# Real Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund

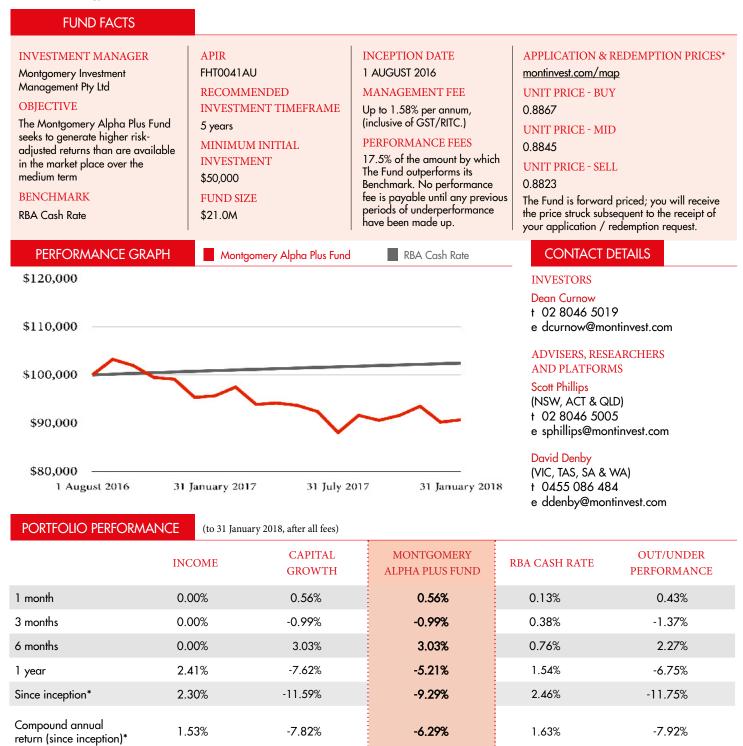
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# FUND OVERVIEW

The Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund offers investors an Australian equity market neutral strategy that harnesses the benefits of a repeatable investment process while seeking to produce higher risk-adjusted returns over the medium term - irrespective of market conditions.

By simultaneously managing long and short portfolios of similar size, The Fund aims to reduce or eliminate the risks typically associated with extreme market gyrations. The Fund aims to achieve returns that exceed the RBA cash rate by 6-8 per cent per annum after fees and targets a lower level of volatility than the overall Australian equity market.

Typically The Fund will hold 15-35 long positions and 15-35 short positions of equal value.



\*Inception: 1 August 2016. Ex the distribution of 2.3046 cents per unit on 30/06/2017. PLATFORMS WE ARE ON: None at present

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#### FUND COMMENTARY

In early February as we write the January report for the Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund (the Fund), we are confronted by news headlines announcing the biggest ever one-day point fall for the Dow Jones Industrial Average. This is needlessly breathless, given it is the percentage fall rather than the points fall that matters. Nonetheless, the decline in early February is a dramatic reversal of recent steady gains, and Australian markets are unsurprisingly following a similar path.

As investors will appreciate, the Fund's "market neutral" structure with broadly equal-sized long and short portfolios means that it does not necessarily benefit from a rising equity market, nor does it necessarily

TOP COMPLETED HOLDINGS\* (LONG)

(at 31 January 2018, out of 34 holdings)

suffer in a declining market. This structure means that the fund should be substantially insulated from broader market fluctuations and can provide significant diversification benefits, especially for investors with a sizeable "long" market exposure.

As market uncertainty emerges, we hope that investors may take some comfort from this structure, the benefits of which typically become more apparent in challenging markets.

Returning to January, the Fund delivered a small positive return, largely due to good performance from its short portfolio, led by short positions in HT&E, Graincorp and Seven West Media.

## TOP COMPLETED HOLDINGS\* (SHORT)

(at 31 January 2018, out of 35 holdings)

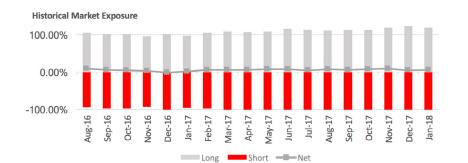
COMPANY NAME	WEIGHT (%)	COMPANY NAME	WEIGHT (%)
Rea Group Ltd	6.66	Fletcher Building Ltd	5.40
Rio Tinto Ltd	6.21	Orica Ltd	5.30
Sandfire Resources	5.95	Australian Agricultural Co	5.10
ASX Ltd	5.63	James Hardie Industries	5.10
Wesfarmers Ltd	5.63	AMP Ltd	5.10

\*Top Competed Holdings are businesses we own but are not actively buying or selling at the time of writing.

### SECTOR INDUSTRY EXPOSURE

SECTOR NAME	LONG PORTFOLIO (%)	SHORT PORTFOLIO (%)	NET (%)
Consumer Discretionary	10.23	-29.14	-18.91
Industrials	12.14	-5.50	6.65
Consumer Staples	15.50	-15.88	-0.39
Financials	29.15	-13.81	15.34
Real Estate	0.00	-9.60	-9.60
Information Technology	23.24	0.00	23.24
Health Care	11.29	-7.25	4.04
Materials	12.16	-24.81	-12.64
Energy	0.00	-3.53	-3.53
Telecommunications	5.45	-4.33	1.12

# HISTORICAL MARKET EXPOSURE



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