

# Fortify with defence

## **Maintaining security and defence is an enduring focus for governments globally.**

Defence expenditures are typically mandated, and ongoing geopolitics has created an environment of increased spending. NATO allies have committed to allocating 2% of their national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to defence spending, since 2014.

The multi-billion-dollar global defence industry is multifaceted and diverse and offers investment opportunities unavailable in Australia.

The industry is characterised by cutting edge technology and extends beyond traditional defence products to include companies focused on cyber security, satellites and communications, analytics and event response software, and training services.



Defence expenditure commitments from global governments provides certainty for research and funding.



The persistent expansion of global military expenditure has been a reliable trend.



The defence industry has historically been at the forefront of technological development and advancement.

**DFND provides investors with diversified access to at least 25 leading defence technology companies, large-scale cyber security firms and defense-relevant service providers based in NATO countries or NATO-friendly countries.**

### Gain exposure to companies focused on:

- Aerospace and defence products and services.
- Communications and systems and services, including satellites.
- Unmanned vehicles.
- Event response, security, or safety-related software.
- Information technology hardware and services.
- Cyber security software
- Training and simulation software and products.
- Digital forensics, detection devices and e-authentication/biometric identification.

## DFND offers

### Targeted exposure to global defence

Exposure to the largest global companies involved in aerospace & defence, research & consulting, application software and electronic equipment & instruments, that are typically under-represented in benchmarks.

### Advancing technological innovation

The defence industry is at the forefront of innovation and development as governments require specialised hardware and software creating demand for new technologies including AI and cyber security capabilities.

### Supported by rising government defence budgets

An investment in opportunities beyond our borders, with revenues that are not necessarily correlated to general economic cycles, but rather government spending.

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| ASX code              | DFND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Management fee        | 0.65% p.a.*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Index                 | MarketVector Global Defence Industry (AUD) Index                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Stock number          | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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