# Loftus Peak Global Disruption Active ETF

ASX:LPGD

## **MONTHLY UPDATE**

**AUGUST 2025** 

Loftus Peak is a global equities fund manager focused on disruptive businesses. Founded in 2014, Loftus Peak invests in global companies driving industry change, such as Nvidia, first bought in 2016. As well as Microsoft and Broadcom, the diverse portfolio also includes many less well-understood companies which are expected to be household names in the future, such as AMD and Qualcomm. This global approach aims to reduce concentration risk often associated with home-biased Australian portfolios.

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	5y p.a.	7y p.a.	Inception p.a.
Fund (net-of-fees)	-2.83%	+6.66%	+6.87%	+23.41%	+29.93%	+17.57%	+18.39%	+21.05%
Benchmark	+0.68%	+6.52%	+5.48%	+19.54%	+19.48%	+14.75%	+12.27%	+13.82%
Outperformance (net-of-fees)	-3.52%	+0.14%	+1.40%	+3.87%	+10.45%	+2.81%	+6.12%	+7.23%

Source: Loftus Peak, Bloomberg. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns greater than one-year are annualised. Net-of-fees performance for the Fund is based on end-of-month redemption prices after the deduction of fees and expenses and the reinvestment of all distributions. Investment return and the principal value fluctuate, so your units, when sold, may be worth more or less than the original cost. For further details, please refer to the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and Target Market Determination.

#### **Review and Performance**

The value of the Fund decreased by -2.8% (net-of-fees) in August, while the benchmark MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg) was up +0.7%, generating Fund underperformance of -3.5% (net-of-fees).

August was largely positive for equities. 81% of S&P 500 companies beat  $\Omega 2$  earning estimates (as at 31 August 2025) according to FactSet. Despite this share price responses were muted. There are highly valued companies – often with large exposure to Artificial Intelligence (AI) - and companies with depressed valuations, higher macro exposure, or a perceived AI disruption struggle. Strong earnings were essential for AI companies to maintain their valuations, whereas strong earnings outside of AI were insufficient to convince markets that headwinds had dissipated. Post 31 August the significant growth in revenue for Broadcom as it released details of a new US\$10b customer made thinks very lively.

The US Federal Reserve adopted a softer tone, with July's non-farm payrolls falling below expectations, signaling a job creation slowdown and increasing the likelihood of September interest rate cuts. Political shenanigans were evident with the Trump Administration's mortgage fraud accusation against Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook, a precursor to a possible loss of independence for the US central bank, which would not be a desirable outcome.

Key Facts		
Inception Date	15 November 2016	
ASX Code APIR Code	LPGD MMC0110AU	
Fund FUM (AUD)	\$672 million	
Strategy FUM (AUD)	\$1,171 million	
Product Type	Registered Managed Investment Scheme domiciled in Australia	
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited	
Investment Universe	Listed Global Equities	
No. of Investments	15-35	
Benchmark	MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg)	
Minimum Cash	1%	
Maximum Cash	20%	
Suggested time frame	3-5 years	
Minimum Investment <sup>1</sup>	\$5,000	
Platforms	Available on all major platforms	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No minimum investment for units purchased on the ASX.

#### **Contributors and Detractors to Return**

Qualcomm (+0.3%) was the largest contributor to Fund performance as the company recovered following a knee-jerk 10% drop following earnings. Despite its expansion into automotives moving faster than expected, the bulk of Qualcomm's revenue remains in cyclical end markets. Investors still perceive Qualcomm as a smartphone company, - the upside of which is a cheap valuation. Thus, even when earnings commentary fails to impress markets, the downside can be mitigated.

Arista Networks (+0.2%) reported a stellar AI fuelled earnings – enough to impress even after the stock's 80%+ run from Liberation Day lows. Arista sells the ethernet cables that connect racks of AI chips together, a competitor to Nvidia's (-0.3%) Infiniband. This is a huge opportunity for Arista but a small slice for Nvidia which grew quarterly revenue +56% YoY to USD46.7 bn. Nvidia had run into earnings and its modest beat and raise precipitated a slight sell down.

Nevertheless, Nvidia's longer term demand outlook appears stronger than ever. The next generation Rubin chip is on track for release in 2026. CEO Jensen Huang also pointed to cumulative US\$3-4 trillion Al infrastructure spend across the next five years. On top of this, Nvidia is pioneering scale across optical networking technologies which could enable cloud companies to connect geographically disparate datacentres.

Naturally, the swell of AI demand is directionally positive for **Advanced Micro Devices** (-0.2%) and **Broadcom** (+0.0%) as well as **Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company** (-0.4%) which manufactures the AI chips irrespective of the company that designs them. The big AI names have performed strongly over the last couple months but traded slightly down on results. Broadcom, mentioned above, was a notable exception.

Marvell (-0.6%) was the largest detractor to Fund return for August. A recent entry, Marvell has lagged its AI chip peers since April lows. Details about Marvell's future MAIA chip for Microsoft (-0.3%) were released at the end of July. The stock rose. Almost four weeks later the company reported earnings with lumpy AI revenue from Amazon's (-0.2%) Tranium chip missing expectations. The share price dropped. Nevertheless, the growing revenue share of the custom AI business together with AI's long runway and the significant valuation discount to peers make Marvell a compelling exposure to AI, once risk adjusted.

Microsoft and **Meta**, both of which have been strong performers this year, had a poor month, together cutting Fund value by -0.6% as investors questioned both companies return on investment in relation to their Al investment.

Loftus Peak continues to allocate more heavily to the tools - the picks and shovel semiconductor companies like Nvidia and TSMC.

The Australian dollar appreciated +1.7% against the US dollar over the month, decreasing the value of the Fund's US-dollar denominated positions. As at 31 August 2025, the Fund carried a foreign currency exposure of 95.0%.

Fees	
Management Fees and Costs	1.20% per annum (inc. GST net RITC)
Performance Fees	15% in excess of the hurdle return with a high watermark payable six monthly as at 30 June and 31 December each year

Unit Prices		
Pricing Frequency	Daily	
Date	29 August 2025	
Entry Price (in AUD)	5.3649	
Exit Price (in AUD)	5.3381	

Distributions		
Distribution Frequency	Paid annually as at 30 June	
Latest distribution date	30 June 2025	
Latest distribution	33.33 cents	

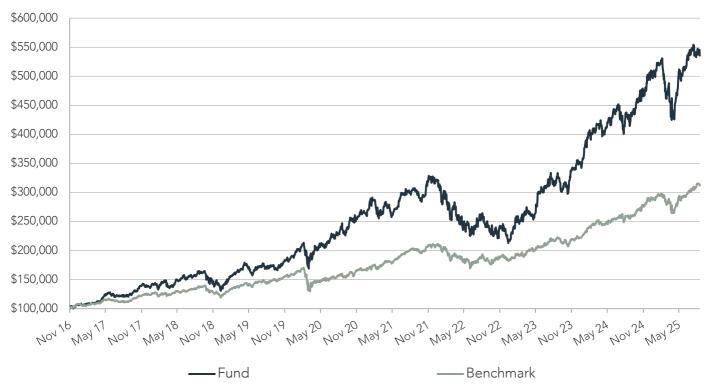
Applications and Withdrawals			
Withdrawal Notice	Generally, notice received by 2pm (Sydney time) receives the price effective for that business day.		

ESG Attributes			
Carbon Intensity <sup>2</sup>	65% less carbon intensive than benchmark: tCO2e/Mil USD		
	38.8 (LPGD)		
	110.0 (benchmark)		
	No exposure to companies involved in fossil fuel extraction, generation and related products and services.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Sustainalytics as at 31 August 2025.

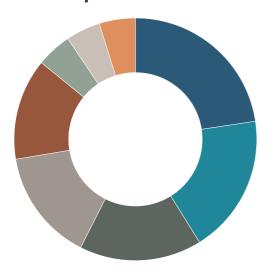
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#### **Cumulative Performance**



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Benchmark is MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg)

## **Portfolio Exposure**



- Al and Data Infrastructure (22.6%)
- Cloud and Software (18.5%)
- Internet of Things and Robotics (16.3%)
- Platforms and Ecommerce (14.9%)
- Digital Media (13.5%)
- Health and Life Sciences (4.7%)
- New Energy (4.6%)
- Cash (4.8%)

### **Portfolio Construction**

At August month end, the Fund was 95.2% invested in 30 holdings with the balance in cash exposure. The Fund has a high exposure to large capitalisation names which are highly cash generative with strong balance sheets. Focusing on high quality companies helps the Fund to withstand difficult periods in the market and drive strong, long-term outcomes for investors.

Portfolio Statistics			
Number of Holdings	30		
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup> (risk-free rate = BBSW3M)	1.09		
Information Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.63		
Volatility <sup>3</sup>	17.5%		

Capitalisation (USD)			
Mega Cap	> \$100b	69.1%	
Large Cap	\$50-100b	6.5%	
Mid Cap	\$2-50b	19.5%	
Small Cap	< \$2b	0.0%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Since inception.

# **Top 10 Holdings**



Amazon – is the global leader in internet retail and cloud-based computing. From its listing in 1997 as primarily an online book retailer, Amazon has now expanded its offering to most areas of consumer merchandise, whilst also developing market leading cloud computing services. It has a relentless focus on low-cost operations, constant reinvestment and customer service. The company is owner-managed and controlled by its founder Jeff Bezos.



Eli Lilly – founded in 1876 and headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, is a global pharmaceutical company known for its innovations in drug development. The company focuses on therapeutic areas such as diabetes, oncology, neuroscience, and immunology, with blockbuster drugs including Trulicity and Mounjaro for diabetes and Zepbound for weight loss. Eli Lilly is also a leader in Alzheimer's research, developing treatments like donanemab to address cognitive decline. Leveraging biotechnology and advanced research, the company continues to drive medical breakthroughs in both small molecules and biologics. With a strong pipeline and growing presence in obesity and metabolic health, Eli Lilly is shaping the future of healthcare innovation.



**Meta** – is one of the world's premier advertiser platforms with a user base of over 3bn Daily Active Users and over 10m advertisers. META has invested significantly into Al infrastructure, and this enables the company to drive user engagement and provides advertisers with a range of ad automation and targeting tools. META's two major goals are to: (1) to build the most popular and advanced Al Products and services; and (2) invest into building the next generation of augmented, virtual and mixed reality computing platforms.



Microsoft – is a multinational technology company that manufactures, licenses, supports and sells computer software, personal computers, consumer electronics and services. The Company's main segments include Intelligent Cloud, More Personal Computing, Productivity and Business Process. Its products include cross device productivity applications, server applications, business solution applications, desktop and server management tools, software development-tools, video games, and training and certification of computer system integrators and developers. The Company also designs, manufactures and sells devices including personal computers, tablets, gaming and entertainment consoles, and other intelligent devices that integrate with its cloud-based offerings.



**Netflix** – is the leading video streaming provider in the world with over 260m subscribers as of the December 2023 quarter. As the global leader, Netflix will continue to benefit from the shift of linear TV to streaming with still a significant opportunity to grow subscribers (1bn broadband households globally), pricing power and further monetization opportunities through advertising.



NVIDIA – founded in 1993 and headquartered in Santa Clara, California, is a leading technology company specializing in graphics processing units (GPUs) and artificial intelligence (AI). Originally known for its dominance in gaming GPUs, Nvidia has expanded into AI, data centers, autonomous vehicles, and professional visualization. Nvidia's AI and deep learning technologies power industries ranging from healthcare to robotics, enabling breakthroughs in generative AI and high-performance computing. With its continuous innovation in AI chips and software ecosystems like CUDA, Nvidia remains at the forefront of the AI and semiconductor industries.



Qualcomm – is a fabless semiconductor designer and the world's leading supplier of mobile device chipsets (mobile phones, smartphones and tablets). Qualcomm is expanding the number and diversity of revenue lines including supplying chips to the PC market, automobiles, IoT and augmented/virtual reality segments. Qualcomm is also set to benefit as a key enabler of the proliferation of AI capabilities onto devices. (e.g. Samsung Galaxy S24)



Roku – founded in 2002, is an American company headquartered in San Jose, California, that manufactures a variety of digital media players for video streaming. Roku's devices allow users to access streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, and Disney+, among others, directly on their televisions. Roku has also expanded into the smart TV market and offers an advertising platform for content publishers. The company plays a significant role in the streaming media and connected TV industry.



Samsara – founded in 2015 and headquartered in San Francisco, is a software company providing a cloud-based platform that connects physical operations—like vehicle fleets, equipment, and facilities—to the cloud through sensors and telematics. Key products include fleet tracking, driver safety, and asset monitoring, serving industries like transportation, logistics, construction and manufacturing. Its real-time data insights help customers reduce fuel consumption, improve safety, and increase operational efficiency. The company is part of a broader trend of digital transformation in physical operations, using Al and analytics to modernize traditional sectors.



**Taiwan Semiconductor** – is the largest dedicated global foundry for the manufacture of semiconductor chips. TSMC produces chips for a wide range of uses including data centres, networking equipment, smartphones, tablets, PCs and gaming consoles. TSMC has a broad customer base of major hardware and fabless semiconductor companies including Apple, Qualcomm, Nvidia, AMD, MediaTek and HiSilicon (Huawei). The company is leveraged to chip demand from emerging themes such as 5G, IoT and artificial intelligence. TSMC was founded in 1987 and is based in Hsinchu, Taiwan.

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