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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; ERIG (First Quartile)

30 April 2026

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

T8 Energy Vision finished April up 5.5% (in Australian dollars, hedged to the Australian dollar). A tentative ceasefire in the Iran conflict saw risk assets stage a blistering rally, rebounding from the indiscriminate sell-off in the prior month. The market appears singularly focused on the Trump Administration's de-escalation signals, notwithstanding the Straits of Hormuz remain more-or-less closed (leaving energy markets, as well as many commodities and major downstream industries in limbo). While an unresolved Iran conflict, energy shocks, inflation shocks, slowing global growth and uncertainty in relation to interest rates at the same time as an accelerating boom in artificial intelligence (AI) capital investment paints a complex and overall mixed picture, our key longer-term takeaway so far is that the Iran conflict will be the catalyst for energy de-globalisation and energy diversification for many major economies – especially in the Asia Pacific (particularly Japan, South Korea and Taiwan) and Europe (which is experiencing its second energy crisis in 4-years). This, and the growing realisation that energy is the key bottleneck for the growth of AI, particularly in the US (in China, computational capacity/access to microchips appears to be the greater obstacle), contributes to our very positive outlook for the electricity sector. Investors will not be able to get tangible exposure to this thematic via major indices (we estimate electric utilities and their supply chains account for only 3-4% of global equities indices). For investors seeking exposure to this thematic, a specialised strategy such as T8 Energy Vision should be contemplated. We have published more substantial commentary in relation to markets on our [website](#).

Performance contribution

Within our portfolio, the grid equipment segment (+212 basis points) was the key contributor to performance for the month. At stock level, three of the top-five contributors belong to this segment with *Redacted (Redacted, +26.9)*, *Redacted (Redacted, +29.5%)* and *Redacted (Redacted, +24.1%)* all generating a similar return. The main detractor was *Redacted (Redacted, -6.2%)*. We observe that the broader utilities sector was under some rotation pressure as investors sought sectors with a higher risk profile. The utilities sector is also facing rising concerns over consumer affordability and the regulatory headwinds that this is introducing. There is no change to our positive outlook for the utilities sector and bottom-up fundamental investment thesis for this position.

Outlook

We believe that the present market environment should be motivating equity investors to seek exposure to geographies, sectors and themes which have compelling fundamental tailwinds, attractive valuations and lower risk profiles. 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: 52.6% (past performance is not an indication of future returns)

Annualised volatility (realised, 90-days): 16%



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



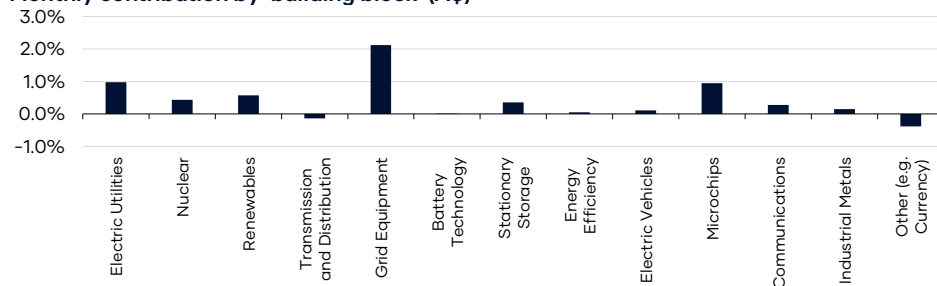
Microchips, wireless communication and data management are increasingly vital to the energy system

Critical Materials



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

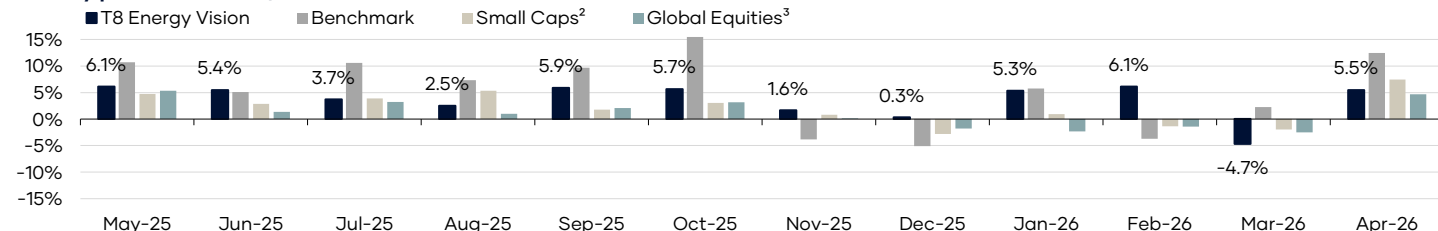
Monthly contribution by 'building block' (A\$)



Key stock contribution (bps, last month)

Company	'Building block'	
Top-3		
Redacted	Grid Equipment	68
Redacted	Grid Equipment	52
Redacted	Microchips	51
Bottom-3		
Redacted	Transmission and Distribution	-32
Redacted	Renewables	-10
Redacted	Electric Utilities	-10

Monthly performance (A\$, last 12 months)



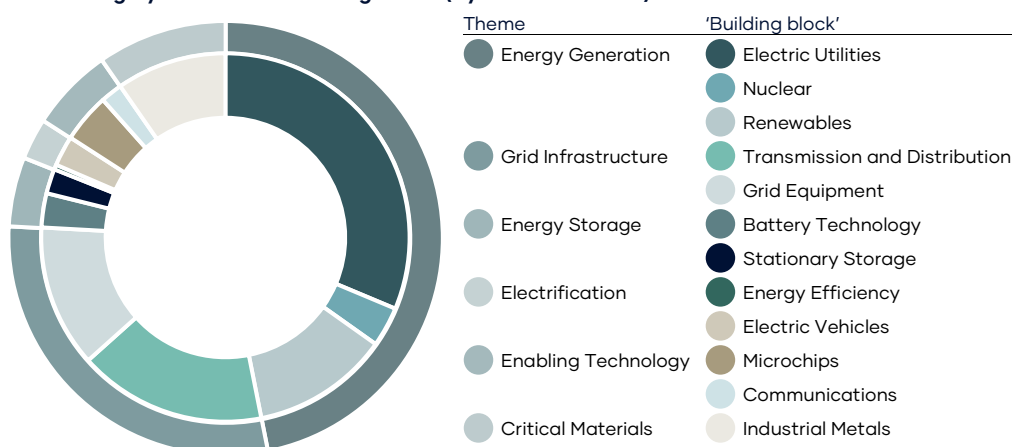
Monthly performance (A\$, since inception)

	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%	-4.7%	5.5%									12.4%	17.1%	4.9%	-1.7%

Performance and risk metrics (A\$)

Returns	Portfolio	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³	Risk metrics (90 days)	Portfolio	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³
1 month	5.5%	12.5%	7.4%	4.7%	Volatility	16%	31%	19%	13%
Year to date	12.4%	17.1%	4.9%	-1.7%	Sharpe ratio	1.0	1.0	0.5	-0.1
3 months	6.7%	10.7%	3.9%	0.6%	Equity correlation⁴	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.0
6 months	14.6%	6.9%	2.8%	-3.3%	Equity beta⁴	0.5	1.6	1.3	1.0
1 year	52.6%	86.9%	27.0%	13.4%	Up-capture⁴	55%	190%	145%	100%
3 years	-3.8%	3.4%	46.2%	51.2%	Down-capture⁴	30%	153%	133%	100%
5 years	-25.8%	-30.2%	32.7%	70.7%	Up/down ratio⁴	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.0
Since inception	101.5%	57.2%	70.1%	105.0%					
Annualised	10.9%	6.9%	8.2%	11.2%					

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



Top holdings (by contribution to risk)

Company	'Building block'	Risk weight
Redacted	Grid Equipment	8.1%
Redacted	Industrial Metals	7.9%
Redacted	Nuclear	7.2%
Redacted	Industrial Metals	6.5%
Redacted	Industrial Metals	6.0%
Redacted	Electric Utilities	4.9%
Redacted	Transmission and Distribution	4.8%
Redacted	Grid Equipment	4.0%
Redacted	Electric Utilities	3.8%
Redacted	Grid Equipment	3.7%

Portfolio characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Small Caps²	Global Equities³
Revenue growth rate (Median forecast)	8%	16%	5%	5%
1-year P/E (Median forecast)	20	25	15	17
3-year P/E (Median forecast)	17	17	13	14
1-year leverage ratio (Net Debt/EBITDA)	0.9	1.7	1.4	1.2
Market cap (Median)	US\$33B	US\$4.0B	US\$1.1B	US\$29B
Number of holdings	42	162	1,920	1,309

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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