VAUGHAN NELSON GLOBAL EQUITY SMID FUND - ACTIVE ETF

MONTHLY REPORT

30 June 2026

OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to outperform the MSCI ACWI SMID Cap Index (after fees and expenses and before taxes) on a rolling five-year basis.

FUND FACTS

APIR	IML9286AU
ASX Code	VNGS
Inception	01/06/2022
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI SMID Cap
Management fee*	1.12% p.a.
Asset classes	Global Equities
Investment horizon	4-5 Years
Fund size	$319M
NAV	$3.86
Distributions	Annually

**Fees are inclusive of the net effect of GST*

RATINGS

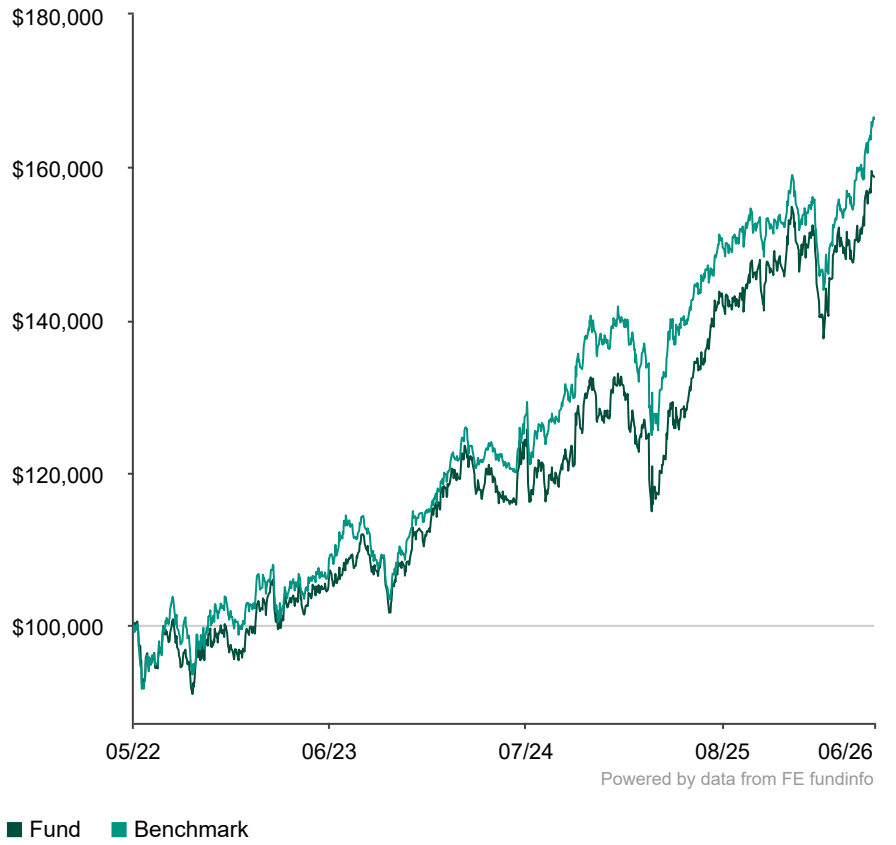
Zenith	Recommended
Genium	Recommended
Lonsec	Recommended **Visit lonsec.com.au/logo-disclosure for important information about this rating*

PERFORMANCE TABLE

	1m	3m	1y p.a.	3y p.a.	5y p.a.	10y p.a.	SI p.a.
Fund*	5.69%	10.08%	19.81%	13.97%	-	-	11.97%
Benchmark**	4.32%	12.01%	16.58%	15.05%	-	-	13.26%
Excess Returns	1.37%	-1.93%	3.23%	-1.08%	-	-	-1.29%

*Since inception returns calculated from 01/06/2022. *Fund returns are calculated using the net asset value per unit at the start and end of the relevant period in AUD, net of management fees, and assuming all distributions are re-invested. Investors should be aware that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns can be volatile, reflecting rises and falls in the value of underlying investments. **The benchmark for this Fund is the MSCI ACWI SMID Cap*

GROWTH OF $100,000 INVESTED AT INCEPTION



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PORTFOLIO CHANGES*

Additions	BBB Foods, Inc. Class A, MercadoLibre, Inc., Nippon Sanso Holdings Corporation, Prada S.p.A., Revvity, Inc.
Removals	GXO Logistics Inc, Samsung Biologics Co., Ltd.

**30 day lag on portfolio changes*

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TOP HOLDINGS

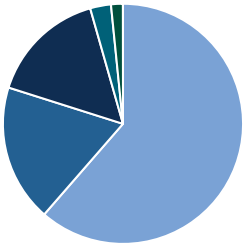
	Country	Sector	%
JBT Marel Corporation	United States	Industrials	2.8%
Clean Harbors, Inc.	United States	Industrials	2.8%
Element Solutions Inc	United States	Materials	2.7%
Resona Holdings, Inc.	Japan	Financials	2.7%
Burlington Stores, Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%
International Container Terminal Services, Inc.	Philippines	Industrials	2.6%
MercadoLibre, Inc.	United States	Consumer Discretionary	2.5%
Coca-Cola Consolidated, Inc.	United States	Consumer Staples	2.4%
Deutsche Post AG	Germany	Industrials	2.4%
Sanmina Corporation	United States	Information Technology	2.4%

SECTOR WEIGHTS

	Fund (%)
Industrials	31.1%
Financials	18.0%
Materials	11.4%
Consumer Discretionary	10.8%
Information Technology	7.9%
Utilities	5.5%
Cash	4.5%
Consumer Staples	3.9%
Energy	3.1%
Health Care	2.2%
Real Estate	1.9%
Communication Services	0.0%

REGIONAL ALLOCATION BY DOMICILE (%)

North America	61.4%
Western Europe	18.5%
Pacific Rim	15.7%
South America	2.8%
Central Asia	1.6%



FUND COMMENTARY

Quarterly Portfolio Comments / Positioning / Themes / Observations

Performance recap
The strategy produced an absolute return of 11.74% for the 2nd quarter of 2026, underperforming the benchmark MSCI ACWI SMID Cap Index return of 13.30% by 156 basis points during the quarter.

Global equity markets experienced a strong second quarter, led by significant gains in semiconductors, memory, AI Infrastructure, and microcap stocks, as the market embraced the continued acceleration in AI investment. Market conditions remained very narrow for most of the quarter, with a large divergence in equity returns across the SMID universe. Strong gains in AI related stocks were in sharp contrast to the selloff in shares negatively exposed to rising commodity prices, rising interest rates, and stocks perceived as net losers from AI adoption and implementation.

Positive/negative stock and allocation highlights
Allocation was the primary driver of the portfolio's underperformance during the quarter with a negative effect of 93 basis points. An underweight allocation to the technology industry in Tawain drove 127 basis points of negative allocation effect. Strong stock selection in the United States and the Philippines partially offset the negative allocation effect.

Over/under weights
On a geographic basis, the portfolio is overweight Germany, United States, Italy, Mexico, Greece, the Philippines, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, and Norway. The portfolio is underweight Japan, Taiwan, Canada, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Sweden, India, United Kingdom, South Korea, and France.

On a sector basis, the portfolio is overweight Industrials, Materials, Financials, Utilities, Energy, Consumer Discretionary and underweight all other sectors.

Other comments
Across global markets, we continue to observe a meaningful divergence in capital allocation behavior. Companies investing with a long-term focus on durable returns are increasingly distinguishing themselves from those reacting to short-term pressures, particularly as industry

leadership evolves amid technological innovation, the energy transition, and shifting policy dynamics. Against this backdrop, we remain active in using periods of volatility to selectively initiate or add to positions with compelling long-term upside potential.

Contributors:

Sanmina Corp (SANM) - Undervalued Growth
Sanmina Corporation is a leading outsourced manufacturing services provider, producing complex electronic systems, components, and supply chain solutions for customers in communications, cloud infrastructure, industrial, medical, defense, aerospace, and automotive markets. The company continues to benefit from increasing demand for high-complexity manufacturing, AI-related infrastructure, and reshoring of critical electronics supply chains. During the quarter, the Company reported strong earnings results, with a better-than-expected outlook.

Element Solutions (ESI) – Undervalued Growth
Element Solutions is a global specialty chemicals company focused on high-value formulations used in electronics, semiconductor manufacturing, printed circuit boards, and industrial surface treatments. The company has exposure to structurally attractive electronics end markets, where increasing chip complexity, advanced packaging, and higher layer counts drive rising chemical intensity per device, alongside a resilient industrial portfolio supported by long-term customer relationships and qualification-driven switching costs. The stock outperformance was driven by strong execution and earnings that came in ahead of expectations.

Coherent Corp (COHR) – Undervalued Asset
Coherent develops materials, lasers, and optoelectronic components used in industrial, communications, electronics, and scientific applications. The Company's new management team continues to execute well, and stock outperformance was driven by strong earnings and an outlook that came in ahead of expectations.

Microchip Technology (MCHP) – Undervalued Growth
Microchip Tech is a leading provider of microcontrollers, analog, and embedded semiconductor solutions used across industrial, automotive, aerospace, and communications markets, with a focus on long product lifecycles and highly diversified end demand. The stock outperformance was due to AI driven strength in the Company's data center related businesses.

International Container Terminal Services Corp (ICT-PH) – Undervalued Growth
International Container Terminal Services, Inc. is a leading global port operator with a portfolio of container terminals concentrated in high-growth emerging markets, benefiting from disciplined capital allocation, resilient cash flows, and long-term growth in global trade. The stock performed well, driven by strong earnings and continued high level of investments indicated in the earnings release.

Detractors:

B3 SA (B3SA3-BR) – Undervalued Growth
B3 is Brazil's sole stock exchange and a vertically integrated financial infrastructure provider spanning equities, derivatives, fixed income, and clearing services. The stock was under pressure due to concern around the upcoming elections in Brazil.

Spire Inc (SR) – Undervalued Earnings Asset
Spire Inc. is a regulated natural gas utility serving over 1.7 million customers, with earnings supported by stable utility operations and long-term investments in gas distribution infrastructure. The stock underperformed as the market continued to favor AI related themes during the quarter.

Aker BP ASA (AKRBP-NO) – Undervalued Asset
Aker BP is a Norwegian oil and gas producer focused on efficient offshore development in the North Sea. The stock underperformed as oil prices sold off late in the quarter.

Axon Enterprise (AXON) – Undervalued Earnings Growth
Axon Enterprise, Inc. is a leading public safety technology company providing TASER devices, body cameras, and cloud-based software that benefit from recurring revenue, expanding ecosystems, and increasing digital adoption by law enforcement agencies. The stock sold off on a negative market reaction to M&A announced by the Company.

GXO Logistics (GXO) – Undervalued Earnings Growth
GXO Logistics, Inc. is the world's largest pure-play contract logistics provider, benefiting from long-term outsourcing trends, warehouse automation, and increasing supply chain complexity. The stock sold off due weaker than expected margins reported in the quarterly earnings release.

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