# **Loftus Peak Global Disruption Active ETF**

ASX:LPGD

## **MONTHLY UPDATE**



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	<b>1</b> y	3у р.а.	5y p.a.	7y p.a.	Inception p.a.
Fund (net-of-fees)	+6.97%	+7.78%	+28.56%	+30.00%	+36.67%	+18.99%	+21.67%	+22.01%
Benchmark	+3.50%	+6.80%	+18.92%	+23.19%	+20.74%	+16.25%	+14.15%	+14.29%
Outperformance (net-of-fees)	+3.47%	+0.98%	+9.64%	+6.81%	+15.93%	+2.74%	+7.52%	+7.72%

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 increased +7.0% (net-of-fees) in October, while the benchmark MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg) was up +3.5%, generating Fund outperformance of +3.5% (net-of-fees)

Markets rode higher as disruptive secular themes outmuscled macroeconomic concerns. The month kicked off with a series of enormous Artificial Intelligence (AI) announcements between hyperscalers, AI labs and semiconductor designers. The scale of what these companies plan to do is unprecedented and in our view is not yet priced in. Despite the positive share price moves, Loftus Peak believes investors retain a level of healthy skepticism (and understandably so).

This caution has played out more generally across earnings season. Company numbers have generally been strong, but investors have tended to sell down company results that fail to raise forward expectations. Against this backdrop, and an extended US government shutdown, the Fed made its second 25bps interest rate cut. President Trump threatened an additional 100% tariff on China only to end the month by reducing US tariffs on Chinese imports by 10%.

Key Facts		
Inception Date	15 November 2016	
ASX Code APIR Code	LPGD MMC0110AU	
Fund FUM (AUD)	\$786 million	
Strategy FUM (AUD)	\$1,353 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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#### **Contributors and Detractors to Return**

Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) was the largest contributor for the month, adding +2.2% to the Fund. OpenAl's intent to purchase tens of billions of dollars worth of AMD AI systems has demonstrated that the world's second largest Graphics Processing Unit (GPU) designer was more competitive than previously thought. Whether or not the deal is fully realised remains uncertain, and at any rate, we believe AMD is not priced for that scale of revenue. However, the fact that OpenAI is willing to use AMD GPUs opens the door for other customers to emerge. The total addressable market for AI chips is vast and even taking 5%~10% market share would be material to AMD's share price.

Amazon (+0.8%) also hit back convincingly against its 'Al laggard' reputation. The company's cloud service, AWS, is the largest in the world. However, due to slower growth over the last several quarters, it has been losing share to Microsoft (+0.0%), Alphabet and Oracle. This may have just changed. AWS year-over-year growth accelerated from +17% in Q2 to +20% in Q3 - its highest growth rate since 2022 (and at a much larger scale). The re-acceleration was largely driven by AI, helped by the company's new 500,000 chip 'Project Rainier' Al data centre. This cluster was activated less than 12 months after first being announced and makes use of custom chips designed by Marvell (+0.2%) to support the AI ambitions of Anthropic.

Marvell chips as well as those from **Nvidia** (+0.7%) and **Broadcom** (+0.5%) are fabricated at **Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company** (TSMC). TSMC's share price rose along with other AI hardware companies, contributing +1.3% to the Fund. TSMC has virtually monopolised leading chip manufacturing and has significant scope to leverage its position. Despite the headwinds of establishing fabrication in the US, increasing pricing, higher utilisation rates and greater efficiency of manufacture are driving margins upwards. This underpins a materially growing end market; TSMC has visibility of AI chip compounded annual growth of 45% from 2024 through to 2029.

This growth is being reflected in hyperscaler CapEx guidance for 2025 which increased yet again during earnings. From what has been announced so far, 2026 looks to be even larger than 2025. Investors are giving public cloud providers like Microsoft the benefit of the doubt in terms of monetising their GPUs. However, **Meta** (-0.6%) has not received the same leniency and was the largest detractor for the month.

On Meta's Q3 earnings call the company increased its CapEx guidance. Despite operating data centres for its own operations, Meta does not offer these services to third parties. This combined with a lack of overt AI products and fears of Reality-Labs-scale losses (again) has irked investors. In contrast to the market, Loftus Peak believes Meta is currently benefiting from AI - perhaps even more immediately than its public cloud peers. AI underpins every aspect of Meta's business: increasing user engagement (Instagram video time was up 30% year-over-year), improving ad targeting and enabling easier content and marketing material generation through generative AI. These factors contributed to incredible revenue growth (26% year-over-year) at incredible scale (\$51.2bn in the quarter) - almost as large as Google's Search business.

The Australian dollar depreciated -1.2% against the US dollar over the month, increasing the value of the Fund's US-dollar denominated positions. As at 31 October 2025, the Fund carried a foreign currency exposure of 99.3%.

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	31 October 2025	
Entry Price (in AUD)	5.9504	
Exit Price (in AUD)	5.9208	

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 38.1 (LPGD)		
	108.7 (benchmark)		
	No exposure to companies involved in fossil fuel extraction, generation and related products and services.		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Source: Sustainalytics as at 31 October 2025.

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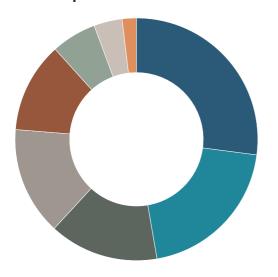
## **Cumulative Performance**



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Benchmark is MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg)

## **Portfolio Exposure**



- Al and Data Infrastructure (27.1%)
- Cloud and Software (20.2%)
- Internet of Things and Robotics (14.6%)
- Platforms and Ecommerce (14.4%)
- Digital Media (12.0%)
- New Energy (6.0%)
- Health and Life Sciences (3.8%)
- Cash (1.9%)

## **Portfolio Construction**

At month end, the Fund was 98.1% invested 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	31		
Sharpe Ratio <sup>3</sup> (risk-free rate = BBSW3M)	1.15		
Information Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.67		
Volatility <sup>3</sup>	17.4%		

Capitalisation (USD)			
Mega Cap	>\$100b	76.7%	
Large Cap	\$50-100b	9.4%	
Mid Cap	\$2-50b	12.1%	
Small Cap	< \$2b	0.0%	

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

## Top 10 Holdings



**Advanced Micro Devices** – a high performance and adaptive computing leader, powering the products and services that help solve the world's most important challenges. Its technologies advance the future of the data center, embedded, gaming and PC markets. AMD was founded in 1969 by Jerry Sanders, a former executive at Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation, and seven other technology professionals.



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.



CATL – founded in 2011 and headquartered in Ningde, China, is the world's largest producer of lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage systems. The company supplies batteries to leading global automakers including Tesla, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai, and Toyota . CATL's core products include lithium iron phosphate (LFP) and nickel manganese cobalt (NMC) battery chemistries, and it is at the forefront of innovations in solid-state batteries and cell-to-pack architecture. With operations spanning China, Europe, and other key EV markets, CATL plays a central role in the global energy transition and electrification of transport.



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.



**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



**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.



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.



**Uber** – founded in 2009 and headquartered in San Francisco, California, is a global technology company that revolutionized ride-hailing and expanded into mobility, delivery, and freight services. Its core platform connects riders with drivers through its app, offering services such as UberX, Uber Comfort, and Uber Black. Uber also operates Uber Eats, a food delivery service, and Uber Freight, a digital platform that connects shippers and carriers for logistics solutions. The company leverages AI, real-time data analytics, and dynamic pricing to optimize driver-rider matching, route efficiency, and demand forecasting. Uber continues to expand its offerings, including autonomous vehicles and electric micromobility solutions.

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