Iron Pot Equities Global Technology Fund
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Fund Performance

Iron Pot Equities' Global Tech Fund returned -2.3% for the December quarter 2025 contributing to a 1-year total return of 7.4%, with the annualised return since inception sitting at 18.3%.

Over the past quarter the market has begun to differentiate markedly among tech sectors, favouring those participating with, or benefiting from, AI. In sharp contrast, out of favour are those sectors perceived to be at risk from AI capabilities eroding their product and service offerings.

The Fund's holdings mirrored this divergence with positions in the AI value chain performing well, some exceptionally so. These included AMD in the US (the Fund's largest holding), Weebit Nano (Australia) and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (Taiwan).

In contrast, the Fund's weakness for the quarter stemmed from software orientated offerings, which are under consistent selling pressure. Unusually, there is an increasing divergence between the downward price movement of these stocks and the consistently upgraded consensus earnings forecasts. Which blinks first?

Investment Approach: Revenue Growth

In our first quarterly in September 2023, we wrote about revenue growth. Without it, increased profits can only come from cost reductions – ultimately a limiting strategy – or acquisitions, which are inherently riskier. Strength in organic growth is key and is a major reason tech companies spend such a disproportionate share of revenue on both ongoing research and development and on sales and marketing efforts to drive growth.

The portfolio's weighted average revenue growth is now forecast in excess of 22% annually for the next 3 years. This is substantially higher than the portfolio at launch in July 2023. Why? The explosion in AI and the material change to prospects for those in the AI value chain. The converse is the great question mark hanging over software-related sectors. Is AI a tool to boost productivity and product development, and ultimately expand margins? Or will customers adopt AI to the disadvantage of these companies? At this point the market is convinced of the latter. However, consensus forecasts are being raised in direct conflict with market perceptions.

Portfolio Movements

In: DoorDash DASH possesses one of the key elements behind successful tech-based businesses – a platform offering. At its core is a commission and fee-based consumer-facing ordering platform connecting users with restaurants and other local merchandise stores through its flagship, DoorDash Marketplace. The offering now has a strong and growing presence in Europe and elsewhere. In addition, it has a white label fee-based offering providing merchants operating outside the DoorDash app, such as on their own website, access to its logistics operations. The company holds a healthy net-cash balance sheet and has strong growth in free cashflow from operations now in excess of USD2.5bn for the latest 12 months. These factors are complemented by substantial consensus forecast revenue growth over the next two years of 28% p.a., driven by 21% p.a. in the US and 37% in international revenues.

Out: BYD This marks a second consecutive short-term position exit for the strategy — this time not because of exceptionally fast price appreciation but rather a material shift in our expectations for the stock. Increased domestic pressures from both a higher purchase tax and aggressively ramped up competition are driving the need to push international sales, ultimately requiring a sustained aggressive sales push. The upshot is a material fall in foreseeable operating profit expectations.

Performance to 31 December 2025 *

Period	Net return %*
December Quarter 2025	-2.3%
Since Inception – Total (July 2023)	+52.1%
Since Inception – Annualised	+18.3%

* Past performance is not an indicator of future performance; Net of all fees, expenses and accruals but pre-tax for each investor.

Portfolio Breakdown

Quarter End 31 December 2025

Asset Class	% Allocation
Listed Equities	88.7%
Cash (net of accruals)	11.3%
Total	**100.0%**

Region	% Allocation
North America	61.8%
Australia	9.5%
Sweden	5.7%

Taiwan	4.5%
China	3.7%
United Kingdom	3.5%
Cash (net of Accruals)	11.3%
Total	**100.0%**

Industry Sub-Group	% Allocation
Semiconductor Industry	19.4%
Software – Applications	13.7%
Internet Media & Services	11.4%
E-Commerce – Products & Services	10.6%
Software – Infrastructure	6.7%
Web Portals/Internet Service Providers	6.1%
Data & Systems Security	6.0%
Cellular Telecoms	4.1%
Commercial Services – Finance	3.5%
Medical Products	2.7%
Entertainment Software	2.6%
Auto – Cars/Light Trucks	1.9%
Cash	11.3%
Total	**100.0%**

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