



DUNDAS GLOBAL EQUITY GROWTH

Q2 2026 Update

FIRM SUMMARY

Dundas Global Investors is a partnership based in Edinburgh, Scotland. We manage investments for institutional and professional clients across the UK, USA, Australia, and New Zealand.

Founded in 2010, we have a single strategy of investing in global equities for long-term dividend growth. We work as one team, focused on one goal. Our philosophy remains unchanged since inception.

Our guiding principles of alignment and independence manifest in our structure. By co-investing in the strategy, the team is aligned with the firm's philosophy and the objectives of our clients.

Assets	\$M
Firm	2,505
Global strategies	2,175
International strategy	195
International ADR strategies	135

Strategy data	
Holdings (#)	53
Sectors (#)	9
Countries (#)	14
Average Market Cap	\$294bn
Median Market Cap	\$87bn
P/E (next 12 months)	21.3x
Forward dividend yield	1.5%
Active share	90%

INVESTMENT BELIEFS

1 LONG TERM EQUITY RETURNS CAN BE LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO GROWTH IN DIVIDENDS:

We aim to outperform by investing in companies that can deliver higher dividend growth than the market.

2 REINVESTMENT AND DIVIDEND GROWTH GO HAND IN HAND:

We focus on owning the few special companies that we believe can reinvest in R&D, M&A and capital expansion to drive long term dividend growth.

3 OWNING DIVIDEND-PAYING COMPANIES CAN REDUCE RISK:

Dividends are typically less volatile than both share prices and earnings, whilst the discipline of paying a growing dividend, we believe, leads to superior capital allocation.

DIVIDEND DECLARATIONS

Excludes special dividends and buy backs

Stock	Change (%)	Stock	Change (%)	Stock	Change (%)
Keyence	57.1	Equifax	12.0	Salesforce	5.8
Hannover Re	38.9	Analog Devices	11.1	Straumann Holding	5.3
Hong Kong Exchanges	35.2	WR Berkley	11.1	Deutsche Boerse	5.0
TSMC	29.4	DBS Group	10.8	Novonesis	4.8
Lonza	25.0	WW Grainger	10.2	Alphabet	4.8
HDFC Bank	18.2	AIA Group	10.0	Dassault Systemes	3.9
ASML	17.2	Ross Stores	9.9	L'Oreal	2.9
American Express	15.9	Ametek	9.7	Novo Nordisk	2.6
Applied Materials	15.2	Booking Holdings	9.4	EssilorLuxottica	1.3
Nasdaq	14.8	Thermo Fisher Scientific	9.3	LVMH	0.0
MSCI	13.9	Assa Abloy	8.5	Atlas	0.0
Air Liquide	12.1	Sonova	6.8	Alcon	0.0
Quarterly Average	17.6				
YTD Average	12.4				

PERFORMANCE

Global Equity Growth Composite	Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
Composite return (gross)	11.99	7.50	10.78	5.89	11.77	10.37
Composite return (net)	11.85	6.94	10.19	5.33	11.19	9.82
MSCI ACWI	14.93	23.67	19.70	10.98	12.78	11.43

Source: Morningstar, MSCI, Dundas. All data shown is percentage total return in US Dollars to 30 June 2026. Periods over one year are annualised. Dundas Global Strategy inception date 1 September 2012. Global Equity Growth GIPS® composite report is included at the end of this document. Past performance is not an indicator of future results.

QUARTERLY TRANSACTIONS

Purchases	Sector	Listed	Sales	Sector	Listed
MonotaRO	Industrials	Japan	Accenture	I.T.	United States
Nordnet	Financials	Sweden	MSCI	Financials	United States
Chugai Pharmaceutical	Health Care	Japan			
ICTS	Industrials	Philippines			

REVIEW

Concentrated Leadership, AI Exuberance and the Need for Discipline

Global equity markets rose during the second quarter, but the underlying pattern of returns was unusually narrow. Market-cap weighted indices continued to outperform their equal-weighted counterparts, with gains led by a small group of AI-linked mega-cap and infrastructure beneficiaries. This has flattered headline index returns, but it also means that investors in broad passive benchmarks are increasingly exposed to the fortunes of a limited number of crowded winners. Narrow leadership can persist for long periods, particularly in strong bull markets, but it also reduces the market's margin of safety if expectations begin to disappoint.

The dominant theme was the continuing strength of the AI capital-expenditure cycle. Semiconductor companies and infrastructure enablers delivered strong earnings growth and upgrades, supported by robust order books and sustained hyperscaler demand. The divergence within technology was notable: suppliers to the AI build-out were rewarded, while many of the largest technology platforms funding that build-out faced more muted share-price performance as capital intensity increased and free cash flow came under pressure. The market is therefore beginning to distinguish between the immediate beneficiaries of AI spending and the companies required to fund it.

Memory has become one of the clearest examples of this tension. Demand for high-bandwidth memory has surged as inference workloads expand, leaving Micron, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix unable to produce enough supply to meet demand. Tight capacity has driven significant price increases and encouraged customers to support future production through supply agreements that include up-front deposits, take-or-pay clauses and floor prices. Share prices have responded dramatically, with one-year gains of 813% for Micron, 395% for Samsung Electronics and 737% for SK Hynix in US dollar terms. On headline earnings multiples these companies may still appear inexpensive, but balance-sheet valuations tell a different story, with businesses that historically traded around 1–2x book value now trading closer to 5x for Samsung and around 12x for Micron and SK Hynix.

That matters because the key investment question is not whether current earnings are strong, but whether they are sustainable. When a cyclical industry moves from shortage to exuberance, reported profits can rise faster than underlying long-term value. The decision by SK Hynix to pursue a \$29bn Nasdaq cross-listing via ADRs is a timely reminder that companies may choose to raise capital when market conditions are unusually favourable. This does not mean the AI investment cycle is illusory, but it does suggest that investors should be careful about extrapolating today's exceptional profitability too far into the future.

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The cost pressure from AI demand is also beginning to affect customers as evidenced by Apple's unusual decision to raise device prices mid-cycle without a hardware refresh, citing the rapid expansion of AI data centres and the extraordinary surge in demand for memory and storage. If component costs rise quickly enough to force higher prices for PCs, smartphones and other devices, there is a risk that demand destruction eventually feeds back into the same supply chain now enjoying exceptional conditions. Similarly, if hyperscalers continue to see margins and free cash flow squeezed by very large AI expenditures, capital discipline may reassert itself.

This is why we believe the appropriate response is discipline rather than defensiveness. It is not necessary to abandon equities, nor to reject the productivity potential of AI. It is necessary to distinguish between companies whose earnings are being temporarily boosted by a bottleneck and companies whose competitive advantages, cash generation and reinvestment opportunities can endure through a cycle. At Dundas, we are most interested in businesses that can fund their own growth, earn attractive returns on capital, maintain prudent balance sheets and allocate capital in a way that supports long-term dividend growth.

Factor performance during the quarter also reflected the same market backdrop. Momentum continued to outperform across regions, benefiting from persistent leadership in a narrow set of stocks. Low volatility, often associated with more defensive or quality companies, lagged. Rising bond yields, with US 10-year yields moving back towards roughly 4.5% during the quarter, reduced the relative appeal of defensive equities and compressed valuation premia. This combination of strong momentum, narrow leadership and pressure on lower-volatility assets is consistent with a market rewarding immediate earnings acceleration over the steadier attributes of compounding.

Several signs of excess are becoming harder to ignore. Low cash allocations suggest investors are increasingly fully invested, while elevated margin debt indicates greater use of leverage to participate in the rally. Valuation and concentration indicators also suggest that broad equity indices carry a larger implicit bet on AI-linked mega-cap companies than many investors may appreciate. None of these observations guarantees an imminent correction, but together they point to a narrower margin for error. When leadership is concentrated, cash balances are low, leverage is high and earnings expectations are elevated, even a modest disappointment can have a disproportionate effect on index-level returns.

The benign outcome would be a broadening of market leadership. In that scenario, earnings growth would rotate beyond AI infrastructure and mega-cap technology into cyclicals, financials, industrials, healthcare, non-US equities and companies less directly connected to the AI theme. Such a broadening would make index returns healthier and reduce dependence on a narrow set of winners, even if the largest stocks were to pause. This would also create a more constructive environment for disciplined stock selection, particularly where fundamentals are improving but valuations have not already discounted perfection.

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A more subdued, but still manageable, outcome would be a period of valuation digestion. Equity indices could move sideways while earnings catch up, momentum cools and capital rotates towards companies with stronger free-cash-flow support and more sober expectations. This would not be an unhealthy development. Markets periodically need time to distinguish between genuine long-term compounders and companies whose recent results reflect unusually favourable cyclical conditions. For long-term investors, such periods can create opportunities to add to high-quality businesses at more attractive valuations.

The adverse scenario would be a leadership unwind. This could be triggered by evidence that AI capital expenditure is crowding out free cash flow, that memory pricing is damaging end demand, or that higher-for-longer rates are placing renewed pressure on long-duration equity multiples. The concentration, margin debt and low cash allocation indicators discussed suggest that selling pressure could be amplified if investors are positioned for continuation rather than disappointment. This is not a forecast, but it is a risk worth respecting.

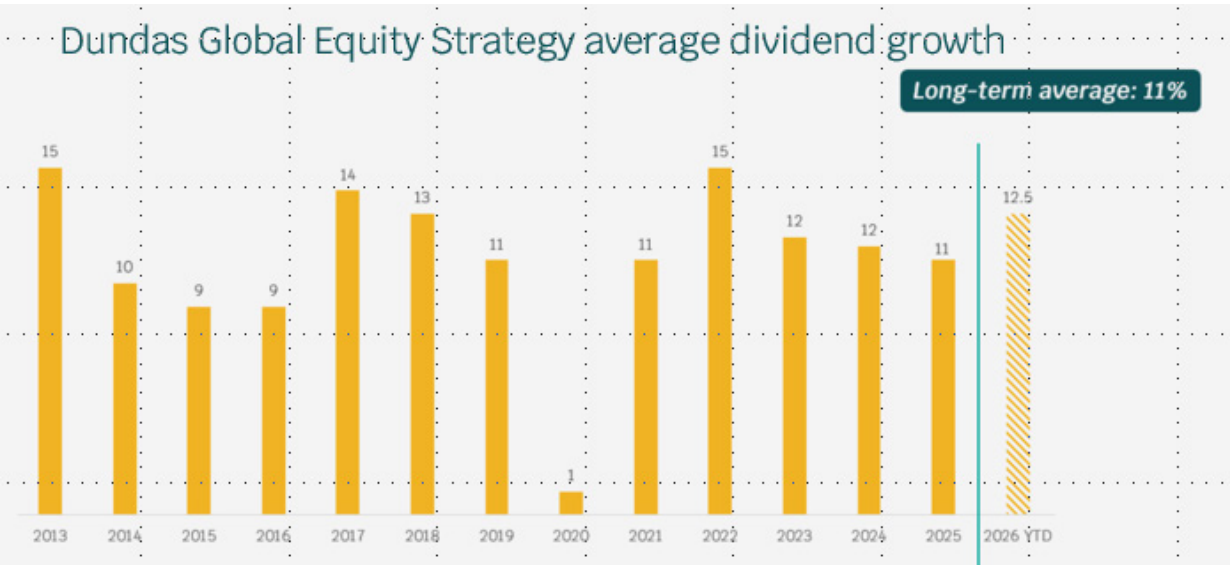
Our positioning reflects that balance of opportunity and risk. We have been reducing some AI capital-expenditure beneficiaries where expectations appear excessive, avoiding the temptation to add to crowded momentum exposures after parabolic moves, and looking for opportunities in areas where fundamentals are improving but investor expectations remain more measured such as areas of Financials, Health Care and Industrials.

This is consistent with the Dundas approach. We are not trying to own what is most exciting in the market at any point in time. We are trying to own companies whose economics can compound over years. That requires evidence of persistent profitability, resilient margins, sensible capital allocation, strong competitive positions and the ability to grow dividends over time. A rising dividend is not simply an income stream; it is a signal that profits are being converted into cash, that boards are willing to return capital, and that management believes growth can be funded without over-stretching the balance sheet.

Quarter two therefore reinforced a familiar lesson. Markets can reward a narrow story for longer than expected, but concentration is not diversification and momentum is not durability. Where expectations are high, the hurdle for investor capital should be higher still. We remain focused on businesses that can reinvest at attractive returns, fund growth internally, grow dividends sustainably and create value through the cycle. In our view, that remains the best guide through a market increasingly shaped by exuberance, leverage and concentration.

OUTLOOK

Dividend Growth in Context



Source: Bloomberg. Data as at 30 June 2026.

Putting our dividend growth track record in the context of the rolling five-year total return is important. It shows that over our minimum recommended holding period of at least five years, the Strategy has delivered a total return broadly in line with, but slightly above, its average dividend growth. Where dividends grow, share prices follow, is not just a belief, it is borne out by these facts.

Critically, dividend growth has accelerated to 12.4% through the first half of calendar 2026. This has been driven by a diverse range of companies across insurance (Hannover Re, AIA), I.T. industrials (Keyence, TSMC, ASML), financials (American Express, NASDAQ) and healthcare (Lonza) and is less monolithic than the market earnings growth that is centred on AI.



Source: Bloomberg. Data as at 30 June 2026 in AUD.

OUTLOOK

Continued Strength with Relative Value

	Dundas Global Equity Growth	MSCI ACWI
Dividend Growth	12.1%	9.0%
Forward Dividend Yield	1.5%	1.7%
PEG	1.7	2.0
Forward P/E	21x	18x
PEGY	1.5	1.7

Source: Bloomberg. Data as at 30 June 2026.

With portfolio returns on capital averaging 20%, and retaining 65% of profits for reinvestment, the Strategy's dividend growth is expected to continue to trend between 11% and 13% p.a. A similar calculation for the MSCI ACWI Index suggests 9% p.a., a significant premium to long-term trend growth of around 6.5% p.a.

Price to Earnings (PE) ratio is what you pay, PEG is what you get, which is a measure of PE relative to growth. As per the table above, the Strategy's trade off between valuation and growth now looks relatively attractive.

While valuations at the benchmark level have generally trended higher over the last ten years, the Strategy's forward PE has been falling since late 2021, briefly dipping below 20x in June 2026. A similar trend has been observed in dividend yield. The dividend yield of the Strategy is around 10% below that of the benchmark (1.5% vs 1.7%), this is despite having significantly higher growth and quality characteristics. In fact, this ~10% dividend yield premium is around the lowest since inception of the Strategy. In essence, investors are having to pay very little extra for quality, which can be considered on sale.

The history of this yield relative is shown below. Everything is cyclical, including Strategy and style performance. This chart suggests to us that we are likely near the beginning of a performance cycle that favours quality growth investing. Notably, when the Strategy's relative yield was at similar levels, a 10% to 15% premium to the benchmark, the Strategy's prospective rolling five-year returns averaged 14.1% p.a. (2017/22).



Source: Bloomberg. Data as at 30 June 2026.

QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION

The Strategy delivered a strong absolute return during the quarter, although this lagged the benchmark. The Strategy participated meaningfully in the market recovery, particularly through several high-conviction holdings exposed to semiconductor capital equipment and AI infrastructure. However, these gains were offset by weakness in Health Care and Financials, together with regional headwinds in Asia Pacific and Western Europe.

Three developments were particularly noteworthy during the quarter.

First, the strongest positive stock-level contributions came from our “picks and shovels” AI holdings.

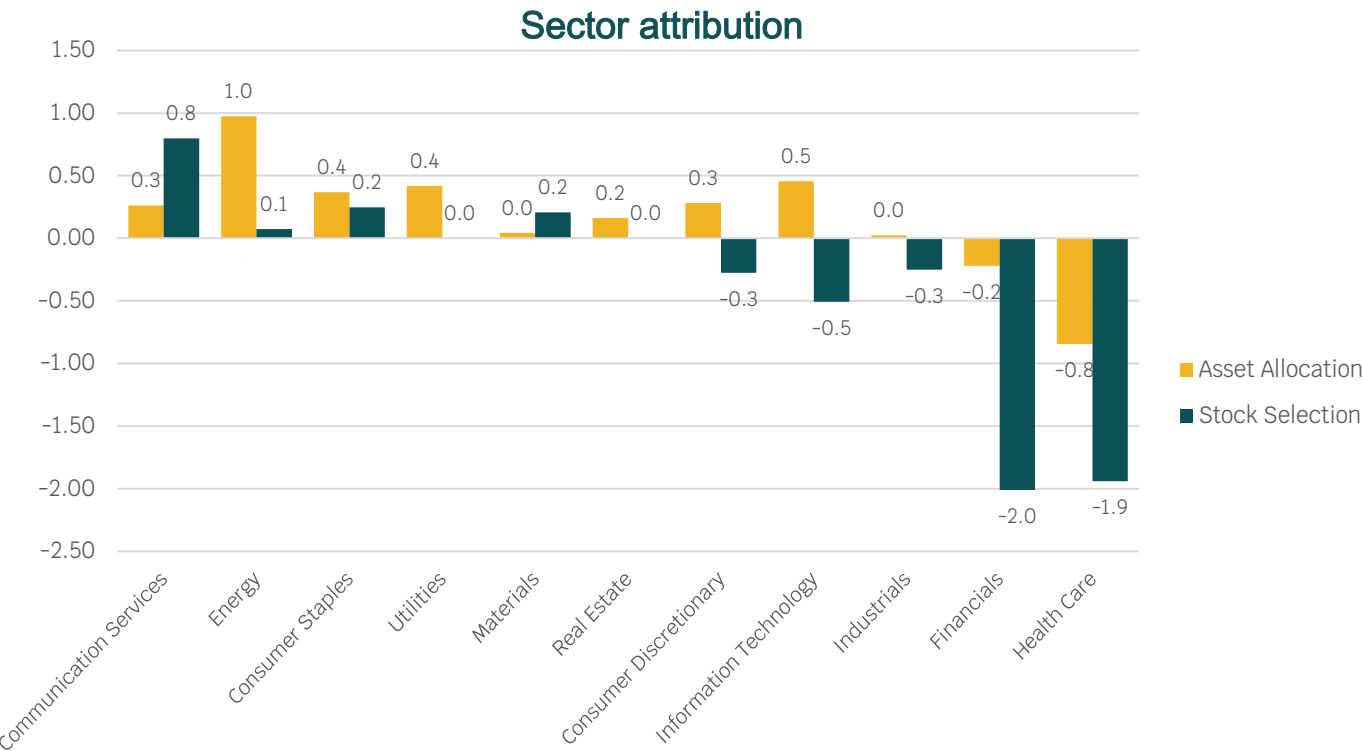
Applied Materials rose a remarkable 109% during the quarter, while ASML gained 51%, TSMC 40% and Amphenol 38%. Their performance was supported by rising hyperscaler capital expenditure and sustained investment in AI infrastructure, with spending increasingly directed towards advanced logic, data centres and high bandwidth memory. This is driving greater equipment intensity across the semiconductor supply chain and benefiting companies exposed to leading-edge chip production, memory investment and AI-related capacity expansion.

Second, the quarter was underpinned by continued strength in the Strategy’s underlying businesses.

Strategy companies delivered robust operational performance, with dividend growth of 18% during the quarter, lifting the year-to-date average to 12.4%.

Third, performance improved materially as the quarter progressed.

While returns continued to benefit from selected AI-related holdings, the more important development was the broadening of market leadership. More defensive and quality-oriented sectors performed strongly, with Health Care the best-performing sector over the month and Consumer Staples also delivering improved returns.



TOP 5 STOCK CONTRIBUTORS

Stock	Attribution (bps)	Comment
Applied Materials	431	Applied Materials' critical equipment and services sit at the centre of the AI and technology revolution built on semiconductors. Recent results have started to show an acceleration in growth as the broadening economic expansion drives demand for semiconductors outside of the AI ecosystem and capacity deployed through the pandemic is increasingly fully utilised. While sales growth was modest in 2025, Applied Material expect greater than 20% sales growth through 2026 which could accelerate further due to emerging bottlenecks in memory.
TSMC	119	TSMC is the world's leading semiconductor foundry and is focused on the most advanced technologies making it indispensable to our modern economy. The business continues to prosper from booming demand for AI related products and has raised their capital spending programme on the expectation of persistent demand growth. 2025 saw sales rise 36% and management expect 25% p.a. growth through 2029.
ASML	100	ASML is the leading lithography manufacturer for the semiconductor industry. It continues to benefit from demand for additional leading-edge capacity across the globe. 2025 revenues rose 15%, margins increased, and earnings rose 28%. Growth is expected to accelerate through 2026 driven by rising sales and capital intensity at key customers such as TSMC and Samsung. The Board has proposed a 17% increase in its annual dividend per share.
Amphenol	83	Amphenol is a leading producer of electronic connectors, sensors, and interconnect systems. Amphenol's revenue is driven by the industrial business cycle, aerospace & defence and data centre demand. With all three drivers growing and accelerating Amphenol's organic growth has accelerated dramatically with improved profitability. It remains one of the highest quality businesses most leveraged to key themes.
Analog Devices	32	Analog Devices is a semiconductor and electronics business focused on industrial and commercial markets. Their technology bridges the gap between the analogue world we live in and the digital world of computers. Recent results have been very strong with sales rising 17% in the most recent quarter. US industrial indicators such as the ISM Manufacturing have also showed recent strength which has been driving performance of industrial holdings such as Analog Devices. Furthermore, the business has enjoyed a halo effect of rising valuations for semiconductor stocks as one of the largest analogue semiconductor businesses.

BOTTOM 5 STOCK CONTRIBUTORS

Stock	Attribution (bps)	Comment
Zoetis	-91	Zoetis is the leading veterinary medicines company with a broad portfolio of innovative medicines, scaled distribution and in-house manufacturing meaning they capture value. Recent results have been poor as sales growth has decelerated rapidly. The cause is severely depressed consumer sentiment, which is at a 50 year low in the US, weighing on family budgets. After a few years where vets pushed through price increases consumers are balking at the costs of caring for their pets. We currently see this issue at cyclical but are engaging with the business and peer companies.
AIA Group	-83	AIA is a Hong Kong based life and health insurance provider with operations across Greater China and emerging markets such as India. The business has been performing extremely well with strong volume growth and improved profitability. Nonetheless shares have been weak due to concerns of regulatory intervention that would limit the purchase of policies in Hong Kong by Chinese mainland customers, a historically profitable business for AIA. AIA remains a key stakeholder in the protection of Chinese citizen life and health and will be able to adapt to the regulatory environment.
EssilorLuxottica	-73	EssilorLuxottica is a French designer, manufacturer and distributor of lenses and frames for vision correction. While their partnership with Meta, to produce AI and digital glasses, has been highly successful at accelerating growth in a new category, the market has grown concerned these products will be dilutive to group profitability. We share those concerns and have been engaging with the company. Large shareholders of the founder's family have negotiated a transfer of value and control between themselves which has also raised valid governance concerns.
ResMed	-65	ResMed designs and manufactures respiratory management equipment and consumables for people with COPD and sleep apnoea. Although recent results have been excellent, the shares have weakened amid negative sentiment towards healthcare stocks and concerns that the growing popularity of weight-loss drugs could reduce demand. However, early evidence suggests that users of ResMed respiratory devices who also take weight-loss drugs are more likely to adhere to their sleep regimen and use more consumables.
Intuit	-56	Intuit is a US software group focused on tax, accounting, business management and marketing solutions. Recent results have been resilient but insufficient to negate market concerns that AI will be able to disrupt their business. We continue to monitor business progress including their partnership with Anthropic, the frontier model provider of Claude, and see Intuit as a key software ecosystem for AI large language model providers to partner with.

Source: Dundas, Bloomberg. Data as of 30 June 2026. Dundas Global Equity Growth Strategy performance attribution represented by the first funded account in the composite relative to the MSCI ACWI.

ESG METRICS

ESG Metrics	Global Equity Growth Strategy	MSCI ACWI
ESG Quality Score	7.7	6.9
MSCI ESG Rating	AA	A
ESG Ratings Distribution		
Leaders	67%	51%
Average	33%	46%
Laggard	0%	3%

Ratings & metrics from MSCI ESG Research LLC as of 30 June 2026.

MSCI ESG Quality Score is measured on a scale of 0 to 10 (worst to best). It measures the ability of underlying holdings to manage key medium to long-term risks and opportunities arising from environmental, social, and governance factors.

ESG Ratings Distribution shows the percentage of a portfolio's market value coming from holdings classified as ESG Ratings Leaders (AAA & AA), Average (A, BBB, & BB), and Laggards (B & CCC).

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DIVERSIFICATION

Market Cap (USD)	Number of Stocks	Strategy (%)
> \$500bn	6	29.08
\$100bn - \$500bn	17	32.86
\$50bn - \$100bn	11	15.38
\$10bn - \$50bn	15	17.92
\$2bn - \$10bn	4	4.06
Cash		0.70

Top 10 Holdings	Wgt (%)	Sector	Country
Applied Materials	8.69	I.T.	USA
TSMC	5.46	I.T.	Taiwan
Alphabet	4.56	Comms. Services	USA
Amphenol	4.28	I.T.	USA
ASML	4.22	I.T.	Netherlands
Analog Devices	3.55	I.T.	USA
Visa	3.17	Financials	USA
Microsoft	2.98	I.T.	USA
American Express	2.80	Financials	USA
DBS Group	2.67	Financials	Singapore
TOTAL	42.38		

Source: Bloomberg, Dundas, MSCI. Index is the MSCI ACWI. Data as of 30 June 2026. Weight (%) is by capital allocation. * Active weight is the difference between the Strategy and Index weights which may not calculate exactly due to rounding. Dundas Global Equity Growth Strategy represented by a live portfolio.

Sector Exposure	Strategy	Index	Active*
Information Technology	35.37	32.09	3.28
Financials	21.80	16.18	5.62
Health Care	15.05	8.27	6.79
Industrials	10.33	10.97	-0.65
Consumer Discretionary	5.57	8.70	-3.13
Communication Services	4.56	7.82	-3.26
Materials	3.33	3.56	-0.23
Consumer Staples	2.42	4.72	-2.30
Energy	0.88	3.53	-2.65
Real Estate	0.00	2.51	-2.51
Utilities	0.00	1.59	-1.59

Country Exposure	Strategy	Index	Active*
United States	54.99	62.55	-7.56
France	9.61	1.89	7.72
Taiwan	5.46	3.33	2.13
Netherlands	4.22	1.62	2.60
Switzerland	3.99	2.38	1.61
Sweden	3.61	0.71	2.89
Hong Kong	3.24	0.69	2.56
Germany	2.95	1.85	1.10
Denmark	2.78	0.36	2.42
Singapore	2.67	0.38	2.30
Japan	2.43	5.00	-2.57
United Kingdom	1.93	3.01	-1.08
India	0.88	1.35	-0.47
Philippines	0.55	0.03	0.52

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GLOBAL COMPOSITE

Composite:	Dundas Global Equity Growth							
Benchmark:	MSCI All Country World Index							
Reporting currency:	USD							
Report as at:	30 June 2026							
Period	Composite gross of fees return (%)	Composite net of fees return (%)	Benchmark return (%)	Composite 3yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3yr St Dev (%)	Number of portfolios	Total composite assets (million)	Total firm assets (million)
2026 ^(a)	3.2	2.9	11.3	12.8	12.7	2	2,173	2,369
2025	12.6	12.0	22.3	12.4	11.3	2	2,205	2,435
2024	9.8	9.2	17.5	18.8	16.4	2	2,102	2,369
2023	20.4	19.8	22.2	19.0	16.5	2	1,883	2,136
2022	(21.9)	(22.3)	(18.4)	20.2	20.1	2	1,530	1,922
2021	25.2	24.5	18.5	14.5	17.1	2	1,407	1,925
2020	22.5	21.8	16.3	15.8	18.4	2	1,047	1,498
2019	32.6	31.9	26.6	11.0	11.4	2	804	1,283
2018	(5.5)	(6.0)	(9.4)	10.7	10.6	2	591	1,011
2017	29.2	28.5	24.0	11.4	10.5	2	459	890
2016	3.3	2.9	7.9	11.8	11.2	4	562	947

(a) Returns are for the period 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026.

1. Dundas Global Investors claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Dundas Global Investors has been independently verified for the period 1 September 2012 to 30 September 2025. The verification reports are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation.
2. For the purposes of the GIPS standards, the Firm is defined as an independent investment management firm authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority. Dundas Global Investors manage equity portfolios on behalf of institutional investors, with total assets under management of \$2.4 billion as at 31 December 2025.
3. The Dundas Global Equity Growth Composite includes all fee-paying, fully discretionary accounts which invest in global equities with the goal of delivering long term capital and dividend growth. A typical portfolio will consist of between 50 – 65 companies^(b) with a market capitalisation greater than \$2bn, which demonstrate sustainable cash generation that can fund both business expansion and dividend increases.
4. The benchmark for the composite is the MSCI All Country World Index. The MSCI ACWI captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Market and 24 Emerging Market countries. With around 2,500 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global investable equity opportunity set. Benchmark performance is presented after the deduction of withholding taxes.
5. Transaction costs, administrative fees and non-reclaimable withholding taxes are deducted before the calculation of gross of fee and net of fee performance. Additionally, net of fee performance is calculated after the deduction of actual investment management fees.
6. All performance return calculations and market values have been denominated in USD.

(b) The number of companies typically held in accounts within this composite changed on 3 December 2024. The previous range was 60–100 and was applicable to account composite since its inception in September 2012.

7. The representative fee schedule for investment advisory services for portfolios is 0.40% p.a. for accounts up to \$250 million, 0.30% for the next \$250 million and 0.25% thereafter. The portfolios contained within the composite may include additional fees for fund administration and custody services, the maximum fund expense ratio for portfolios within this composite is 0.74%.
8. The Dundas Global Equity Growth Composite was created on 1 September 2015 and has a composite inception date of 1 September 2012.
9. A list of all composite and pooled fund investment strategies offered by the firm, with a description of each strategy, is available upon request. The type of portfolios in which each strategy is available (segregated account, limited distribution pooled fund, or broad distribution pooled fund) is indicated in the description of each strategy.
10. The firm's policies for valuing investments, calculating performance and preparing GIPS Composite Reports are available upon request.
11. Dundas manages the effect of a significant cash flow by removing the portfolio from the relevant composite for the month of the cash flow. A significant cash flow is defined as the greater of 100% of the market value of the fund immediately prior to the cash flow or \$100m, effective August 2012.
12. Gross-of-fees returns are used to calculate the three-year annualized standard deviation of the composite, which measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented when monthly returns were not available throughout the full 36-month period.
13. Internal dispersion of individual portfolio returns is not presented. The Dundas Global Equity Growth Composite contains fewer than five portfolios for the full year, so the internal dispersion measure is not applicable.

DISCLAIMER

Sustainability Disclosures

Sustainability label. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has issued standards governing the use of sustainability vocabulary in the promotion and description of fund and asset management services. Funds may adopt one of four FCA labels describing their approach, or they may opt not to have a label. For reasons discussed below, Dundas has decided for the present to operate without a label for its two UK domiciled funds – Heriot Global and Heriot Smaller Companies.

Dundas makes investment decisions in large part based upon audited annual reports which in recent years have expanded to address wider sustainability matters. Disclosure on CO₂ emissions and sustainability has improved but remains incomplete, inconsistent, and heavily reliant on estimation. In response, IFRS Sustainability accounting standards were issued in 2023 (now out for adoption across the world outside the USA, where GAAP standards are moving in the same direction). Dundas welcomes the new standards. They are thorough, stringent and, when fully adopted, will raise and level the playing field for corporate sustainability reporting.

We will reevaluate the appropriateness of adopting a label once our analysis of improved sustainability reporting is complete.

Sustainability Goal: to invest in companies with long-term growth potential that are simultaneously becoming more environmentally and socially sustainable. Progress will be measured largely via reporting under the new IFRS Sustainability standards. Dundas believes that companies which shoulder these responsibilities and communicate effectively will gain competitive advantage which is why we advocate for sustainable practices by those we invest in.

Investment Policy and Strategy: Dundas invests in global equities for dividend and capital growth with an investment horizon of five years or more. Sustained dividend growth is produced by well managed companies that respect all their stakeholders' interests. As a result, we believe that these companies will meet our clients' long-term needs.

Stocks we decline to own on principle:

- Companies whose principal activity is the manufacture, production, or distribution of tobacco.
- Manufacturers of cluster bombs or similar anti-personnel weapons.
- Variable Interest Entities where the listed entity is in a different country to the operating assets.
- State-owned or controlled companies where minority shareholders' interests are not respected.
- Companies whose principal activity is thermal coal mining or its use in power generation.

Relevant Metrics: Dundas monitors the progress of the businesses it invests in on behalf of clients against metrics such as: carbon footprint, carbon intensity, weighted average carbon intensity (all for Scope 1 and 2 emission), MSCI ESG ratings, board independence, workforce pay & conditions, employee turnover, productivity. We rely upon MSCI and Bloomberg reports whose accuracy will improve as IFRS Sustainability standards are applied.

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