# THE MONTGOMERY FUND

**INVESTMENT REPORT & FACT SHEET** 

# FUND OVERVIEW

The Montgomery Fund employs a bottom-up, value style to invest and manage the equity portfolio. The Fund has the ability to retain a cash weighting, with a 'soft' 30 per cent limit, while seeking to identify companies that satisfy three main points of criteria. For inclusion in The Montgomery Fund, a business must be of premium quality, display bright prospects for earnings and growth in intrinsic value, and be available to purchase at a reasonable price.

Pursuant to this objective, The Fund aims to deliver superior positive returns where suitable investment opportunities are abundant, and to preserve capital through cash allocations where suitable investment opportunities are scarce.

# FUND FACTS

## INVESTMENT MANAGER

#### Montgomery Investment Management Pty Ltd

#### OBIECTIVE

The Montgomery Fund aims to outperform the index over a rolling 5-year period.

#### **BENCHMARK**

The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

PERFORMANCE GRAPH

#### FUND CONSTRUCTION The Fund's All Cap portfolio will typically comprise 20-40 high-conviction stocks listed on the ASX and/or NZSX. Cash typically ranges from 0%-30%, but up to 50% in extreme situations.

The Montgomery Fund

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RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT TIMEFRAME 5 years MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT \$25,000 INCEPTION DATE 17 AUGUST 2012 FUND SIZE \$638.5M

S&P/ASX300 Accum.

# MANAGEMENT FEE

1.36% per annum, which includes a management fee of 1.18% per annum. Both figures are GST inclusive and net of RITC.

### PERFORMANCE FEES

15.38% of the total return of The Fund that is in excess of the Index. No performance fee is payable until any previous periods of underperformance has been made up.

#### APPLICATION & REDEMPTION PRICES

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	INCOME	CAPITAL GROWTH	THE MONTGOMERY FUND	S&P/ASX 300 ACCUM. INDEX	OUT/UNDER PERFORMANCE
1 month	0.00%	0.72%	0.72%	1.31%	-0.59%
3 months	7.66%	-3.43%	4.23%	5.78%	-1.55%
6 months	7.71%	-2.77%	4.94%	6.05%	-1.11%
12 months	9.24%	2.01%	11.25%	14.70%	-3.45%
3 years (p.a.)	5.16%	0.85%	6.01%	8.09%	-2.08%
5 years (p.a.)	5.83%	3.28%	9.11%	9.15%	-0.04%
Since inception#	47.09%	52.42%	99.51%	86.11%	13.40%
Compound annual return (since inception) <sup>#</sup> # 17 August 2012	6.70%	5.60%	12.30%	11.00%	1.30%



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# FUND COMMENTARY

The Australian equity market continued its march northward during July, with the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index delivering a total return of 1.31 per cent for the month. The Montgomery Fund (The Fund) also delivered a positive result, but at a more subdued rate of 0.72 per cent.

As we outlined in the recent Annual Letter, The Fund currently is positioned very much towards the conservative end of the spectrum, both in terms of its cash holdings and in terms of a bias towards companies perceived to offer relative stability of earnings and a measure of insulation from economic cycles. This positioning reflects our assessment that valuations generally are at elevated levels, that risk is generally not being adequately rewarded, and that valuations for growth companies in particular have moved into uncomfortable territory over the past 12 months or so. As we outlined in the Annual Letter, this positioning results in The Fund having a beta of around 0.6 - a metric that describes the extent to which The Fund is likely to rise or fall with the market, with a beta of 1.0 indicating that The Fund ought to rise and fall in line with the market. In this context, The Fund's performance for July is broadly in line with what might be expected.

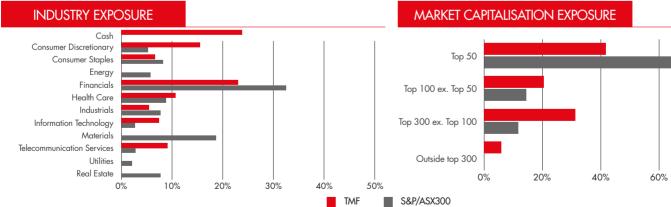
This conservative positioning will naturally continue to drag on relative performance while markets continue to rise, but should provide a good measure of capital protection and optionality in the event of a change in market sentiment.

We note that the extended run of strong performance we have seen from the market provides something of a test of patience for investors. We note also that if history is any guide, the market has a way of (eventually) rewarding patience and punishing impatience. Accordingly, we remain patient.

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#### TOP COMPLETED HOLDINGS\* (TCH) (at 31 July 2018, out of 28 holdings) RETURN ON EQUITY NET DEBT/EQUITY PRICE/EARNINGS WEIGHT COMPANY NAME (%) (%)(%) $(\mathbf{X})$ Aristocrat Leisure 38.7 48.5 25.6 5.20 35.9 Seek 17.5 11.8 4.52 14.3 Pendal Group 3.90 23.5 -24.3 **REA Group** 21.4 16.7 39.0 3.87 Trade Me Group 13.1 11.5 19.4 3.86 Primary Health Care 19.4 41 42.0 3.76 Steadfast Group 7.3 -13.5 23.7 3.49 Spark New Zealand 24 6 51.1 170 3.38 Woolworths Group 16.3 21.5 22.8 3.28 Westpac Banking Corp 3.20 13.4 N/A 11.7 TCH AVERAGE 18.0 18.4 22.9 MARKET AVERAGE 16.2 66.3 19.3 76.1 Total equity weighting Total cash weighting 23.9

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



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