhelpful whipsaws. It's not intentional – we think it's just markets grappling (flailing?) with how to properly value the AI opportunities and risks. So the short-term returns measures (up to 1 year) have bounced around quite a lot, but the long-run return trendline has stayed intact at just under 20% pa.

KEY INFORMATION

FUND FEATURES

The Lighthouse Global Equity Fund is a portfolio of very large market capitalisation “blue chip” stocks, listed on the major United States exchanges, that have growth characteristics. The Fund intentionally seeks companies with high liquidity, very conservative levels of debt, and strong histories of revenue and profit growth. This is a high conviction portfolio of about 25 positions.

The Fund’s objective is to deliver long-run net returns that are at least 2% pa higher than those of the MSCI All Country World Index. That index has averaged 13% pa over the last 5 years, so the Fund targets long-run net returns of at least 15% pa.

FUND FACTS

Fund name	Lighthouse Global Equity Fund
Fund type	PIE unit trust
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI, net, in NZD
Management fee	1% pa + GST (approx. 1.05% pa)
Performance fee	30% of returns in excess of the MSCI ACWI + 2% pa (we expect this hurdle to average 14-15% pa over time), with a perpetual high tide mark
Buy/sell spread	0.10%/0.10%
Manager	FundRock NZ
Investment manager	Lighthouse Funds
Supervisor	Public Trust
Custodian	Adminis
Auditor	KPMG

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

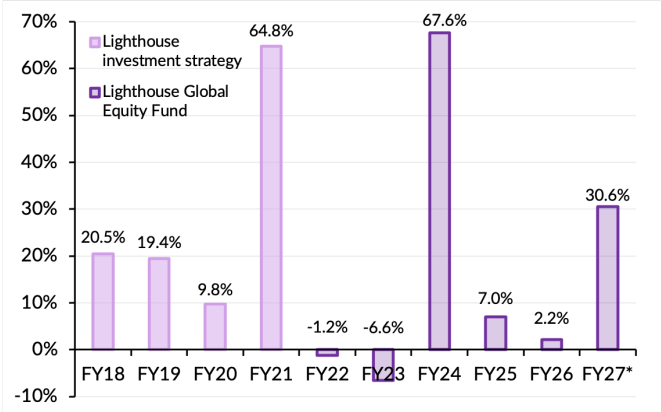
Holding	% of Fund NAV
Cash	23.8%
Invesco Optimum Yield Diversified Commodity Trust	9.2%
Nvidia	7.8%
Micron	7.5%
Guardant Health	7.3%
Flex	5.1%
AMD	4.4%
Lumentum	4.3%
Fortinet	3.9%
Celastica	3.8%

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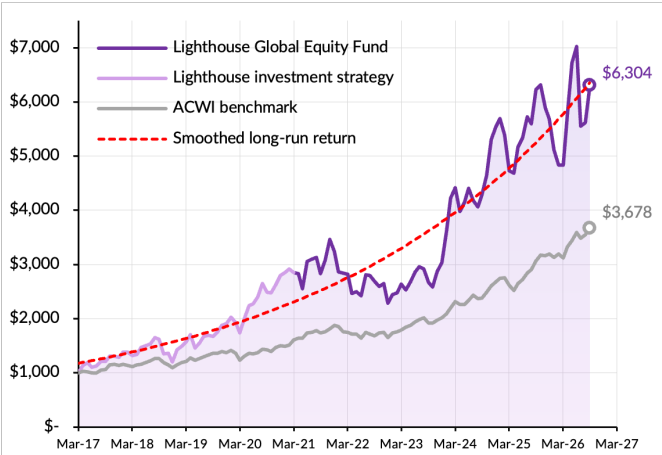
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PERFORMANCE

Returns by financial year (March year ends)



Cumulative returns



RISK

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The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the Fund’s assets goes up and down (volatility). A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way.