

EQT EIGHT BAYS GLOBAL FUND – CLASS B

FUND OBJECTIVE

The EQT Eight Bays Global Fund - Class B (The Fund) investment objective is to deliver gross performance (less fees) above the benchmark over rolling 3-year periods.

The Fund is designed to give investors exposure to global growth industries and world leading companies, primarily through a portfolio of US Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).

FUND PERFORMANCE

Pleasingly, over the last 3 years the Fund has delivered a very strong total net return of 22.01% per annum outperforming the benchmark by 0.28% (per annum).

More recently the returns in absolute terms have remained strong. Over the December quarter the Fund produced a total net return of 1.93% slightly underperforming the benchmark by 0.61%.

Since inception (1/7/21) the Fund has delivered a robust total net return of 10.38% per annum.

| PERFORMANCE ¹ | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS (P.A.) | SINCE INCEPTION (P.A.) ² |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Income return ¹ | 0.41% | 0.43% | 1.55% | 0.58% | 0.35% |
| Capital return | 1.52% | 7.22% | 8.14% | 21.43% | 10.03% |
| Total net return | 1.93% | 7.66% | 9.69% | 22.01% | 10.38% |
| Benchmark return ³ | 2.54% | 9.65% | 13.52% | 21.73% | 12.43% |
| Active return | -0.61% | -1.99% | -3.83% | 0.28% | -2.05% |

Table 1

¹ Performance: Income and total net returns are fund returns after the deduction of ongoing fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. Results greater than one year are annualised.

² Inception date is 1 July 2021.

³ Benchmark return is the MSCI ACWI ex Australia net return Index (AUD).

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

ETF PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The best performing Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) positions in the December 2025 quarter were Global Pharmaceuticals (up 14.2%), Semiconductors (up 11.2%) and US Financials (up 1.7%). Underperforming ETFs were Midstream Gas (down 3.5%), Communication Services (down 0.5%) and Industrials (up 0.6%).

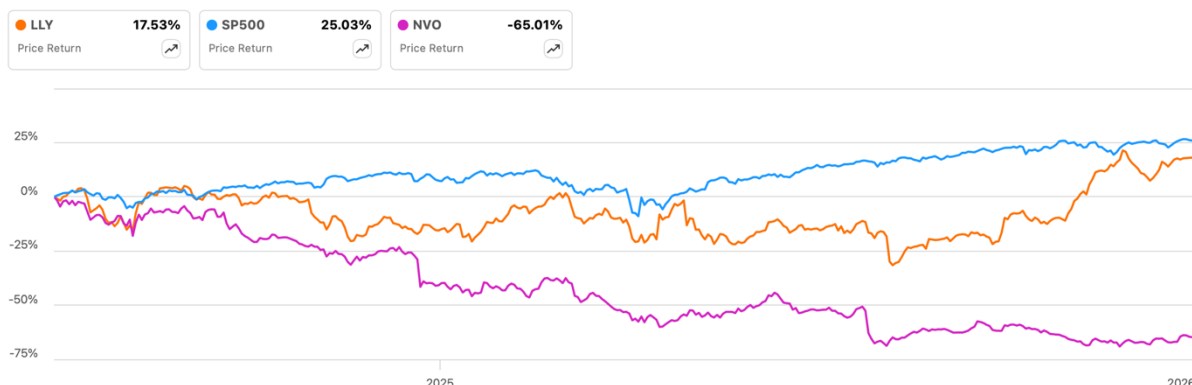
For the Fund's individual stock holdings, Alphabet (Google) rose 17% from its late October inclusion as a single stock position while Amazon rose 5% for the quarter.

After a strong year mobility leader Uber Technologies fell 16% as analysts debated whether they would be a key player or just a useful service provider in autonomous vehicles, with 2026 expected to see an acceleration in the launch of these platforms.



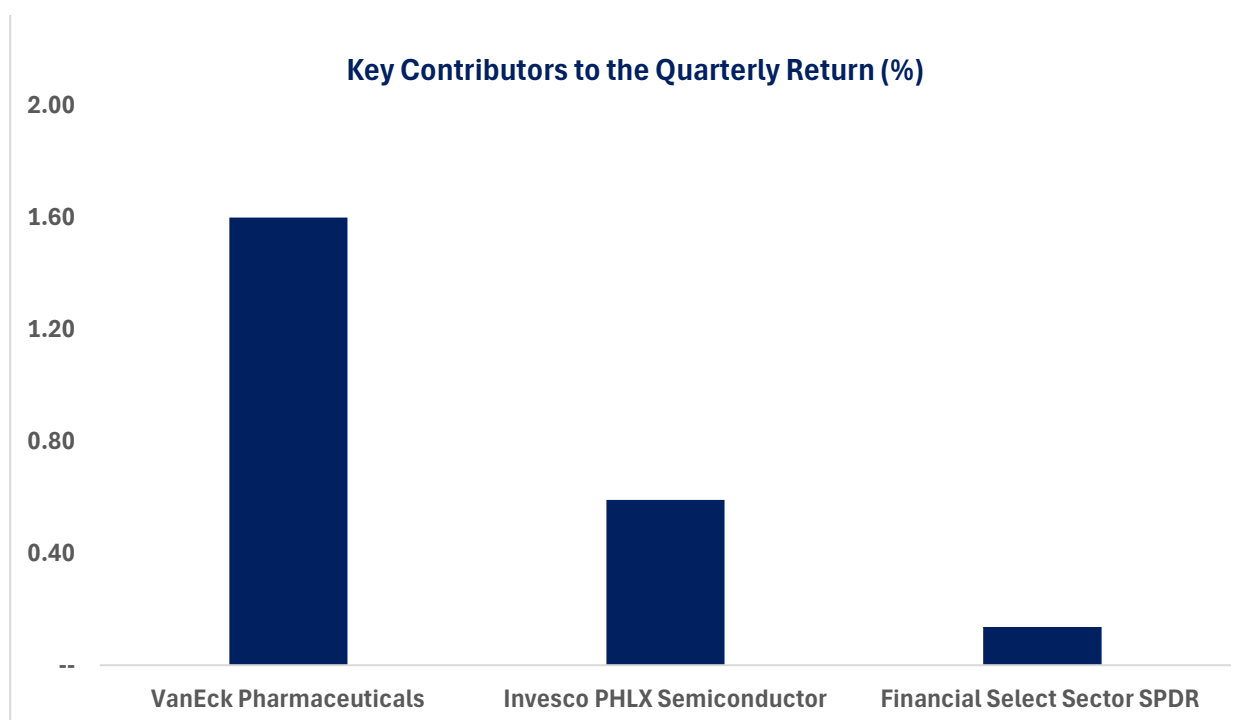
Danish pharmaceutical leader Novo Nordisk fell 8%. This marked a 65% correction in its stock price since the peaks of June 2024. Over this period the Fund selected a strong exposure to weight loss diabetes leader Eli Lilly, which is a dominant (21%) holding in our Global Pharmaceuticals ETF (PPH). The exposure to Novo Nordisk was increased by adding a direct shareholding in the September 2025 quarter after much of the substantial share price fall had occurred, with the early 2026 launch of the Wegovy weight loss pill a potential positive catalyst. When added to the 7% Novo Nordisk holding in the PPH ETF, the Fund has a strong overweight position in the Weight Loss/ Diabetes companies.

ELI LILLY v NOVO NORDISK 1 July 2024 – 31 December 2025



Source: Seeking Alpha 10 Jan 2026

CONTRIBUTION



Source: Equity Trustees / Factset



FUND ACTIVITY

In the December 2025 quarter, there were only minor adjustments to the industry ETF positions.

In late October Alphabet was added as a single stock (1%) to boost the existing overweight position held through the Communication Services ETF (XLC).

In early November a 2% single stock position was added in Microsoft, which in combination with the allocation to Microsoft via the Information Technology ETF (VGT) resulted in a slightly overweight position in Microsoft for the Fund.

The advantage of the single stock positions in mega caps Alphabet, Microsoft and Nvidia is a targeted boost to the allocations within the respective ETFs, whereas the single Stock holding in Amazon (4.5%) is not supplemented in any of the ETF holdings.

INDIVIDUAL STOCKS: Amazon.com / Microsoft / Alphabet / Nvidia / UBER Technologies / Novo Nordisk

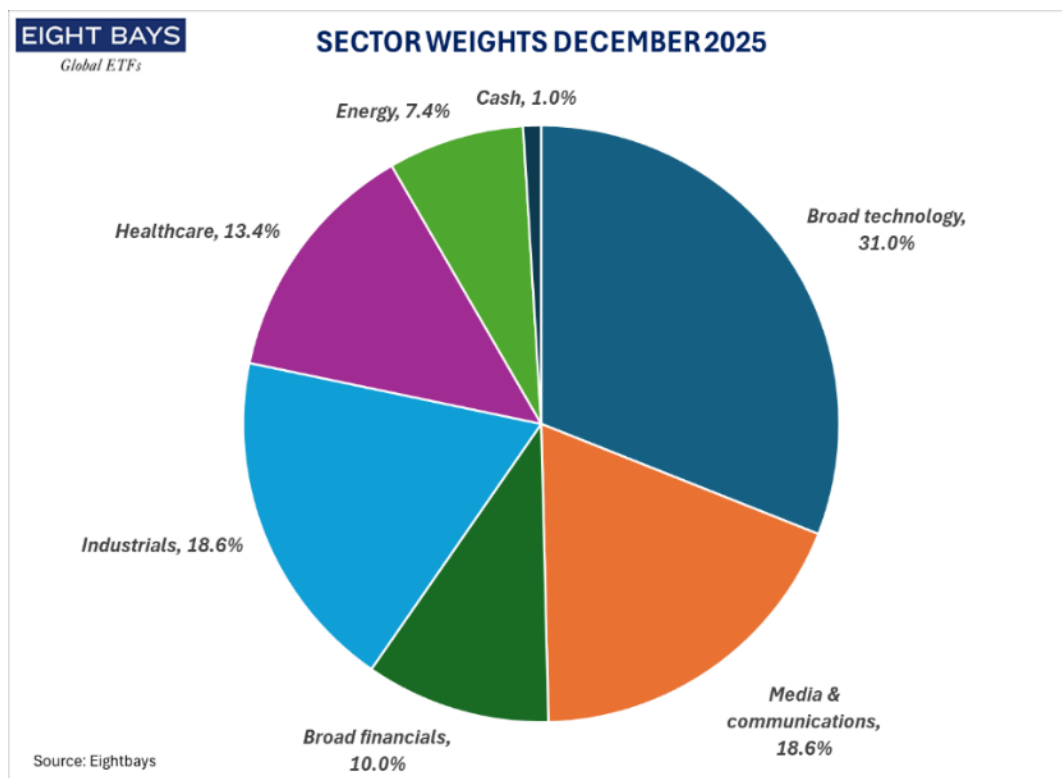
ETF CONSTITUENT COMPANIES

We highlight significant companies in each Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) as follows:

| INDUSTRY ETF EXPOSURE | MAJOR COMPANY EXPOSURE |
|---------------------------------|---|
| MIDSTREAM ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE | ONEOK, Kinder Morgan, Cheniere, Williams |
| SMART GRID / ENERGY TRANSITION | ABB, Schneider Electric, Johnson Controls, Eaton PLC |
| SEMICONDUCTORS | Advanced Micro Devices, Broadcom, Taiwan Semiconductor, NVIDIA |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | Apple, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Oracle, Palantir, Broadcom |
| GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICALS | Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk, J&J, Novartis, Zoetis, Takeda, Sanofi |
| COMMUNICATIONS | Alphabet, Meta Platforms, Netflix, Electronic Arts, Disney, T-Mobile |
| FINANCIALS | Berkshire Hathaway, JP Morgan, Visa, Mastercard, Goldman Sachs, Blackrock |
| INDUSTRIALS | Caterpillar, GE Aerospace, Honeywell, UBER Technologies, Boeing |



SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Eight Bays 31 December 2025

EQT EIGHT BAYS INDIVIDUAL LOOK THROUGH STOCK EXPOSURE

| Stocks | Portfolio weight |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| NVIDIA Corporation | 4.9% |
| Amazon.com, Inc. | 4.6% |
| Alphabet Inc. | 4.6% |
| Microsoft Corporation | 4.0% |
| Meta Platforms Inc | 3.5% |
| Apple Inc. | 2.8% |
| Eli Lilly and Company | 2.6% |
| Broadcom Inc. | 1.4% |
| Novo Nordisk A/S Sponsored ADR | 1.3% |
| Novartis AG Sponsored ADR | 1.3% |
| Uber Technologies, Inc. | 1.2% |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc. | 1.2% |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 1.1% |
| Merck & Co., Inc. | 1.1% |
| Netflix, Inc. | 1.0% |
| GE Aerospace | 0.9% |
| Comcast Corporation | 0.8% |
| Walt Disney Company | 0.8% |
| Take-Two Interactive Software, Inc. | 0.8% |

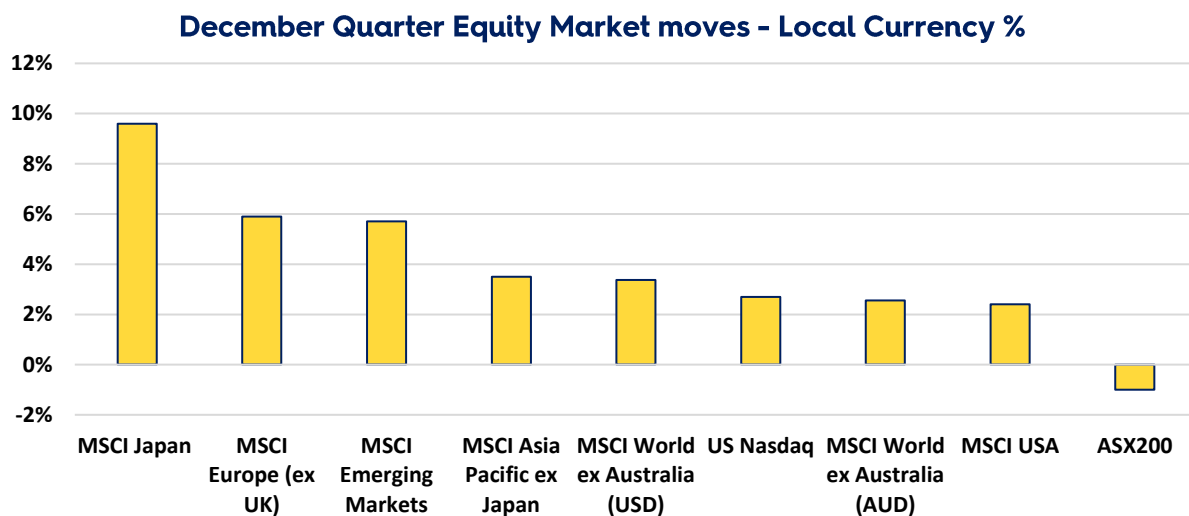
Source: Eight Bays 31 December 2025



MARKET COMMENTARY

Global equity markets closed the year strongly amid monetary easing, fiscal support, AI-driven growth, weaker USD, and resilient earnings. Notably, the strength was broad-based — spanning U.S., Europe, UK, and emerging markets — with cyclical, tech, and commodity-linked sectors benefiting most. Despite headwinds (longest U.S. government shutdown, weak consumer sentiment, sticky inflation), global GDP growth exceeded expectations, while robust earnings across the U.S., Europe, and Japan underpinned equity markets.

In local currency terms global equities (MSCI World Ex Aust) rallied 3.4%. The MSCI World ex-USA returned +5% in Q4 and delivered one of its strongest full-year gains (~32%). MSCI Japan (+9.6%), MSCI Europe-ex UK (+5.9%) and MSCI Emerging Markets (+5.7%) all performed strongly. The MSCI US rose (+2.4%) but relatively underperformed.



Source: Macquarie Research / Equity Trustees

The U.S. dollar weakened ~9% against major currencies, boosting international and emerging market assets. While the US Federal Reserve cut rates and signalled for more to come, other central banks appear to be coming to an end of their rate cutting cycles.

Persistent tensions (e.g., Russia–Ukraine, Middle East) boosted defense, energy, and commodity sectors. Infrastructure and defense spending in Europe, Japan, and the U.S. lifted cyclical sectors. Continued acceleration of AI investment — especially among the “Magnificent Seven” — drove U.S. tech, while AI-related hardware and semiconductors supported global tech rotation.

The Japanese market benefited from the new Takaicho administration. The economic policies supported sectors such as defence, heavy industry and semi-conductors. The new administration announced measures to combat inflation, launched growth strategies for AI and robotic industries and approved a comprehensive economic package. Strong corporate results further aided the equity market. A weak yen helped exporters and rate hikes helped financials. The Japan-US agreement, resilient global economic growth and corporate reforms have increased confidence in Japanese stocks leading to a re-rating over the year.

U.S. equities posted a third consecutive quarterly and annual gain in Q4 2025, with the S&P 500 +2.4% supported by stronger-than-expected earnings, Fed easing (50 bps), and resilient consumer trends despite labour softness and affordability concerns. Sector leadership came from healthcare and communications, while real estate and utilities lagged. AI headlines dominated, with hyperscaler capex surging and Alphabet (GOOG) outperforming on Gemini momentum, though dispersion emerged as scrutiny over “Return on Investment” timing / benefit and infrastructure costs weighed on some names. Trade truce extensions and tariff relief buoyed sentiment, while macro resilience offset hawkish global rate signals and political uncertainty. Overall, bullish drivers included earnings beats, AI adoption, and fiscal optimism for 2026, while bearish themes centred on labour weakness, stretched sentiment and high headline valuations.



PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

In the September 2025 quarterly report, we highlighted the massive capital expenditures on Artificial Intelligence, and as we look forward to 2026, we note the January 2026 “Asia Maxima” report from Jefferies which states:

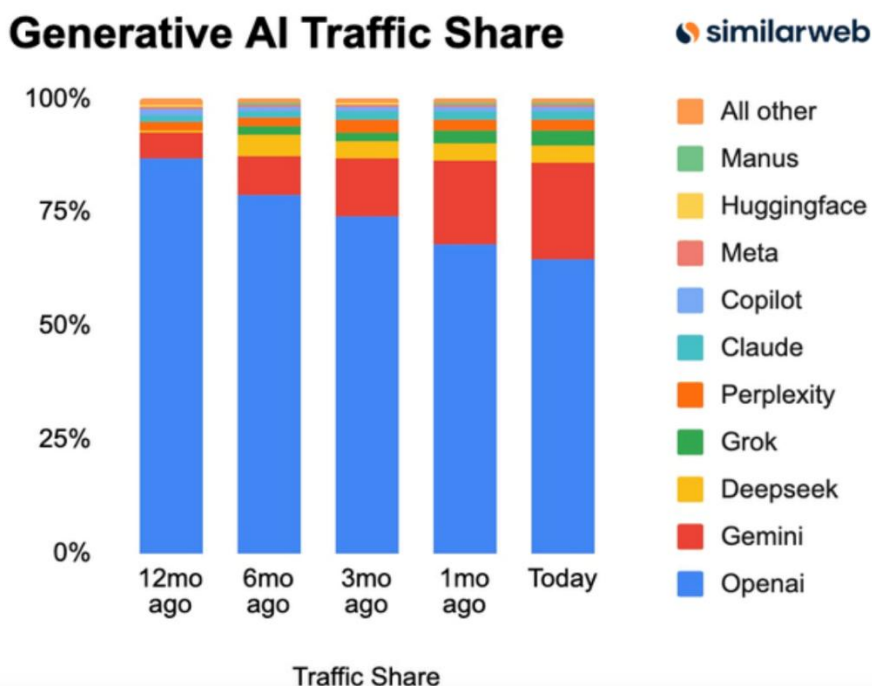
“in our view, the biggest risk to the US economy is an implosion in AI capex. Related to this, we believe the biggest risk to the US stock market is that investors will start to question the returns – or rather the lack thereof – from the now three-year-old AI capex arms race”

The report makes the point that the AI models look increasingly commoditized, with a lack of product differentiation among suppliers, and that China’s much cheaper open-sourced models will continue to advance, boosted by the advantage of almost unlimited cheap power.

The EQT Eight Bays Fund retains a broad exposure to the AI thematic through its Industry ETF exposures particularly in Information Technology and Semiconductors bolstered by direct shareholdings in Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet (Google) and Nvidia.

The Fund overweight position in Google was rewarding in 2025, with the stock up 64%. However, at the start of 2025 market sentiment and the plethora of Wall Street analysts were cautious on Google and more focused on the potential disruption to Google’s dominant market share in search engine generated advertising revenues. Very few predicted that Google would advance its AI model Gemini to such wide acceptance in the tech community with rapidly increasing market share.

GOOGLE’S GEMINI



Source: Similarweb December 2025

In early 2025 we also knew that Google (and Nvidia’s other largest big tech customers) were trying to reduce their dependence on Nvidia’s expensive GPU semiconductors. Now Google has successfully developed a TPU with Broadcom, a custom designed chip for specific applications in the inference phase of AI models, at significantly lower cost than Nvidia’s GPUs. Few predicted that Google would sell these TPUs to competing AI model developers, however Citigroup in a 22nd December 2025 US Semiconductor report states:

“Broadcom confirmed Anthropic as Google’s largest TPU customer with \$21 billion in revenue in 2026. We believe Meta is in talks to purchase Google’s TPU chips.”

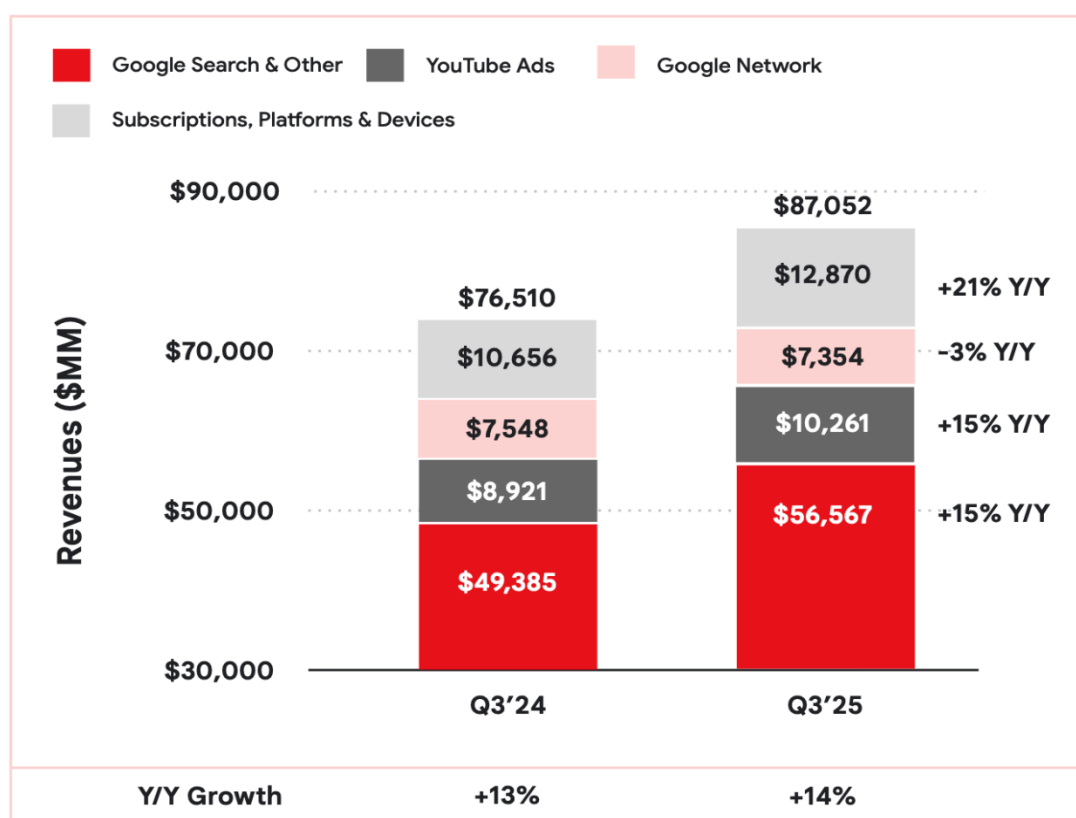


The success of customized TPU chips is not to suggest that Nvidia's GPU chips have lost their broader competitive advantage, reinforced by their software ecosystem CUDA.

As Google's market capitalisation approaches \$US 4 trillion and its major regulatory challenges dealt with in 2025, its position as a vertically integrated AI company is strong. This is bolstered by the spectacular success of its YouTube digital media platform, (with its value estimated at \$US 550 billion by MoffettNathanson in March 2025) while Google Cloud and autonomous driving platform Waymo continue to advance.

The EQT Eight Bays Fund has a direct allocation to Alphabet (Google) and an additional holding through the Communications Services ETF giving an overall holding of ~4.6%, where Google is the largest holding.

GOOGLE SERVICES REVENUES (in \$US millions)



*Includes the EC fine of \$3.5 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2025

Source: Alphabet Investor Relations October 2025

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