

NIKKO AM GLOBAL SHARES HEDGED STRATEGY

Assets are held in the Nikko AM NZ Wholesale Global Shares Hedged Fund. The Nikko AM Global Shares Hedged Fund (retail) invest in units in the wholesale fund, which the commentary refers to.

Market Overview

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Fund Highlights

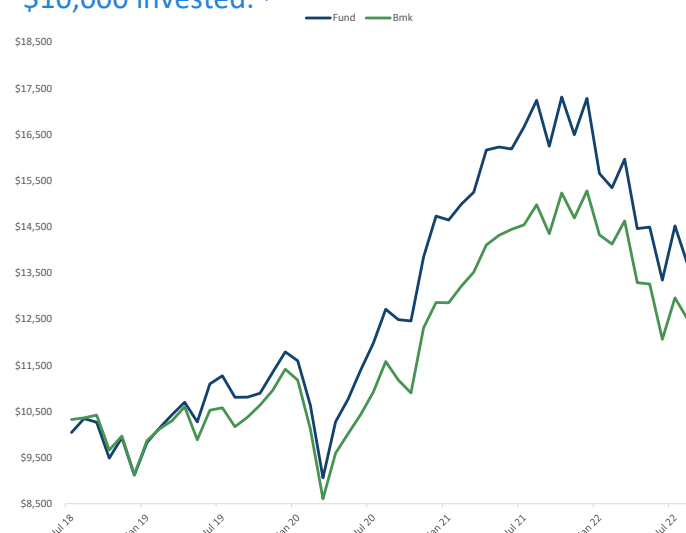
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- Positive contributors to fund performance over the month Palomar, Progressive Corporation and Deer & Company.
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Performance

	One month	Three months	One year	Three years (p.a)	Five years (p.a)
Wholesale ¹	-5.64%	-5.47%	-20.54%	8.23%	-
Benchmark ²	-3.50%	-5.69%	-16.50%	7.14%	-
Retail ³	-4.39%	-6.16%	-20.84%	7.14%	-

1. Returns are before tax and before the deduction of fees. Based on actual calendar periods.
2. Benchmark: MSCI All Countries World Index (net dividends reinvested), 139% gross hedged to NZD. No tax or fees.
3. Returns are before tax and after the deduction of fees and expenses and including tax credits (if any). Based on change in unit price

Since Inception Cumulative Performance (gross), \$10,000 invested.^{1,2}



Investment Manager

The Global Shares Strategy is managed by Nikko AM's Global Equity team that is based in Edinburgh, Scotland. With over 20 years average experience, team members have dual roles of portfolio manager and analyst responsibility and work together on an equal basis to construct client portfolios. This flat investment structure and investment process has been in place since the team's foundation.

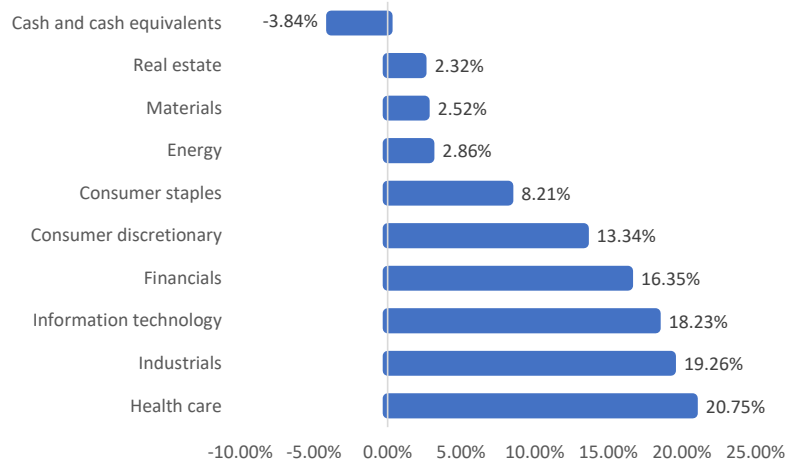
Overview

The fund provides investors with a relatively concentrated actively managed portfolio of global equities to achieve long term capital growth with currency exposure created as a consequence of global equity investment hedged to NZD.

Objective

The fund aims to outperform the benchmark, gross hedged 139% to NZD return by 3% per annum before fees, expenses and taxes over a rolling three-year period.

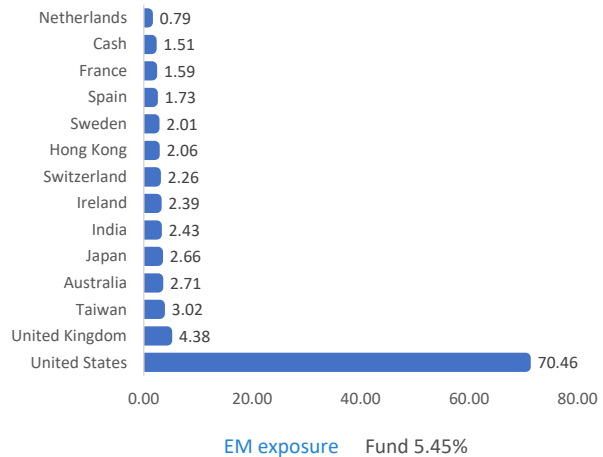
Asset Allocation



Top 10 Holdings

	% of Fund	Country
Microsoft Corp	6.51	US
Compass Group	3.85	UK
Danaher Corp	3.42	US
Coca Cola Co	3.38	US
Intercontinental Exchange	3.23	US
Palomar Inc	3.22	US
Taiwan Semicon Ltd	3.19	Taiwan
Carlisle Cos Inc.	3.08	US
Worley Ltd	2.86	AUS
Sony Corp	2.81	Japan

Geographical Allocation



Market Commentary

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Fund Commentary

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Key Fund Facts

Distributions: Generally does not distribute.

Hedging Any foreign currency exposure is gross hedged at 139% to NZD. The permitted operational hedging range is 134% to 144%.

Exclusions Securities that conduct activities listed on the Schedule to Cluster Munitions Prohibition Act 2009. Tobacco manufacturers

Restrictions Adult entertainment, tobacco stocks, ‘controversial weapons’, gambling, fossil fuels, alcohol stocks. For more information, please refer to the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) which can be found on our website <https://www.nikkoam.co.nz/invest/retail>.

Estimated annual fund charges

Wholesale: negotiated outside of the unit price
Retail 1.20%, refer to PDS for more details

Buy/Sell spread 0.07%/0.07%

Strategy launch July 2018

Strategy size

\$241m

Compliance

The wholesale fund complied with its investment mandate and trust deed during the month.

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