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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

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Stock Exchange Ticker: T8EV
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Commentary (all movements in this commentary are expressed in US dollar terms, unless otherwise stated)

T8 Energy Vision finished February up 6.1% (in Australian dollars, hedged to the Australian dollar). In US dollar terms, this equated to up 8.3%, outperforming global equities (+0.7%). Without any doubt, the conflict with Iran has created an extraordinary level of uncertainty for markets to contend with and this overshadows many of the comments we have made in this report in relation to February. For the second consecutive month, seemingly unperturbed by escalating geopolitical tensions (especially in the Middle East), global equities continued their strong start to the year. Again, US indices lagged those in Europe and Asia as US technology stocks contend with market scepticism about the outlook for artificial intelligence (AI). Looking ahead at markets overall, we remain of the view that investors should be mindful of a number of risks, including: elevated risks associated with the various geopolitical conflicts; elevated US debt levels; the unsustainably high US budget deficit; the likelihood that US government policy exacerbates these issues (at least in the short term); the US Federal Reserve losing its independence; the recent US Government shutdown which may have distorted vital economic data; 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 factors, combined with US equities indices trading near to all-time highs should be motivating equity investors to seek exposure to geographies, sectors and themes which have attractive valuations and lower risk profiles. We favour defensive sectors such as electric utilities to which T8 Energy Vision has significant exposure. 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), which is a genuinely attractive attribute in addition to its well-known defensive characteristics. We have published more substantial commentary in relation to markets on our [website](#).

Performance contribution

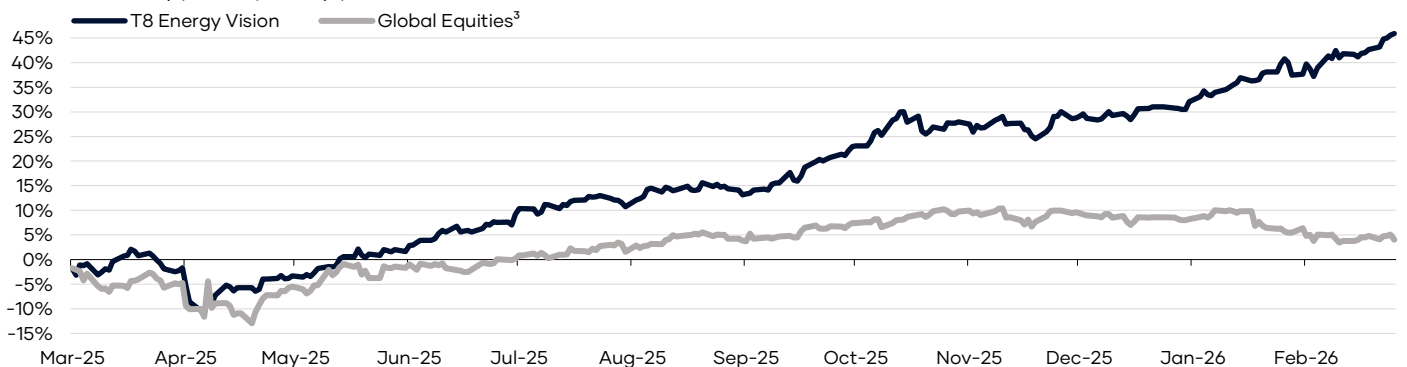
Within our portfolio, the electric utilities (+292 basis points) and industrial metals (+197 basis points) segments were the key contributors to performance for the month. Silver producers *Redacted (Redacted, +32.8%)* and *Redacted (Redacted, +25.8%)* and Brazilian hydroelectric-focused power utility, *Redacted (Redacted, +14.3%)* were the largest contributors at stock level. The renewables segment detracted from performance amid industry wide weakness which we put down to profit taking following very strong performance in 2025 and generally weaker than anticipated company guidance during February's company results season. In line with this, leading renewables companies *Redacted (Redacted, -15.2%)*, *Redacted (Redacted, -12.6%)* and *Redacted (Redacted, -10.2%)* were the main detractors for the month. There is no change to our positive outlook and bottom-up fundamental investment thesis for these companies.

Outlook

We have a positive outlook for energy stocks driven by structural, secular and cyclical tailwinds converging and global energy demand growth accelerating – especially in advanced economies. In 2025, US electricity demand grew at nearly five-times 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\$, last 12 months)

Return: 45.9% (past performance is not an indication of future returns)
Annualised volatility (realised, 90-days): 10.6%



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

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



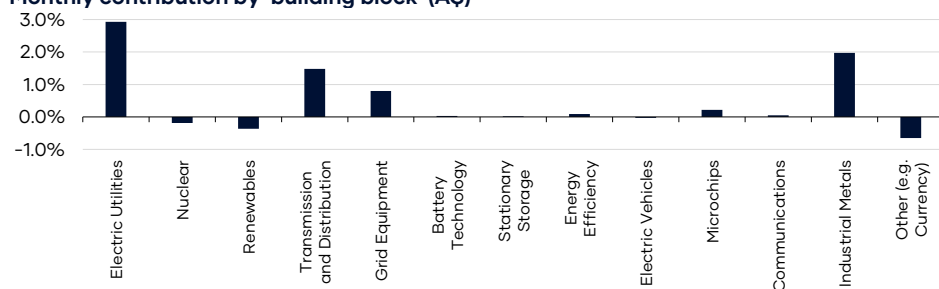
Microchips, wireless communication and data management are increasingly vital to the energy system

Critical Materials



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

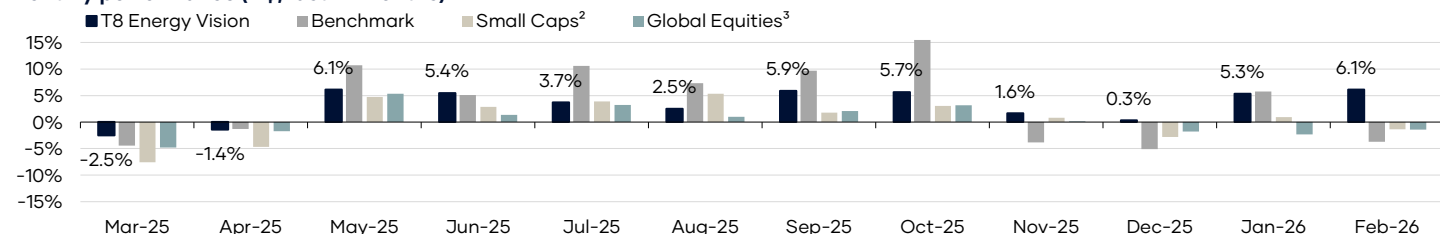
Monthly contribution by 'building block' (A\$)



Key stock contribution (bps, last month)

Company	'Building block'	Contribution (bps)
Top-3		
Redacted	Industrial Metals	73
Redacted	Industrial Metals	65
Redacted	Electric Utilities	60
Bottom-3		
Redacted	Renewables	-32
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Monthly performance (A\$, last 12 months)



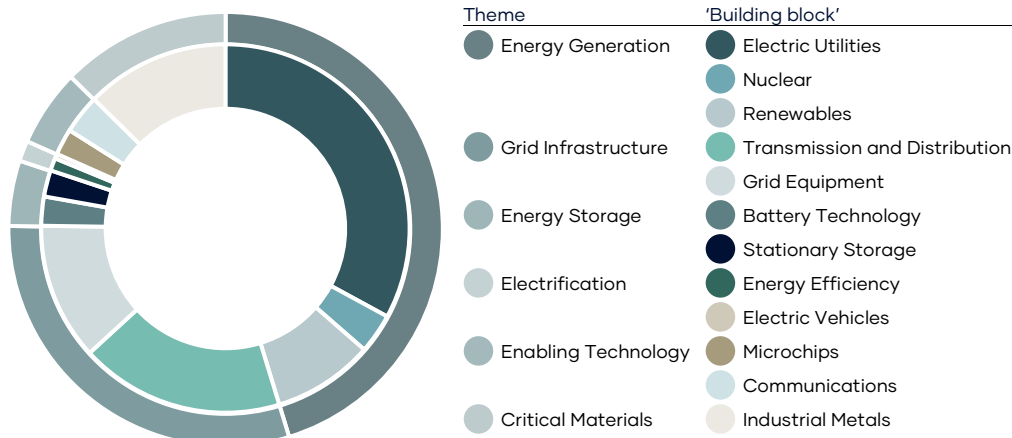
Monthly performance (A\$, since inception)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³
2019								7.3%	-5.1%	4.6%	4.2%	5.7%	17.3%	9.3%	4.5%	6.4%
2020	-2.7%	2.4%	-14.0%	24.1%	9.9%	3.4%	12.6%	8.5%	1.6%	5.4%	21.7%	11.9%	115.5%	149.1%	9.5%	5.8%
2021	9.7%	-3.4%	3.0%	-1.8%	1.6%	4.7%	-2.1%	1.4%	-3.9%	3.4%	-0.2%	-10.1%	1.0%	-22.0%	21.4%	28.8%
2022	-9.5%	1.6%	2.5%	-11.3%	1.0%	-6.1%	17.8%	1.1%	-9.8%	1.1%	4.9%	-10.7%	-19.3%	-22.7%	-15.1%	-12.6%
2023	10.2%	-1.1%	-0.5%	-6.4%	1.6%	5.7%	3.5%	-11.5%	-10.8%	-16.0%	1.2%	11.3%	-16.1%	-21.0%	16.7%	23.5%
2024	-13.4%	1.1%	4.1%	-4.8%	8.8%	-12.9%	3.7%	-3.3%	3.4%	-3.5%	-1.0%	-4.4%	-22.0%	-19.3%	27.4%	27.7%
2025	1.5%	-0.3%	-2.5%	-1.4%	6.1%	5.4%	3.7%	2.5%	5.9%	5.7%	1.6%	0.3%	32.1%	39.1%	3.3%	10.7%
2026	5.3%	6.1%											11.8%	1.8%	-0.4%	-3.7%

Performance and risk metrics (A\$)

Returns	Portfolio	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³	Risk metrics (90 days)	Portfolio	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³
1 month	6.1%	-3.7%	-1.4%	-1.4%	Volatility	10.6%	28.2%	16.3%	10.0%
Year to date	11.8%	1.8%	-0.4%	-3.7%	Sharpe ratio	5.8	-0.4	-0.7	-2.3
3 months	12.2%	-3.4%	-3.3%	-5.4%	Equity correlation⁴	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.0
6 months	27.5%	17.7%	2.3%	-0.2%	Equity beta⁴	0.2	1.4	1.2	1.0
1 year	45.9%	53.3%	6.2%	4.0%	Up-capture⁴	93%	162%	136%	100%
3 years	-11.4%	-17.6%	31.8%	58.9%	Down-capture⁴	-21%	114%	102%	100%
5 years	-25.4%	-48.0%	29.9%	81.2%	Up/down ratio⁴	-4.5	1.4	1.3	1.0
Since inception	100.4%	36.7%	61.5%	100.9%					
Annualised	11.1%	4.9%	7.5%	11.2%					

Positioning by theme and 'building block' (by net asset value)



Top holdings (by contribution to risk)

Company	'Building block'	Risk weight
Redacted	Industrial Metals	12.1%
Redacted	Industrial Metals	10.1%
Redacted	Industrial Metals	9.3%
Redacted	Nuclear	7.3%
Redacted	Grid Equipment	5.8%
Redacted	Electric Utilities	4.0%
Redacted	Grid Equipment	3.4%
Redacted	Transmission and Distribution	3.2%
Redacted	Communications	3.2%
Redacted	Industrial Metals	3.1%

Portfolio characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³
Revenue growth rate (Forecast 3-year CAGR)	10%	10%	5%	4%
1-year P/E (Median forecast)	22	27	26	20
3-year P/E (Median forecast)	17	17	17	16
1-year leverage ratio (Net Debt/EBITDA)	1.1	1.7	2.0	1.2
Market cap (Median)	US\$30B	US\$3B	US\$2B	US\$71B
Number of holdings	40	164	1,930	1,310

Company research and engagement (year to date)

Company meetings (one-on-one)
Redacted
Shareholder meetings (ballots cast)
Redacted

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 2025, US electricity demand grew at roughly five-times 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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¹The Clean Energy Index comprises equal weightings to the SPGTCLNT Index and ECOTR Index ²RU20INTR Index ³NDDUWI Index ⁴Relative to Global Equities

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