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Energy is the axis around which the global economy turns. It is the very engine of life itself. Technology driven disruption is creating a boom in electricity generation, energy storage and the electrification of industries.

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T8 Energy Vision

APIR: ETL4286AU

Stock Exchange Ticker: T8EV

Fund Ratings: SQM Research (Favourable); RIAA (Responsible Investment Leader 2023, 2024); Aii; Evergreen Consulting (ERIG First Quartile)

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Commentary (all movements in this commentary are expressed in US dollar terms, unless otherwise stated)

T8 Energy Vision finished August up 2.5% (in Australian dollars, hedged to the Australian dollar). In US dollar terms, this equated to up 4.3%, ahead of global equities (+2.5%). Momentum and a solid US corporate earnings season saw risk appetite remain elevated in August, resulting in major US equities indices achieving new all-time highs. We remain of the view that investors in risk assets (such as equities) are overlooking a number of serious risks, including: elevated US debt levels; the unsustainably high US budget deficit; the likelihood that the One Big Beautiful Bill Act exacerbates these issues (at least in the short term); the US Federal Reserve losing its independence; and uncertainty in relation to the impacts that tariffs will have on the US and global economies (especially on inflation, employment and economic activity). We believe that these issues create a much higher than normal risk of a serious economic slowdown or period of economic stagflation and this should be motivating equity investors to seek exposure to safe haven sectors, such as utilities and gold. We observe that the utilities sector is benefitting from growing electricity demand in developed markets for the first time in a decade (driven by the data centre boom). This is a genuinely attractive attribute beyond its well-known defensive characteristics. We have published more substantial commentary in relation to markets on our [website](#).

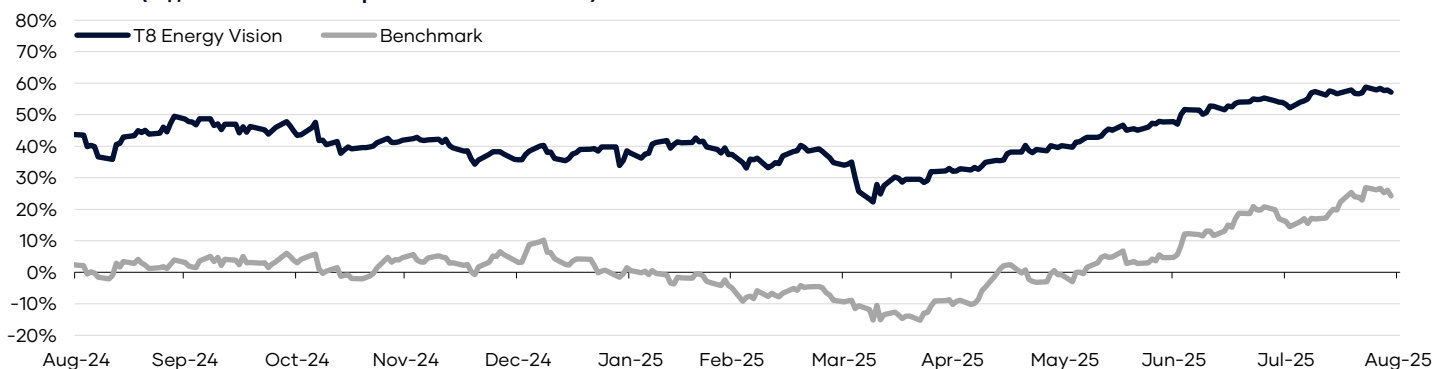
Performance contribution

Within our portfolio, the industrial metals segment was the key contributor to performance for the month (+351 basis points). At stock level, this was driven by Coeur Mining (CDE US, +51.3%), Pan American Silver (PAAS US, +25.5%) and Hudbay Minerals (HBM US, +29.4%) which all benefitted from stronger prices for industrial metals such as silver (+8.2%) and copper (+2.7%). We have a positive view on industrial metals, especially silver and you will recall that we published a [paper](#) last year elaborating on our investment thesis for silver and this remains relevant. The key detractors were our exposures in the grid equipment segment (-77 basis points). The key positions within this segment comprise Siemens Energy (ENR GY, -11.1%), Hitachi (6501 JP, -13.8%) and GE Vernova (GEV US, -7.2%) which consolidated following very strong performance during the first half. Our position in French electric utility Engie (ENGI FP, -9.8%) also detracted from performance as a result of political turmoil related to the French government's inability to pass spending cuts required to tackle the budget deficit and spiralling national debt, which ultimately resulted in the collapse of Prime Minister François Bayrou's government in early September. There is no change to our positive thesis on all of these positions.

Outlook

We have a positive view on the outlook for energy stocks driven by structural, secular and cyclical tailwinds converging and global energy demand growth accelerating – especially in advanced economies. In 2024, electricity demand grew at roughly double the 10-year average. Electricity demand is booming, driven by data centres (a secular growth trend) and the electrification of road transport (a structural shift). The world (and especially developed markets) needs more electricity generation. Our expectation is that this need will be met by a variety of different generation types, namely nuclear, gas and large-scale renewables. We refer you to a [short summary](#) of our expectations for the future energy mix in the US. The companies best positioned to benefit from this boom are those in the energy generation, grid infrastructure, energy storage and electrification sectors (as well as their direct supply chains, from critical minerals to transformers and cables, to energy-focused microchips and the latest nuclear reactor technology).

Performance (A\$, return since inception – last 12 months)



T8's key themes

Energy Generation



A growing world and new technologies (such as artificial intelligence) require significant new energy generation

Grid Infrastructure



Specialised infrastructure is required to gather, transmit, transform, distribute and manage energy

Critical Materials



Significant volumes of basic materials are required to manufacture everything from cars to turbines to microchips

Energy Storage



Energy storage is increasingly required to stabilise the grid and match energy supply with demand

Electrification



Moving and consuming electricity is cheaper and more efficient than combustible fuels for most uses of energy

Enabling Technology



Microchips, wireless communication and data management are increasingly vital to the energy system

About T8 Energy Vision

Fund overview

- Global equities fund focused on future-facing energy.
- 30-40 bottom-up best ideas actively managed based on deep in-house research and direct company engagement.
- Target returns of greater than 20%pa over a 3-5-year investment horizon.

Investment thesis

- Global energy demand growth is accelerating – especially in advanced economies. In 2024, electricity demand grew at roughly double the 10-year average.
- Electricity is booming, driven by data centres (a secular growth trend) and the electrification of road transport (a structural shift).
- The companies best positioned to benefit from this boom are those in the energy generation, grid infrastructure, energy storage and electrification sectors (as well as their supply chains).

About T8

- Our process is built on fully independent research, overseen by our Advisory Board which also provides deep industry insights.
- T8 believes that positive environmental and social benefits can be achieved without sacrificing investment returns.

Fund details

APIR	ETL4286AU
Exchange ticker	T8EV
Distributions	Annual
Trustee	EQT
Custodian	JPMorgan
Administrator	Apex
Auditor	EY
Management Fees	1.25%
Benchmark	Clean Energy Index ¹


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