

# **INVESTMENT REPORT & FACT SHEET**

## **FUND OVERVIEW**

The Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund offers investors a global equity market neutral strategy that harnesses the benefits of a distinctive investment process while seeking to produce risk-adjusted returns that are uncorrelated with equity markets.

The Fund invests in securities listed on Australian and international stock exchanges. Typically The Fund will hold 80-180 long positions and 80-180 short positions.

#### **FUND FACTS**

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER

Montgomery Quantitative Management Pty Limited

## **OBJECTIVE**

The Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund seeks to generate higher riskadjusted returns than are available in the market place over the medium term

#### BENCHMARK

**RBA Cash Rate** 

#### APIR

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RECOMMENDED

INVESTMENT TIMEFRAME

5 years

MINIMUM INITIAL

**INVESTMENT** 

\$50,000

**FUND SIZE** 

\$11.9M

### INCEPTION DATE

1 AUGUST 2016

#### MANAGEMENT FEE

Up to 1.58% per annum, (inclusive of GST/RITC.)

#### PERFORMANCE FEES

17.5% of the amount by which The Fund outperforms its Benchmark. No performance fee is payable until any previous periods of underperformance have been made up.

#### APPLICATION & REDEMPTION PRICES\*

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**UNIT PRICE - BUY** 

0.7152

**UNIT PRICE - MID** 

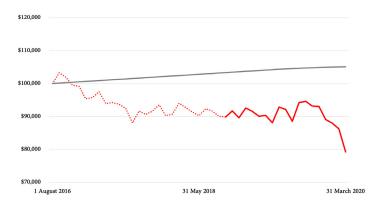
0.7134

**UNIT PRICE - SELL** 

0.7116

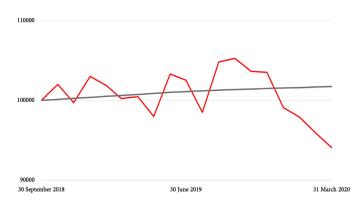
The Fund is forward priced; you will receive the price struck subsequent to the receipt of your application / redemption request.

# PERFORMANCE GRAPH SINCE INCEPTION



RBA Cash Rate

# PERFORMANCE GRAPH REVISED STRATEGY



Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund Revised Strategy

# PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund

(to 31 March 2020, after all fees)

	INCOME	CAPITAL GROWTH	MONTGOMERY ALPHA PLUS FUND	RBA CASH RATE	OUT/UNDER PERFORMANCE
1 month	0.00%	-8.13%	-8.13%	0.02%	-8.15%
3 months	0.00%	-11.03%	-11.03%	0.14%	-11.17%
6 months	0.00%	-16.25%	-16.25%	0.33%	-16.58%
12 months	3.23%	-15.48%	-12.25%	0.94%	-13.19%
3 years (p.a)	3.16%	-8.66%	-5.50%	1.32%	-6.82%
Since Inception	9.19%	-29.95%	-20.76%	5.06%	-25.82%
Compound annual return (since inception)*	2.43%	-8.58%	-6.1 <i>5</i> %	1.36%	-7.51%

\*Inception: 1 August 2016 \*\* Refers to global version of the fund launched 01/10/2018

PLATFORMS WE ARE ON:

None at present

## **FUND COMMENTARY**

2016

You will not need to be told that, during March, equity markets around the world were badly rocked by the emerging picture of human and economic disaster that is COVID-19. This was the month when it became clear that, in order to contain the health crisis, governments must implement suppression measures that will devastate economies for an undefined stretch of time. The Montgomery Alpha Plus Fund (the Fund) is designed to protect its investors from equity market turbulence of this kind but, disappointingly, during March it was impacted to a surprising degree by the market turmoil. While the overall result was less severe than the falls seen in some equity markets, March was nonetheless a poor month for the Fund.

As we outlined in recent reports, the Fund has in the past one to two years suffered headwinds due to poor performance from some of the important factors that drive its stock selection models, and most notably a poor performance from the "value" factor, which has seen relatively cheap businesses (as measured by current earnings) become even cheaper relative to companies with more of a "growth" orientation. As the gap

between value and growth companies has expanded to historic levels, the Fund (which has a significant exposure to "value") has gone backwards. Somewhat surprisingly, the market turmoil in March saw a sudden further widening in the value/growth spread, contributing to negative returns for the Fund. This effect was felt widely by quantitative market neutral funds, with the Hedge Fund Research Equity Market Neutral Index moving sharply lower in March, and several comparable funds that we follow reporting very challenging performance.

Towards the end of March we saw signs of a reversal of these trends, and the Fund began to make up some lost ground. We are cautiously optimistic that further mean reversion may be in store as markets re-orient themselves, and believe that such reversion must surely come at some point. Accordingly, we have for the time being maintained the Fund's total risk level and factor exposures close to their normal levels to try to benefit fully from this. We will however, continue to monitor market conditions closely for signs of further deterioration and stand ready to reduce risk levels if warranted.

GEOC	GRAPHIC	EXPOSL	IRE (LONC	E) (%)				GEOGRA	PHIC EXPOS	URE (SHC	ORT) (%)		
Australi			32.59					Australia			27.83		
Canada				26.86				Canada				24.31	
Hong K				41.23				Hong Kong				37.13	
Other	3				0.00			Other				0.00	
USA				34.60				USA				31.64	
Westerr	n Europe			3	3.69			Western Eu	ope		34.13		
MARKET CAP EXPOSURE (LONG) (%)									CAP EXPOS				
	an \$5b		•		87.53			Less than \$5	ib			86.09	
\$5-20k	o .			44.49				\$5-20b		;	52.39		
\$20-50	Ob				19.84			\$20-50b				15.08	
\$50-10	00b			3.95				\$50-100b			0.00		
Greate	r than \$10	00b		13.15				Greater than \$100b				1.48	
NUMBER OF HOLDINGS							P⊜E	JCI IDEC 10/	1				
Number of Long Positions 184				PORTFOLIO EXPOSURES (9 Gross Long				168.96					
	Number of Short Positions 141					Gross Short				155.04			
SECTOR INDUSTRY EXPOSURE					Net Long					13.92			
	OR NAMI			ORTFOLIC	) (%)	SHORT PO	RTFOL	.IO (%)	NET (%)	CC	ONTACT D	DETAILS	
Commu	unication S	ervices		3.95%			-8.56%		-4.62%	INVE	STORS		_
Consum	Consumer Discretionary 28.86%				-	13.13%		15.73%	•				
Consumer Staples 5.54%		5.54%	-4.12%			t 02 8046 50 e troberts@moi							
Energy	Energy 6.79%						-3.65%				ensemoniii	ntinvest.com	
Financi	als	35.23%			-	19.05%		16.18%	ADVISERS, RESEARCE PLATFORMS			CHERS AND	
Health (	Health Care 15.95%				-:	28.95%	-13.00% Scott Phillips (N				IS\A/\		
Industri	Industrials 24.35%				-18.50% 5.8			5.86%	e sphillips@montinvest.com				
Informo	Information Technology 17.47%				-20.47% -			-3.00%	Dean Curnow (NSW, ACT, WA)				
Materials 21.96%			21.96%	-26.02%			e dcurnow@m -4.06% David Denby (\						
Real Estate 4.85%					11.58%	-6.73% e ddenby@mo							
Utilities				4.01%	0.00%			4.01% Michael Gollag e mgollagher@					
F	UND PER	FORMAN	ICE (%)							e mg	ollagher@mo	onfinvest.co	m
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUI	L AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2020	-1.23	-1.94	-8.13										-11.03
2019	-1.14	-1.59	0.25	-2.48	5.43	-0.75	-3.9	2 6.40	0.44	-1.55	-0.12	-4.27	-3.80
2018	0.56	3.63	-1.41	-1.45	-1.19	2.32	-0.8	3 -1.67	-0.20	2.01	-2.25	3.31	2.63
2017	0.38	1.87	-3.68	0.31	-0.52	-1.38	-4.7	<sup>'</sup> 2 4.08	-1.14	1.13	2.07	-3.53	-5.38

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3.24

-1.25

-2.42

-0.36

-3.82

-4.66