Swell Global Portfolio

Monthly Update

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About

The Swell Global Portfolio is an absolute return, benchmark unaware global equities strategy with flexibility to invest in companies listed in developed markets globally. It targets a return of 9% per annum after fees over three-year periods.

Top 5 holdings (alphabetical)

Amazon.com Inc	Broadline Retail
Intuit Inc	Application Software
Microsoft Corp	Systems Software
SK Hynix Inc	Semiconductors
Uber Technologies Inc	Passenger Ground Transportation

Key details

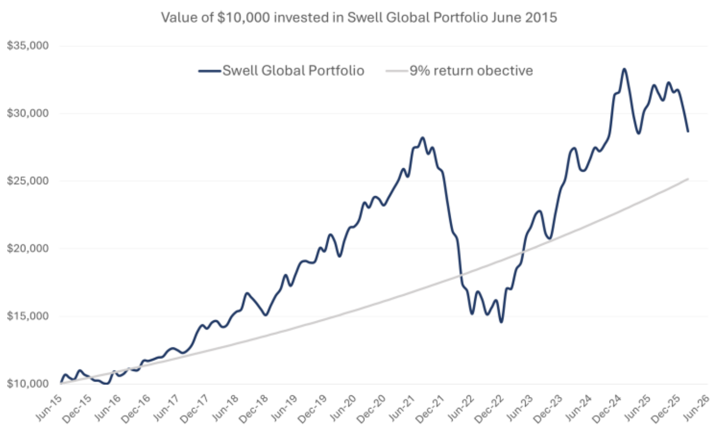
Structure	**SMA**
Inception date	18-Jun-15
Strategy FUM	$69.7 million
Number of companies held	17
Minimum investment	$500,000
Currency	AUD unhedged
Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	15%
Performance fee hurdle	MSCI World net total return (AUD)

Portfolio performance

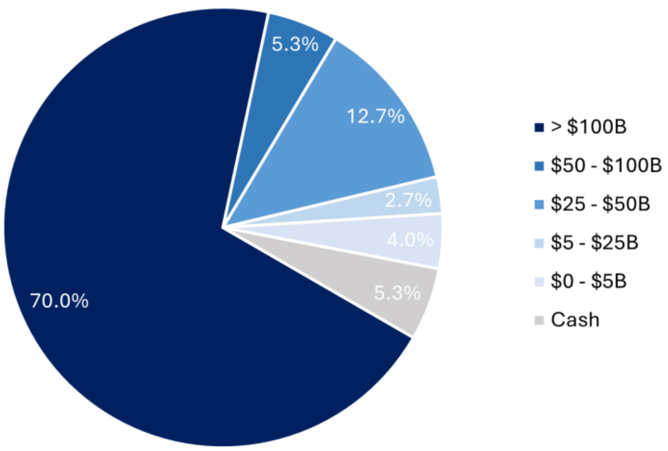
Period	Portfolio %
1 month	-5.72%
3 months	-9.18%
1 year	-9.89%
2 years (pa)	2.90%
3 years (pa)	18.96%
4 years (pa)	7.69%
5 years (pa)	3.26%
6 years (pa)	5.71%
7 years (pa)	8.19%
8 years (pa)	8.77%
9 years (pa)	10.21%
10 years (pa)	10.86%
Inception	186.81%
Inception (pa)	10.38%

Past performance is not indicative of future performance

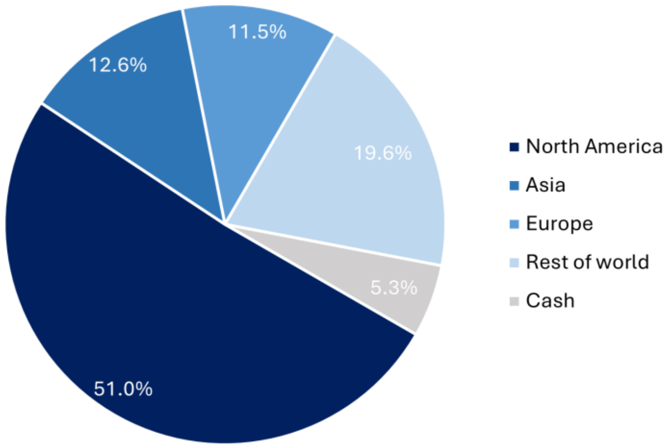
Portfolio performance since inception



Market capitalisation (US$)



Regional allocation by revenue



Top contributors this month

SK hynix Inc

During the month the SK hynix board approved an additional 21.6 trillion won (US$15 billion) investment in its Korean fabrication plant at the Yongin Semiconductor Cluster. The funding covers construction of five additional cleanrooms, bringing the total to six, with the first to be opened in February 2027, ahead of the original schedule for May 2027. The total investment for the Yongin fab is approximately 31 trillion won which will create a dedicated hub for next-generation DRAM and HBM production.

At MWC 2026 and SEMICON Korea SK hynix showcased its full stack AI memory vision built on three distinct layers to address the memory bottleneck in which processor speed outpaces data delivery. The core is HBM, the engine room of the stack, which sits beside the GPU, and the latest HBM4 and HBM4E provide twice the bandwidth of HBM3E. A key pillar of the vision is moving away from off-the-shelf parts to customised designs and SK hynix now works closely with foundry partners like TSMC to tailor memory specifically for a customer's ASIC or GPU design.

The second layer is expanding memory accessibility. To more efficiently process LLMs compute express link (CXL) memory modules allow data centres to pool memory, expanding capacity by up to 10x without requiring expensive redesigns. Processing in memory (PIM) technology places computational logic inside the memory chip itself, and instead of sending data back and forth to the CPU, the memory performs simple AI calculations on its own, reducing energy consumption by up to 80%.

The third layer is high bandwidth flash (HBF) which solves the problem of HBM being fast but small (GB) while SSDs are large (TB) but slow. The solution is HBF which uses NAND flash but is packaged to behave like high-speed memory. In SK hynix's H^3 architecture, HBF allows a system to process 18.8x more simultaneous user queries than an HBM-only system. HBF will be developed through a partnership with Sandisk.

TSMC

Q4 revenue increased 20.5% to NT$1,046.09 billion (US$33.73 billion), net income rose 35.0% to NT$505.74 billion and diluted EPS rose 35.0% to NT$19.50. Full year revenue rose 35.9% to NT$3,809.05 billion with gross margin of 59.9%. Full year diluted EPS increased 46.4% to NT$66.25. The company expects revenue growth of around 30% in 2026, driven by strong AI demand, and plans to spend between US$52 and US$56 billion in capital expenditure.

CEO CC Wei told investors the company committed to the additional spending only after months of consultations: "You essentially try to ask whether the AI demand is real or not. I'm also very nervous about it, yeah you bet, because we have to invest about US$52 billion to US$56 billion for the capex. If we did not do it carefully, that will be a big disaster to TSMC for sure. So, of course, I spent a lot of time in the last three four months talking to my customers and then customers' customers. I want to make sure that my customers' demands are real."

TSMC has submitted proposals for a new AI-focused facility in Tainan, targeting completion by 2028. This follows the successful ramp-up of 2nm mass production at its Hsinchu and Kaohsiung sites earlier in the year. Scheduling of mass production at the Arizona Fab 21 Plant 2 has been brought forward to the second half of 2027 driven by urgent demand from US hyperscalers. And a second fab is under construction in Kumamoto, Japan to produce 3nm/6nm chips by 2027.

GE HealthCare

Q4 organic revenue increased 4.8% to $5.6 billion. Net income fell to $589 million and adjusted EBIT to $950 million, impacted by tariff expenses. Net income margin was 10.3% and adjusted EBIT margin was 16.7%. Full year revenue grew 4.8% to $20.6 billion, with net income of $2.1 billion and adjusted EBIT of $3.2 billion. Adjusted EPS rose 2.2% to $4.59. Full year cash flow from operating activities was $2.0 billion and free cash flow was $1.5 billion.

2.8 million shares were repurchased for $200 million during the year, in accordance with the plan to repurchase $1.0 billion in shares authorised by the board in April 2025. The company expects accelerated revenue growth in 2026 reflecting a healthy capital equipment environment and a cautious outlook on China.

CEO Peter Arduini told investors: "we enter 2026 with strong momentum. As part of our ongoing commitment to innovation, we're proud of the demonstrated progress in our pipeline of new products. We are deploying our business system Heartbeat across the enterprise to drive top and bottom-line growth. We have significant opportunities in large resilient end-markets, a record backlog and are accelerating innovation both organically and inorganically. We also see solid runway for additional margin expansion over-time."

Allia Moveo received USFDA clearance and CE Marking during the month. The latest Allia platform assists clinicians in a wide range of cardiovascular, vascular, interventional and surgical procedures delivering enhanced workflow through a compact, cable-free C-arm system. An intuitive user interface and AI-powered guidance tools help clinicians work more efficiently and adapt to the spatial constraints of traditional interventional suites.

SIGNA Sprint with Freelium, a new sealed magnet MRI system, SIGNA Bolt, an MRI scanner and SIGNA One, a workflow system also received USFDA approval in February. They address complex challenges facing radiologists by reducing inefficiencies, supporting MRI examinations from patient planning to scanning and post scan strategies.

Bottom contributors this month

Amazon

Net revenue in the fourth quarter grew 14% to $213.4 billion with North America up 10%, International up 17% and AWS up 24%. Advertising services revenue in the quarter reached $21.3 billion, up 23%. Full year revenue increased 12% to $716.9 billion including a 10% increase for North America to $426.3 billion, 13% more for International to $426.3 billion and an increase of 20% for AWS to $128.7 billion. Net income increased to $77.7 billion in 2025, or $7.17 per diluted share and operating cash flow increased 20% to $139.5.

Amazon's Trainium and Graviton chips reached a combined annual revenue run rate of over $10 billion, growing at a triple digit percentage year-over-year. Faster delivery is driving growth in Amazon retail. Same day delivery is now used by 100 million US customers and Amazon Now ultra fast delivery is operating in India, Mexico and the UAE and being tested in the US and UK. CEO Andy Jassy told investors "With such strong demand for our existing offerings and seminal opportunities like AI, chips, robotics and low earth orbit satellites, we expect to invest about $200 billion in capital expenditures across Amazon in 2026 and anticipate strong long-term return on invested capital."

During the month Amazon announced a $50 billion partnership with OpenAI to become a primary cloud provider for its Frontier enterprise platform. The new platform helps enterprises build, deploy and manage AI agents with the same skills people: shared context, onboarding, hands-on learning with feedback and clear permissions and boundaries.

Amazon’s satellite internet constellation Project Leo became operational in the US, Canada, UK, Germany and France during the month, with full national coverage by the end of March. It also announced service agreements in South Africa, Brazil and Japan.

Accenture

Accenture signed a landmark multi-year collaboration with Mistral AI to provide sovereign AI solutions for European clients and regulated industries requiring data residency and high-security standards. As part of the collaboration the two companies will launch dedicated training and certification programs for clients to provide the knowledge and capabilities needed to deploy, fine tune and operate Mistral AI-powered solutions at scale and support successful transformations.

Acquisitions included Singapore based Avanseus an advanced AI solution which will integrate predictive modelling, anomaly detection and network optimisation into Accenture’s communications industry offerings. The acquisition of Verum Partners in Brazil will enhance deployment of AI-enabled platforms for infrastructure and mining projects in Latin America.

Accenture Federal Services was selected to support the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Electronic Health Record Modernisation (EHRM) program. The program is designed to transform healthcare delivery for more than 9 million Veterans.

Intuit

Q2 revenue increased 17% to $4.7 billion with Global Business Solutions up 18% to $3.2 billion and Consumer up 15% to $1.5 billion. Business online ecosystem revenue grew 21% to $2.5 billion and desktop ecosystem grew 10% to $697 million. Within Consumer Credit Karma revenue grew 23% to $616 million, driven by strength in personal loans, credit cards and auto insurance, TurboTax grew 12% to $581 million and ProTax grew 7% to $290 million. Operating income rose 23% to $1.5 billion and diluted EPS increased 25% to $4.15.

During the quarter $961 million of stock was repurchased with $3.5 billion remaining in the current authorisation. The company expects full year revenue growth of 12-13% and EPS growth of 14-15%. CEO Sasan Goodarzi told investors "Our momentum is fuelled by three big bets that represent the company's largest growth vectors across $300 billion in TAM where our penetration today is 6%. The first bet is delivering done-for-you experiences powered by AI and HI, creating an entirely new category. Second, accelerating money benefits by putting money at the centre of everything that we do for our consumers and businesses, and third fuelling mid-market success with a disruptive AI-native ERP platform."

Intuit will deploy Claude Code internally to accelerate development while its business customers will be able to build secure, customisable AI agents on Intuit’s platform with Claude. In turn Intuit’s financial intelligence will be accessible directly inside Anthropic products through MCP integrations with TurboTax, Credit Karma, QuickBooks and Mailchimp.

Announcing the partnership Intuit CTO Alex Balazs said “By combining Intuit’s proprietary data and domain-specific services with AI models built to support security, accuracy and compliance and Claude’s powerful capabilities, we’re delivering something customers haven’t had before: custom AI agents that truly understand their finances, their workflows and their industry and can take action on their behalf. The result is trusted, actionable financial tools that give everyone the opportunity to prosper.”

Contribution is relative to other companies in the Portfolio

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