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October 2026 Monthly Report
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Investment results to 31 October 2026

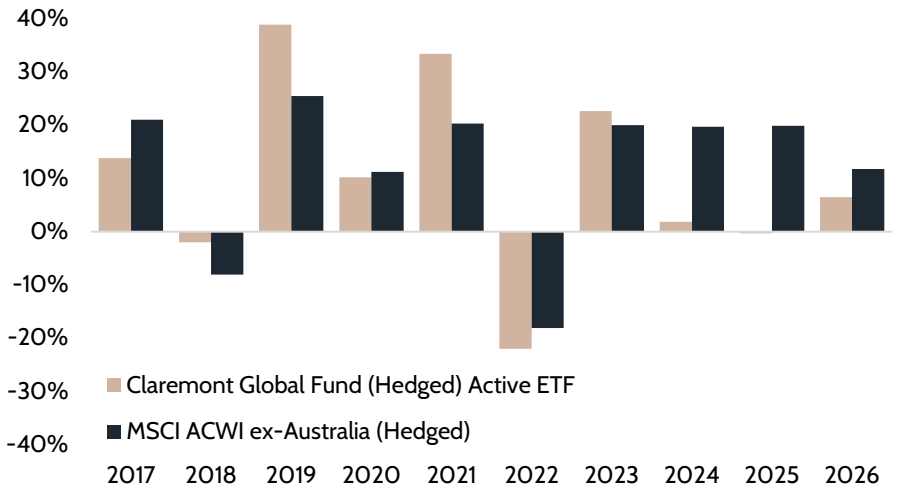
	1 month	3 months	FYTD	6 months	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	7 years p.a.	10 years p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Claremont Global Fund (Hedged) Active ETF	7.8%	8.5%	18.4%	15.5%	6.9%	6.9%	1.3%	6.8%	9.3%	9.6%
MSCI ACWI ex-Australia (Net, Hedged to A$)[1]	-1.5%	0.2%	-0.1%	5.4%	12.7%	21.5%	9.9%	12.1%	11.9%	10.9%
Excess Return	9.3%	8.3%	18.5%	10.1%	-5.9%	-14.7%	-8.7%	-5.3%	-2.6%	-1.4%

[1] Benchmark is MSCI All Countries World Index Ex-Australia (Net, Hedged to A$). Performance is net of management fees. Inception: 18th Feb 2014. Figures may not sum due to rounding. Returns assume reinvestment of distributions and are annualised for periods greater than 1 year. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

About Claremont Global

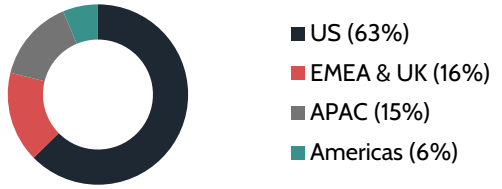
- Claremont Global is a single strategy international equity boutique that has been deliberately structured to invest differently from peers.
- We own a concentrated portfolio of no more than fifteen resilient businesses that grow organically, have high margins and low levels of debt.
- Our investment approach is conservative but not conventional. We exclude large parts of the market that are commoditised, leveraged, complex and cyclical. Valuation matters; our return objective is 8-12% p.a. over the medium to long term.

CY return vs benchmark



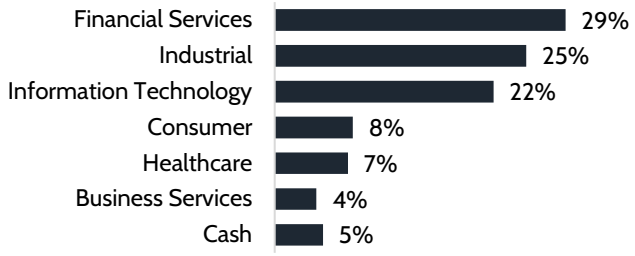
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Portfolio exposure by source of revenue



Source: Company Filings, Claremont Global.

Sector weighting



Source: Claremont Global Analysis.

Portfolio quality

Metric	Claremont Global	S&P 500 (Ex-Financials)
Gross margin[1]	55%	35%
EBIT margin[2]	32%	13%
Net debt / EBITDA[3]	1.0x	1.6x
ROIC[4]	17%	11%

Top five holdings[5]

Company	Sector
ALLEGION	Industrial
CME Group	Financial Services
Microsoft	Information Technology
VISA	Financial Services
Waste Connections	Industrial

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Portfolio update

October was the Fund's strongest month of relative performance on record, with the Fund outperforming its benchmark by more than 9%. Since the end of June, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark by over 17%.

To date, 2026 has been an eventful year for investing. Despite strong fundamental performance from the Fund's underlying companies, the Fund's absolute and relative returns for the six months to June were poor. The AI trade and momentum factor were dominant. Quality companies were overlooked and trading at, or near, historical lows and, on a valuation basis, at the cheapest levels since the Fund's inception. However, when your investment style is out of favour, it's typically fertile ground for deploying capital. The conditions in 1H26 provided the opportunity to initiate positions in companies we have long admired (including **Ferrari**, **Meta**, **S&P Global** and **Waste Connections**), as well as top up some of our existing holdings, at attractive prices.

The market environment has since begun to change. We appear to have moved to a less speculative environment; risk aversion has re-emerged, and strong fundamental performance and quality characteristics are again being rewarded with a premium valuation to the market. The Fund now trades at a 32% premium to the market, having traded at a discount earlier in the year.

October was also a busy month for reporting. Most importantly, we were pleased with the fundamental results of our portfolio companies.

In **Financial Services**, **Marsh** reported 8% revenue growth, with underlying revenue growth of 5% and 10% adjusted EPS growth. Management Consulting grew 14%, while Reinsurance revenue fell 6%. The CEO noted progress on the Thrive (cost-out) program and completion of the brand transition. **CME** revenue rose 13% and adjusted diluted EPS also grew 13%. Volume grew by double digits in all six asset classes, and record margin savings for customers were achieved, of over $100 billion a day. At **S&P Global** revenue increased 7% and adjusted EPS by 9% in 3Q26. Indices revenue grew 20% on asset-linked fees, while ratings transaction revenue decelerated against a difficult prior-year comparison and a more challenging issuance environment for high-yield and leveraged loans. Full-year revenue growth and adjusted EPS guidance were raised, and the company initiated a strategic review of a potential separation of its Capital IQ and associated data businesses. **Visa** reported that fiscal 4Q26 net revenue rose 13% and adjusted EPS increased 17%, supported by 9% payments volume growth and 31% value-added services revenue growth. Full-year net revenue reached $46 billion, up 15%, and full-year EPS was up 16%.

Industrials holdings also reported strong results. **Allegion**'s revenue grew 10% (7% organic) in 3Q26, and adjusted EPS was up 13%. The Americas made up approximately 80% of sales and grew 9% organically, with non-residential growing at a low-double-digit rate and residential at a mid-single-digit rate. Full-year guidance was raised. **Waste Connections** reported 7% revenue growth, with acquisitions contributing just over 2%. In Solid Waste, core price rose 5.5% while unit volumes fell 1.2% (a deliberate strategy to shed low-margin business). Adjusted EBITDA margins expanded 20 basis points (bp) to 34% (50 bp underlying, excluding fuel) and adjusted EPS rose 10%. The company also raised guidance.

The **Technology** exposure of the portfolio continued to produce strong growth. **Amazon** delivered 13% constant-currency growth, despite a ~400 bp headwind from the timing of Prime Day this year. Partly offsetting the retail slowdown was the sixth successive quarter of acceleration in AWS growth, to 39%. Adjusted operating profit grew 29% (excluding one-offs across periods). The CEO signalled AWS revenue growth of 40%+ in 2027 and 2028. This is supported by a $578 billion backlog, growing at triple digits, with visibility on large capacity reservations into 2029. **Microsoft** reported fiscal 1Q27 revenue up 19%, in part driven by 48% Azure growth. Management guided to a further acceleration in Azure revenue growth, to 49%–50% in constant currency, for the next quarter. M365 Commercial was strong and Copilot is seeing strong traction with daily users up nearly 50% quarter-on-quarter, and over 5x year-on-year. Once again, despite ongoing heavy AI investment and associated headwinds from AI compute on gross margins, there was impressive operating expense control, with the operating margin just below 50%. Adjusted EPS increased 18% (excluding the OpenAI investment). **Meta**'s operating performance was strong. Revenue rose 26%, with impressions up 10% and ad pricing up 14%. The reported operating margin contraction surprised investors; excluding a legal charge, however, the 35% adjusted operating margin is reassuring. All three of our mega-cap tech holdings continue to direct their operating cash flow into capital expenditure to fund the data centre buildout, although revisions to FY26 capital expenditure guidance were small or non-existent this quarter.

In **Consumer Discretionary**, **Chipotle Mexican Grill** delivered a solid result, particularly in light of the 3Q26 US food scare, with 10% revenue growth (including +2% same-store-sales/comparable sales). Pricing was up almost 3% and continues to close the gap to inflation (in line with our investment thesis). Full-year guidance was held despite a stronger-than-guided September quarter result, owing to an industry-wide softening in sales during October. Management guided to a 3% to 4% same-store-sales/comparable sales exit rate in 4Q26. While margins have been the recent pressure point, pricing and operating leverage should assist from here.

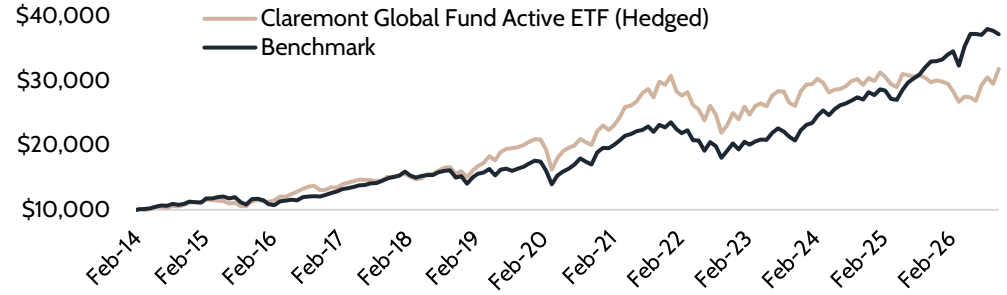
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Investment results since inception

Growth of A$10,000



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Available via platform

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Fund details

Strategy AUM	$563M
Structure	Retail unit trust & Active ETF
ASX Ticker	CGHE
Max. single stock weight	10%
Max. cash weight	10%
Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	Nil
APIR	ETL0391AU
ARSN	166 708 407
ISIN	AU60ETL03919
Responsible entity	Equity Trustees
Administrator & Custodian	Apex
Market maker	Nine Mile
Currency exposure	Hedged
Fund inception	18th February 2014
Buy/sell spread	0.10% / 0.10%

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