

**Q2 2025 Commentary** 

### **Portfolio Management**



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## **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide longterm capital growth, investing globally in companies that the Fund's Sub-Investment Manager believes contribute positively to social and environmental factors.

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The **Qblue Global Equities Responsible Transition Fund** (the "Fund") is a sub-fund of Heptagon Fund ICAV which is an open-ended umbrella type investment vehicle authorised pursuant to UCITS regulations. Heptagon Capital Limited ("Heptagon") is the Investment Manager and Oblue Balanced A/S ("Qblue") is the Sub-Investment Manager, meaning that Qblue exercises discretionary investment authority over the Fund. The Fund was launched on 12th January 2022 and had an AUM of \$651m as of 30th of June 2025.

Due to ESMA Guidelines the Fund has changed name from "Qblue Global Sustainable Leaders Equity Fund" to "Qblue Global Equities Responsible Transition Fund".

The second quarter of 2025 proved eventful from a global trade, geopolitical, and financial markets perspective. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Donald Trump announced sweeping "reciprocal" tariffs on all key trading partners, triggering a risk-averse sentiment in financial markets. Notably, conventional "safe havens" such as the U.S. dollar and the longer end of the U.S. Treasury yield curve also experienced declines. When Trump later backed down and provided most countries a 90-day tariff pause, global equity markets recovered lost ground.

On May 12th, the U.S. and China issued a joint statement announcing an agreement to cut reciprocal tariffs for 90 days, with both sides "recognizing the importance of a sustainable, long-term, and mutually beneficial economic and trade relationship", sparking a 6.35% rally in MSCI World NTR (USD) in May. June brought further geopolitical escalation in the Middle East, culminating in the "12 Day War" between Israel, with participation from the U.S., and Iran. Despite a subsequent spike in oil price volatility, global equity markets stayed surprisingly calm, closing the month up for the third consecutive month in a row.

The Fund was up 11.99% in Q2, beating its MSCI World NTR (USD) benchmark by 0.52%. It outperformed by 1.07% in April, but underperformed by 0.13% and 0.99% in May and June, respectively. For the full quarter, the Fund had positive stock selection contribution across all regions, with notable results in

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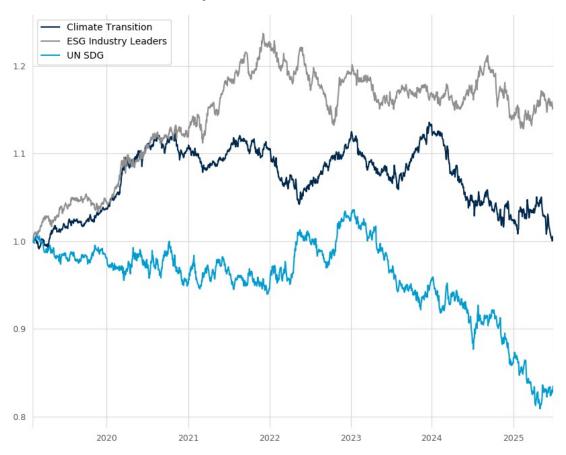
Europe. The Fund's under exposure to mega cap stocks, particularly in four of the Magnificent 7 (Microsoft, Amazon, Meta, and Tesla), negatively affected performance during the quarter. Despite this Nvidia, the Fund's only Magnificent 7 holding, was the top absolute contributor to return.

In Q2, nine of the eleven sectors in MSCI World NTR (USD) were up with Information Technology and Financials being the strongest, and Consumer Staples and Energy the weakest. The QGSL fund outperformed the benchmark in seven out of eleven sectors, led by Information Technology and Health Care, while Communication Services and Industrials lagged.

Since inception (12<sup>th</sup> January 2022), the Fund (C-share class) has returned 24.53%, compared to 32.33% for the MSCI World NTR (USD).

Headwind for the sustainability theme continued in Q2 2025, though results varied by region: North America (~70% of the fund) saw negative attribution, while Europe and Asia experienced positive impacts. For the Sustainability Cube™, while the UN SDG and ESG Industry Leaders dimensions achieved positive returns, these gains were outweighed by adverse developments in the Climate Transition dimension.





<sup>\*\*</sup> Excess Returns over MSCI World (in USD gross of fees)

Methodology: QGSL Portfolio Construction with same parameters as the live portfolio but using individual dimensions as the sustainability factor. Portfolios are rebalanced monthly.

As previously announced, we have been working on improvements on how we measure Climate Transition Progress. The underlying data has now been tested for robustness, and implementation is planned for Q3 2025.

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Best and worst contributors to portfolio return in the QGSL fund in Q2 2025:

Best Performers - QGSL		Worst Performers - QGSL		
Nvidia	2.18%	General Mills	-0.27%	
Hewlett Packard Enter.	1.26%	Baker Hughes A	-0.21%	
Servicenow	1.22%	LKQ	-0.21%	
International Bus.Mchs.	0.81%	Elevance Health	-0.20%	
Aptiv	0.67%	<b>Gilead Sciences</b>	-0.17%	

As of 30th of June 2025.

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### **Stock Attribution**

Top 3 Stocks	Average weight in Portfolio %	Portfolio's Stock Return %	Portfolio's Stock Contribution %
NVIDIA Corporation	5.33	45.73	2.24
ServiceNow, Inc.	4.72	29.29	1.39
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.	4.25	33.45	1.33
Bottom 3 Stocks	Average weight in Portfolio %	Portfolio's Stock Return %	Portfolio's Stock Contribution %
Bottom 3 Stocks General Mills, Inc.	Average weight in Portfolio %	Portfolio's Stock Return % -12.56	Portfolio's Stock Contribution % -0.30

Source: Heptagon Capital, FactSet Research Systems

### **I Sector Attribution**

GICS Sector	Portfolio Benchma	Benchmark	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio's Attribution Effect			
	Avg Wgt (%)		Sector Cont (%) Sector Cont (%)		GICS Sector Allocation (%)	Selection + interaction (%)	Total Effect (%)	
Communication Services	4.57	8.15	0.50	1.54	-0.26	-0.35	-0.61	
Consumer Discretionary	8.13	10.28	0.99	1.13	0.02	0.14	0.16	
Consumer Staples	4.82	6.45	-0.08	0.23	0.12	-0.22	-0.10	
Energy	2.11	3.66	-0.11	-0.31	0.32	0.04	0.35	
Financials	18.40	17.13	1.97	1.70	-0.02	0.17	0.15	
Health Care	10.67	10.25	0.14	-0.61	-0.08	0.88	0.80	
Industrials	12.42	11.33	0.79	1.68	0.03	-1.08	-1.05	
Information Technology	31.21	24.58	7.36	5.64	0.75	0.11	0.86	
Materials	3.16	3.34	0.35	0.20	0.02	0.14	0.16	
Real Estate	2.18	2.12	0.07	0.06	-0.00	0.02	0.02	
Utilities	2.03	2.71	0.30	0.22	0.00	0.15	0.15	
Cash	0.29		0.01		-0.05		-0.05	

Source: Heptagon Capital, FactSet Research Systems

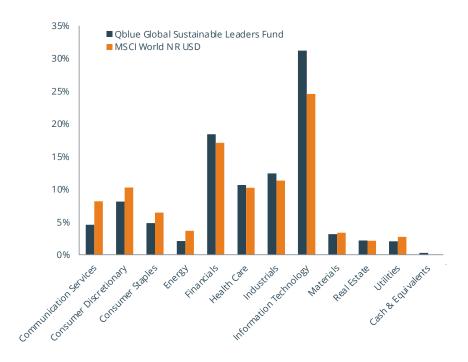
## **I** Region Attribution

Region Portfolio Avg Wgt (%)	Portfolio Benchmark	Portfolio	Benchmark Region Cont (%)	Portfolio's Attribution Effect			
	Avg Wgt (%)	Region Cont (%)		Region Allocation (%)	Selection + Interaction (%)	Total Effect (%)	
North America	73.97	74.95	8.89	8.65	0.01	0.41	0.43
Pacific Rim	7.74	8.17	0.96	0.97	0.03	-0.01	0.02
Western Europe	18.00	16.73	2.44	1.80	0.00	0.45	0.46
[Cash]	0.29		0.01		-0.05		-0.05

Source: Heptagon Capital, FactSet Research Systems

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## I Portfolio Sector Weights



Top 10 Holdings	% of Portfolio
NVIDIA Corporation	5.6%
Adobe Inc.	4.7%
ServiceNow, Inc.	4.7%
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company	3.9%
International Business Machines Corporation	3.5%
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.	3.4%
Cardinal Health, Inc.	3.4%
Applied Materials, Inc.	3.0%
National Bank of Canada	2.1%
Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	2.1%
Total of Top 10 Holdings	36.4%

Source: Heptagon Capital, Morningstar.

## **I Portfolio Activity**

Top 5 Bought	Country Code	Industry (GICS 3)	Ending Weight %
Cardinal Health, Inc.	US	Health Care Providers & Services	3.36%
MetLife, Inc.	US	Insurance	2.02%
Autodesk, Inc.	US	Software	1.96%
American Express Company	US	Consumer Finance	1.34%
Gartner, Inc.	US	IT Services	1.14%

Top 5 Sold	Country Code	Industry (GICS 3)	Beginning Weight %
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	US	Biotechnology	3.14%
Visa Inc. Class A	US	Financial Services	1.64%
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	US	Financial Services	1.46%
D.R. Horton, Inc.	US	Household Durables	1.18%
Home Depot, Inc.	US	Specialty Retail	1.16%

Source: Heptagon Capital, FactSet Research Systems



### **| Total Returns**

	Q2 2025	YTD 25	April 25	May 25	June 25	Since Inception* (ann.)
Qblue Global Sustainable Leaders	12.0%	7.8%	2.0%	5.8%	3.8%	6.5%
MSCI World NR USD	11.5%	9.5%	0.9%	5.9%	4.3%	8.4%

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg. \*Since inception date 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. All figures shown are net of fees for the C USD share class.

Sincerely,

Heptagon Capital and Qblue Balanced A/S

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The Fund has been classified as an Article 9 for the purposes of the EU's SFDR. The Fund has sustainable investment as its objective alongside financial return. The Fund invests primarily in assets classified as sustainable investments as defined under the SFDR. Please see <u>Prospectus</u> for further information on the Fund's sustainable objective and relevant sustainability risks and principal adverse impacts which may impact the Fund's performance.

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