Apostle Dundas Global Equity Fund – Class C

Australian PDS and New Zealand Clients – ARSN 093 116 771 APIR ETL0438AU

Monthly Report – October 2026

Investment Objective

- The target is to exceed the MSCI All Country World ex Australia Index by 2.5% p.a. after all fees and expenses on a rolling 5-year basis.
- Long term dividend growth and capital appreciation.

Investment Firm

Established in 2010, Dundas Global Investors ("Dundas") is an independent Investment Management firm based in Edinburgh that manages a single investment strategy, global equities.

Dundas can best be categorised as Quality Growth, with a focus on companies with strong and sustainable returns on equity and a growing dividend stream.

Key Advantages

- Pro-active management of both components of total return (capital and dividends)
- Enhanced research that capitalises on technology

Investment Style

Dundas invests for capital and income growth. The team uses fundamental, bottom-up research to find companies capable of real long-term wealth generation that will lead to sustainable capital and dividend growth. While dividends are an important part of the investment proposition, Dundas places greater emphasis on future income streams as opposed to current payout ratios. The resulting portfolio is globally diversified, has an average holding period of more than five years, with satisfactory upside and good downside capture statistics.

Characteristics

Unit Price (NAV)	AUD$2.5155
Fund Size (AUD)	AUD$2,645.94M
Tax Losses Available (As at last distribution period)	AUD$169.33M
Portfolio Inception Date	August 2012
Inception Date - Class C	June 2015
Companies in Portfolio	Targeting 50-65 holdings
Sub-Investment Manager	Dundas Global Investors
Management Fee	0.90% p.a. (inc. GST and RITC)
Buy/Sell Spread	0.15% / 0.15%
Portfolio Management Team	Alan McFarlane – Chair David Keir – Managing Partner James Curry – Partner Gavin Harvie – Partner Andrew Brown – Partner
Responsible Entity	K2 Asset Management Ltd
Custodian/Registry	State Street Australia Limited

Source: Dundas Global Investors as at 31/10/26

Performance

Return (%)	1 mth	3 mth	1 yr	3 yr (p.a.)	5 yr (p.a.)	7 yr (p.a.)	10 yr (p.a.)	Incep (p.a.) ^
Total (gross)	0.41	0.53	-0.47	11.12	6.36	10.08	12.84	10.54
Total (net)	0.34	0.30	-1.35	10.13	5.42	9.10	11.83	9.55
Relative (gross)	3.21	0.85	-4.97	-7.04	-5.24	-2.50	-0.51	-1.00
Relative (net)	3.14	0.62	-5.85	-8.03	-6.18	-3.48	-1.52	-1.98

BENCHMARK REPORTING UPDATE

From 1 July 2026, this factsheet uses the MSCI All Country World ex Australia Index when presenting benchmark and relative performance. Previous factsheets used the Solactive GBS Global Markets ex Australia Large & Mid Cap AUD Index as a reporting proxy. Relative historical performance has been updated using MSCI data and may therefore differ from previously published figures. The Fund's benchmark and investment objective have not changed.

Source: State Street Performance & Analytics Australia, Dundas Global Investors, MSCI. Fund performance calculated using exit prices and shown on a total return basis (net dividends reinvested). **^** Performance inception date is 4th June 2015. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Portfolio Characteristics

No of Holdings	51
Dividend Yield	1.42
Turnover* (last 12 months)	19.20%
Price/Earnings	24.70
Price/Cash Flow	17.86
Price/Book Value	5.33
Beta (ex-ante)	0.83
Average market capitalisation	$303.68bn
Median market capitalisation	$91.15bn
Tracking error (1 year)	6.38%

*Turnover calculated as ((Purchases + Sales)/2) / average assets during the period. Source: Dundas Global Investors and Apostle Funds Management as at 31/10/26

Market Cap Exposure (% weight by capital)

Range	Fund
>US$ 500bn	19.99
US$ 100 - 500bn	35.97
US$ 50 - 100bn	19.44
US$ 10 - 50bn	20.54
US$ 2 - 10bn	3.40

Source: Dundas Global Investors as at 31/10/26

Top Ten Holdings by Capital (% weight)

Stock	Fund	Active Weight*
TSMC	4.62	4.62
Microsoft	4.04	0.34
Applied Materials	3.93	3.62
Amphenol	3.83	3.64
Visa	3.66	2.97
Alphabet	3.57	2.26
Analog Devices	3.53	3.33
DBS Group	3.01	2.89
Thermo Fisher Scientific	2.87	2.61
American Express	2.77	2.60
TOTAL	35.84	28.87

*Active Weight relative to the Index. Source: Dundas Global Investors and Apostle Funds Management as at 31/10/26

Regional Allocation (%)

Country	Fund	Active Weight*
United States	51.64	-12.75
France	11.49	9.70
Switzerland	4.72	2.26
Taiwan	4.62	1.34
Sweden	4.43	3.68
Germany	4.13	2.25
Japan	3.73	-1.42
Hong Kong	3.36	2.64
Singapore	3.01	2.62
Denmark	2.63	2.27
United Kingdom	2.51	-0.67
Netherlands	2.20	0.82
Philippines	0.89	0.86

*Active Weight relative to the Index. Source: Dundas Global Investors and Apostle Funds Management as at 31/10/26

Sector Exposure (%)

Sector	Fund	Active Weight*
Information Technology	30.46	-1.14
Financials	24.33	8.07
Health Care	17.48	8.07
Industrials	10.98	0.68
Consumer Discretionary	5.15	-3.45
Materials	3.71	0.55
Communication Services	3.57	-3.55
Consumer Staples	2.68	-2.43
Energy	0.98	-3.52
Real Estate	0.00	-1.50
Utilities	0.00	-2.45
Cash	0.66	0.66

*Active Weight relative to the Index. Source: Dundas Global Investors and Apostle Funds Management as at 31/10/26

Performance and Portfolio Comment

Market overview

Global equities declined in October, with the MSCI ACWI ex Australia Index returning -2.8% in Australian dollars. Weakness was widespread. North America fell 2.0%, with the United States declining 2.2%, while Asia Pacific returned-8.6%, led lower by South Korea, Taiwan and China. Western Europe proved more resilient, returning-0.3%, supported by gains in Switzerland and Denmark.

At the sector level, most areas of the market declined. Information Technology fell 8.8% and detracted 2.9 percentage points from the index return, reflecting weakness among AI-related semiconductor companies. Communication Services also fell sharply, returning-13.8% and detracting a further 1.1 percentage points. These declines more than accounted for the index's fall and offset positive returns from Energy, Consumer Staples, Health Care and Consumer Discretionary.

October therefore marked a reversal of September's narrow, technology-led advance. The areas that had driven the market higher came under the greatest pressure, while returns broadened towards less highly valued and more economically diverse parts of the market.

Source: Dundas; Bloomberg; MSCI

Performance overview

Over the past 12 months, the Fund has posted a total return net of fees of -1.35%, while the MSCI All Country World ex Australia Index gained 4.50%. In October the Fund returned 0.34% net of fees outperforming the market by 3.14%.

Stock selection within the Financials and IT sectors were the largest drivers of the outperformance over the month. The Fund's overweight to Health Care was also a positive contributor.

Being underweight Energy, which was the best performing sector this month was the largest detractor from performance. Stock selection within the Consumer Discretionary sector also weighed on performance.

From a regional perspective, stock selection within Europe, and in particular France and the UK, was accretive to performance as was the Fund's overweight to the region. Stock selection within Asia Pacific and North America also added to the relative outperformance.

The top five contributors were EssilorLuxottica, Sage Group, Visa, Dassault Systemes and L'Oreal.

The bottom five contributors were Applied Materials, TSMC, Alphabet, ASML Holding and Amphenol.

Dividends

The monthly average dividend increase was 15.2%, and the announcements consisted of Amphenol 20.0%, Visa 16.4% and Brown & Brown 9.1%.

Portfolio changes

There were no new investments or complete sales during the month.

Source: Dundas, Bloomberg, MSCI, State Street.

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