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DEVON GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND

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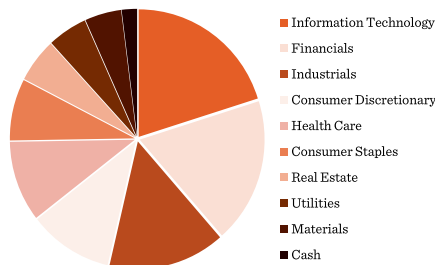
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The **Devon Global Sustainability Fund** is actively managed and seeks to deliver long-term total returns in excess of the MSCI All Country World Index (50% hedged to NZD) by investing in the equities of companies globally, that generate high return on capital relative to their peers, and whose management teams and boards display exemplary stewardship to sustain those returns over time. We define stewardship as how companies balance the interests of all stakeholders (customers, employees, communities and the supply chain) in the pursuit of profits and how they incorporate material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities in their corporate strategy. The Fund targets net zero emissions by 2050 in alignment with the Paris Agreement.

KEY HOLDINGS



ASSET ALLOCATION



ALLOCATION

Wellington Global Stewards Fund NZD Unhedged	97.1%	Cash	2.9%
Currency Hedge	51.5%	Total	100%

PERFORMANCE

	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yr p.a
Devon Global Sustainability Fund	-0.9%	1.5%	16.3%	17.8%
MSCI All Country World Index in NZD, 50% hedged to NZD	-0.3%	3.4%	20.8%	22.5%

Devon Global Sustainability Fund returns are after all fees and expenses, but before tax which varies by investor.

FUND PERFORMANCE AND ATTRIBUTION

The fund modestly underperformed the index for the period.

Security selection was the primary driver of relative underperformance. Weak selection in information technology, consumer staples and industrials was partially offset by selection in financials and consumer discretionary. Sector allocation, a result of our bottom-up stock selection process, contributed to returns. Allocation effect was driven by our lack of exposure to communication services and overweight to consumer staples and real estate, but partially offset by our lack of exposure to energy and overweight to consumer discretionary. On a market basis, weak stock selection in United Kingdom, Japan and Spain was partially offset by selection in United States and Hong Kong.

At the issuer level, our top two relative contributors were not owning Alphabet and Tesla, while our top two relative detractors were overweights to Wolters Kluwer and Recruit Holdings

Shares of Alphabet, a US-based technology conglomerate, fell during the period after the company reported mixed 4Q24 earnings and revenues. While company earnings surpassed expectations, revenues from its Google Cloud unit fell short of consensus estimates as the company continues to roll out its Gemini 2.0 artificial intelligence model.

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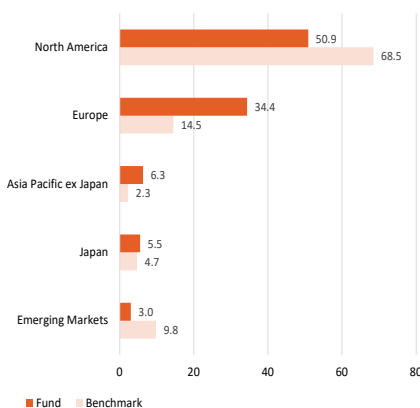


MARKET REVIEW

Global equities fell in February. The US government’s foreign policy sent shockwaves through global markets, as uncertainty about the timing and scope of tariffs unsettled markets. US tariffs on Chinese imports took effect in February, prompting China to retaliate with levies on US exports. Additionally, the US initiated tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, while threatening to reinstate levies on imports from the European Union, Canada, and Mexico. The US Federal Reserve signaled a patient approach to additional rate cuts, while European equities accelerated amid the European Central Bank’s dovish policy stance and signs of an improving economic backdrop, including easing credit conditions, stabilizing purchasing managers’ indices, and plans to reduce regulatory burdens. In Germany, the center-right Christian Democratic Union and the Christian Social Union won the federal election, fueling optimism that the new government will invigorate the economy. European markets were initially encouraged by hopes for a resolution to the conflict in Ukraine. However, optimism waned when the US paused military aid, causing negotiations to deteriorate. Chinese stocks jolted higher following last month’s DeepSeek announcement and President Xi Jinping’s public endorsement of Chinese technology companies. Australia’s central bank cut rates for the first time in four years, signaling caution about further reductions. Japan’s inflation accelerated in January as the yen strengthened, and the Bank of Japan remained on track to raise interest rates again.

The MSCI All Country World Index Net returned -0.6% (in USD terms) for the period. Within the index, four out of 11 sectors declined for the month. Consumer discretionary and communication services were the bottom performing sectors, while consumer staples and real estate were the top performing sectors for the period.

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION % OF EQUITY



Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

FUND PERFORMANCE AND ATTRIBUTION (CONTINUED)

Shares of Wolters Kluwer fell during the period after the Dutch information services company announced that its long-time CEO, Nancy McKinstry, would retire in February 2026 and Stacey Caywood, the current CEO of the company’s Health division would take over. The company also released its full-year 2024 earnings with growth of 6% in organic revenue and 11% in earnings per share.

FUND POSITIONING AND OUTLOOK

At the end of the period, our largest overweights were health care and consumer staples. We were most underweight to communication services, which we had no exposure to. From a regional perspective, our largest overweight was Europe and we were most underweight to North America and Emerging Markets.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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Mark Mandel is the lead portfolio manager and has full responsibility for investment decisions and leveraging the best long-term investment ideas from the firm’s global



industry analysts and collaborating extensively with Wellington Management’s broad base of investment resources. Mark has 30 years of industry experience.

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