

Global Blue Chip Fund

Quarter 4 2025

Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth in the value of the assets.

Investment policy

To hold a global portfolio of international blue chip equities. Blue chip is defined as an internationally recognised company, often the leader in its field, with a lengthy history of profit growth and quality management.

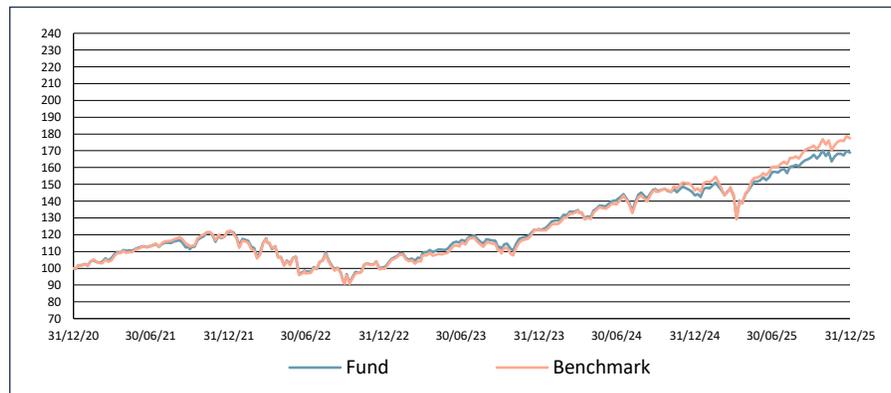
Investment process

The primary consideration for our equity process is to focus on large capitalisation companies with market leadership positions and a history of consistent earnings growth.

Key facts as at 31 December 2025

Currency	USD
Valuation	Weekly
Dealings	Tuesday
Front end fee	None
Units available	Accumulation
Identifier	BUTGBCF KY
Fiscal year end	30 June
Minimum investment	USD 5,000
Total expense ratio	1.58%
Size of fund (millions)	USD 23.8
NAV per share	USD 36.33
Risk rating	High risk/High return

Performance chart



Average annual compound returns

	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years
Fund	17.84%	18.83%	11.05%	13.29%	11.06%
Benchmark	21.09%	21.17%	12.15%	14.78%	12.33%

Fund review

The MSCI World Index returned 3.1% in US dollar terms in Q4, with all major regions generating positive returns. Although the MSCI World fell 1.79% in Q1, a gain of 11.5% followed in Q2 and 7.3% in Q3. Over the full year, global equities returned 21.1%, considerably higher than the long-run average.

Although the US imposed tariffs on trading partners, the rates fluctuated during the year. The announced rate was around 18% but settled at a much lower 12%. Markets were aided by multiple exemptions, trade re-routing, improved supply chain management and a lack of retaliation, with the exception of China prior to negotiations. Tariffs have led to a fall in Chinese exports to the US, from 22% in 2017 to close to 8%.

One of the key tariff risks was inflation. The US core PCE inflation rate was around 2.8% in 2025, higher than the central bank target. Goldman Sachs estimates that, excluding tariffs, the underlying inflation rate is 2.3%, which helps to explain why the Federal Reserve felt confident enough to cut interest rates by 0.25% three times in 2025.

Global equities were also supported by earnings growth, around 10% in 2025, led by Technology and Communication Services, up 26% and 18% respectively. However, Energy sector earnings fell 4%, while Consumer Discretionary fell 3%. Consumer Staples earnings were flat, but all other sectors saw positive earnings growth.

The boom in Artificial Intelligence led to a wave of investment into semiconductors, data centres and power infrastructure. Technology companies like Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Microsoft are



Benchmark composition

100% MSCI World USD Index.

All benchmark components are calculated on a total return basis i.e. dividends included and net of appropriate withholding taxes.

Note: As at 1 July 2018 the benchmark changed from the S&P Global 100 to the MSCI World.

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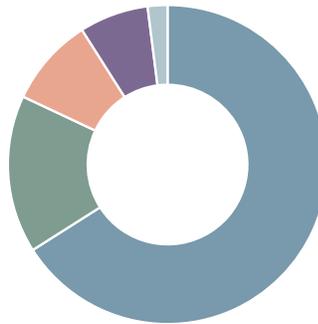
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collectively spending around \$380 billion this year, benefitting other sectors including Communication Services, Industrials, and Utilities. Profits for some, such as Nvidia, soared, but for others, returns will only show up in future years.

Other notable performance moves in the quarter were European Financials and Emerging Market (EM) equities. European Banks have benefitted from positive interest rates since 2022, while EM equities were the best performing region last year with a gain of 33.6% in US dollar terms, due to resilient global growth and a weaker dollar.

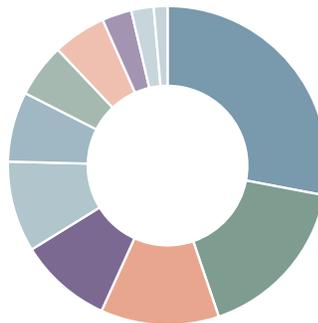
Valuations remain elevated relative to history based on price-to-earnings ratios, but corporates have demonstrated an impressive ability to deliver profits. The market is very exposed to the AI theme based on assumptions around demand for computing power and real-world productive growth. We are watching these trends closely, but earnings growth and advances in technology are both positive for equity markets.

Geographic allocation



North America	66%
UK / European	16%
Global	9%
Japan	7%
Emerging Markets	2%

Equity sector allocation



Information Technology	28.0%
Financials	16.8%
Health Care	12.0%
Communication Services	9.4%
Industrials	9.2%
Consumer Discretionary	7.1%
Consumer Staples	5.5%
Energy	5.4%
Materials	3.0%
Utilities	2.3%
Real Estate	1.4%

Note: Regional index tracking products have been excluded.

Top 10 holdings

1	NVIDIA CORP	Information Technology	7.02%
2	APPLE COMPUTER INC	Information Technology	4.94%
3	ALPHABET INC CLASS C	Communication Services	4.73%
4	MICROSOFT CORP	Information Technology	4.27%
5	AMAZON COM INC	Consumer Discretionary	2.90%
6	NOVARTIS A G	Health Care	2.56%
7	META PLATFORMS INC-CLASS A	Communication Services	2.35%
8	SIEMENS AG	Industrials	2.20%
9	E.ON SE NPV	Utilities	2.07%
10	BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION	Financials	2.03%

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