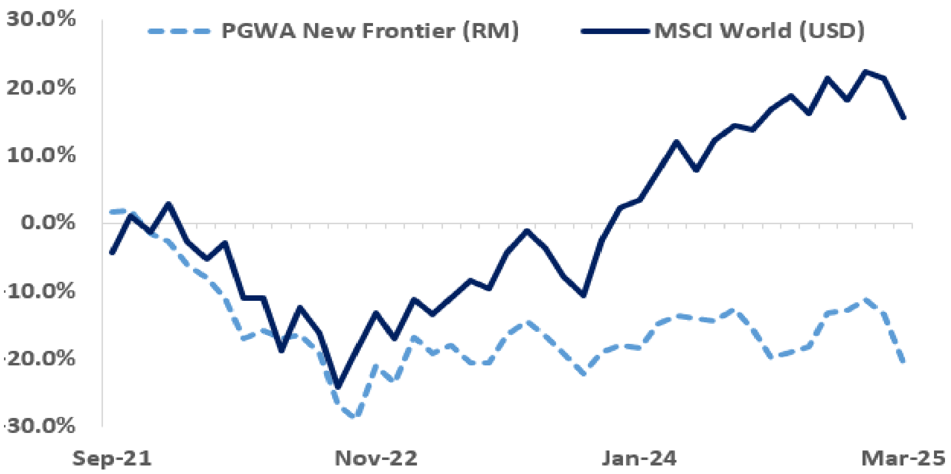
# Quarterly Fact Sheet

**31 Mar 2025**

# *New Frontiers*

## Cumulative Return




## Market Overview

In the first quarter of 2025, US equities experienced a downturn amid uncertainties surrounding President Donald Trump's trade policies. The S&P 500 declined by 4.6%, marking its worst quarter since 2022. The "BATMMAAN" stocks—Broadcom, Nvidia, Tesla, Amazon, Microsoft, Meta Platforms, Apple, and Alphabet—suffered significant losses during this period. Despite the Federal Reserve maintaining an accommodative monetary policy to support market liquidity and investor sentiment, the Trump administration's announcement of new tariffs on automotive heightened market volatility and fuelled recession concerns.

Meanwhile, Chinese equities rebounded sharply, gaining 15.3% in Q1 2025, primarily driven by a surge in tech stocks due to the impact of Deepseek. The rerating of tech stocks provided a strong market boost, though earnings outlooks remained challenging amid persistent deflationary pressures.

## Portfolio Review

The US market negative performance led to a 2.1% decline in the MSCI World Index for Q1 2025. Similarly, our portfolio underperformed, registering an 8.9% loss, primarily due to our exposure to US equities.

During the quarter, we initiated positions in two stocks: Novo Nordisk and Netflix. Novo Nordisk, Europe's largest pharmaceutical company, continues to demonstrate strong profit growth, high margins, and expanding market share. With the stock down nearly 50% from its peak and trading at an attractive 18x PE, we see significant upside potential. Meanwhile, Netflix, a global streaming leader, remains well-positioned, bolstered by its extensive content library—highlighted by the massive success of its Korean thriller Squid Game, which garnered 1.65 billion hours of viewing in its first 28 days.

Additionally, we increased our exposure to US equities amid market weakness, adding positions in Tesla, Alphabet, Apple, Amazon, Meta, and JPMorgan.

Looking ahead, we expect US equities to remain muted over the next three months before a clearer picture for the Global Tariff War. In contrast, Asia's equity markets currently lack strong earnings catalysts, with the semiconductor cycle having likely peaked in Q1 2025. However, improving macro conditions—including lower interest rates and potential quantitative easing—should help lift market sentiment.

This quarter fewer gainers than losers such as Tencent (+19.2%), Samsung Elec (+8.6%), and Mastercard (+4.1%) while losers are Tesla (-35.8%), Synergy House (-24.2%), Alphabet (-18.3%), EMCC (-17.8%), Nike (-16.1%), and JYP Entertainment (-15.3%).

## Basic Information

To achieve long-term capital growth from a portfolio primarily made up of a basket of foreign shares. The portfolio shall be focusing in the following markets: China, HK, and US.

## Initial Investment

Min RM200k

## *Performance*

| Year | NF | MSCI W. |
|---|---|---|
| 2021 (Oct – Dec) | -4.6% | 7.5% |
| 2022 | -21.6% | -19.3% |
| 2023 | 7.3% | 23.2% |
| 2024 | 6.4% | 15.6% |
| 2025 (YTD) | -8.9% | -2.1% |
| Cumulative return | -20.7% | 15.7% |
| 1Q 2025 | -8.9% | -2.1% |

## Top 10 holdings (%)

| | |
|---|---|
| Meta Platforms | 7.0 |
| Microsoft | 6.1 |
| MasterCard | 5.9 |
| Apple | 5.9 |
| Alphabet | 5.8 |
| Amazon.com | 5.3 |
| Intuitive Surgical | 4.3 |
| Samsung Electronics | 4.2 |
| Tesla | 4.2 |
| ASML | 3.8 |

## Countries Exposure