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Vontobel Fund – Global Equity

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Summary

- The performance of the Fund was negative in December 2025 and underperformed the MSCI ACWI ND.
- The Utilities and Real Estate sectors were positive contributors to relative performance over the month. The Financials and Information Technology sectors were the largest detractors from relative performance.
- On a country basis, Taiwan and Canada contributed to relative performance, while the United States and France detracted from relative performance.
- Relative to the benchmark, the Fund's largest sector overweights for the month were Communication Services and Industrials while the largest sector underweight were Financials and Information Technology.
- The Fund's largest country overweights for the month were the Taiwan and Hong Kong relative to the benchmark. The largest underweights were the United States and Australia at the end of month.

Market developments

Global equities were moderately positive in December, although performance diverged as Europe and emerging markets outperformed, while US stocks traded largely sideways. Weakening labor data prompted the US Federal Reserve (Fed) to cut interest rates, helping sustain US equity performance. On the downside, ongoing concerns about valuations and investments in artificial intelligence (AI) continued to impact the US technology sector, weighing on the S&P 500 Index's engine for returns. While overall consumer confidence weakened, spending remained resilient, feeding debate about a K-shaped economy driven by the highest earners. European equities advanced as progress towards peace in Ukraine lifted overall sentiment, and leading defense stocks recovered some of their recent pullbacks. Investor rotation out of the US also helped Europe's more defensive plays, including bank stocks which had a strong earnings season. There was another boost as Germany launched a EUR 30 billion fund for investment into its energy transition, technology, and industrial modernization as part of the Merz government's plans to raise competitiveness. Elsewhere in international markets, Japan approved a record budget, which raised some concerns about funding for spending plans, although ultimately lifted confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi. Emerging markets finished the year on a positive note thanks in part to tech stocks that benefitted from the global AI build-out. India's government announced a raft of measures to further liberalize the market as it looked to extend the economy's strong growth run. Meanwhile, China demonstrated its ability to weather the impact of US tariffs. Its trade surplus topped USD 1 trillion due to surging exports to the EU and Asian markets, which offset declining sales to the US, as well as continued economic weakness.

Portfolio review

Purchases

N/A

Sales

London Stock Exchange Group

We exited our position in London Stock Exchange Group (LSE), given potential disruption risk and shifted capital to companies with more attractive risk/reward profiles.

Obic Co Ltd

We exited our position in OBIC given potential disruption risks posed by AI which have lowered the predictability in the business. We have shifted capital toward companies with more attractive risk/reward profiles.

Performance analysis

TOP3 Contributors:

Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg Ltd

After NVIDIA's CEO visit to seek Rubin capacity and TSMC's decision to add 3nm front-end wafer capacity, TSMC now plans to expand its advanced packaging-CoWoS capacity for 2026. Generally, the A.I.-related demand remains very strong and is even stronger than expected a few months ago. When large hyperscalers announce multi-GW data center build-outs, that indirectly signals a large increase in demand for the chips inside those data centers. Therefore, the foundry industry, particularly TSMC, is positioned to benefit if it can serve the demand. As for margins, despite some headwinds, margins are set up well for 2026, given price hikes for leading edge nodes, continued tightness for leading edge, less impact from N3 dilution due to yield improvement and migration to High Performance Computing-related customers and a smoother early ramp profile for N2.

TKO Group Holdings Inc CI A

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During Q4, TKO secured multiple sponsorship deals spanning all three of its sports leagues, notably with Ram Trucks and DoorDash.

Booking Hldgs Inc Com

Bookings was strong as it has continued to report solid mid single digit room night growth and faster growth in alternative accommodations and flights. Revenue, & Adj. EBITDA guidance imply LDD% growth at the high end. For the full year 2025, BKNG expects to achieve its L-T targets of 8%+ FXN Revenue growth and 15%+ FXN EPS growth.

TOP3 Detractors:

Broadcom Inc Com

Despite reporting strong results and guidance, Broadcom shares declined due to margin pressure, potential shift toward a customer-owned tooling (COT) model and confusion on orderbook guide: the company has a backlog for AI hardware of \$73 billion over the next 18 months. However, this backlog is a just a minimum floor, and the actual revenue growth is expected to be much stronger. Importantly, the A.I. portion in the backlog has more than doubled in a quarter. For the full year, AI-related semis revenue came in at ~\$20B (up ~65% YoY) and is tracking to at least \$55-60B+ in FY26. On margins, Broadcom received an additional \$11 billion order from Anthropic for TPU racks (\$21 billion cumulative). These full racks systems generally carry lower GP margins but generate higher operating profit dollars. This is a one-off deal with Anthropic, that helps Broadcom to strengthen the partnership with Google. Lastly, recent market debate has centered on whether custom ASIC, especially for Google, will shift toward a customer-owned tooling (COT) model. CEO Hock Tan dismissed the "customer-owned tooling" hypothesis—where

hyperscalers design chips entirely in-house without Broadcom—as overblown. He argued that the complexity of custom silicon requires Broadcom's IP to compete effectively against merchant GPUs.

Netflix Com Inc

Stock was weaker as market worried the recent bid for Warner Bros would face a bidding war from Paramount Sky, event though Warner Bros board has only accepted Netflix bid.

Autozone Inc

Continued pressure on lower income consumers means less current demand for their parts for customers who do their own repair work.

Outlook

Given the uncertainty surrounding AI and its interwoven role in global equity markets and the broader economy, we believe it is essential to uncover opportunities that are largely independent of the AI evolution. We are seeking both strong growth that can rival AI-driven growth and moderate growth with strong defensive characteristics. We believe this dual strategy will allow our portfolios to generate attractive growth should the AI narrative continue, while simultaneously mitigating risk by avoiding overexposure to a narrow set of unknowable winners. We expect moderate-growth investments will provide downside protection in the event that the AI story unravels, which could trigger a sharp equity market correction, erode consumer confidence, and potentially push the global economy into recession.

Fund characteristics

Fund name	Vontobel Fund – Global Equity
ISIN	LU0278093595
Share class	I USD
Reference index	MSCI World Index to 31.12.2010, MSCI All Country World Index TR net thereafter
Inception date	19.6.2008

Historical performance (net returns, in %)

Time period	Fund	Ref. index	Time period	Fund	Ref. index
MTD	-2.3%	1.0%	2024	10.6%	17.5%
YTD	8.0%	22.3%	2023	19.9%	22.2%
1 year	8.0%	22.3%	2022	-21.2%	-18.4%
3 yrs p.a.	12.7%	20.7%	2021	13.5%	18.5%
5 yrs p.a.	5.1%	11.2%	2020	19.3%	16.3%
10 yrs p.a.	9.6%	11.7%	2019	27.6%	26.6%
ITD p.a.	8.1%	7.9%	2018	-5.0%	-9.4%
			2017	28.9%	24.0%
			2016	4.5%	7.9%
			2015	4.5%	-2.4%

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