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# **Polen Capital Global Growth Fund** Class B Units Investment Report & Fact Sheet

August 2023

### **Fund Overview**

Polen's Global Growth strategy seeks to achieve long-term growth by building a concentrated portfolio of outstanding global businesses. Polen Capital (Polen) believe that consistent earnings growth is the primary driver of intrinsic value and long-term stock appreciation. Polen seeks to invest in companies they identify as having a durable earnings profile driven by a sustainable competitive advantage, financial strength, proven management teams and powerful products/services.

## **Fund Facts**

#### Investment Manager

Montgomery Investment Management Pty Ltd

#### Objective

The Fund aims to outperform the benchmark, over a rolling five-year period, net of fees.

#### Benchmark

MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index, in Australian Dollars

#### Fund Construction

The Fund typically invests in a portfolio of 25 to 35 high quality global businesses with competitive advantages. **APIR** 

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FHT1389AU **Portfolio Managers** Damon Ficklin Jeff Mueller Recommended Investment Timeframe At least 5 years Minimum Initial Investment A\$25,000 Inception Date 15 March 2021 Aggregate Fund Size \$44.4M

#### Management Fees and Costs

Up to 0.90% per annum of the net asset value of The Fund

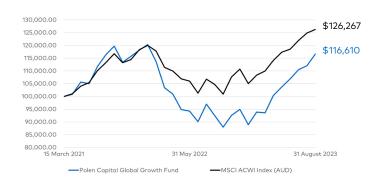
#### Performance Fees

15.05% of the excess total return of The Fund (after management fees and expenses have been deducted) above the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Application & Redemption Prices**

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## Polen Capital Global Growth Fund Performance



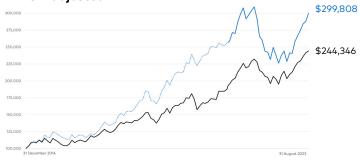
Polen Capital Global Growth Strategy Performance – AUD adjusted\*

By thinking and investing like a business owner and taking a long-term

investment approach, Polen believe that clients will best benefit from

companies held in the portfolio. Returns are not guaranteed.

targeted steady compounding returns expected to be generated by the



..... Polen Capital Global Growth Strategy — MSCI ACWI — Polen Capital Global Growth Fund \*Source: Montgomery/Archer. The Fund's inception date is 15 March 2021. Performance for prior periods is based on the actual performance of the Polen Capital Global Growth strategy managed by Polen Capital since 31 December 2014, adjusted for fees and converted to AUD and assumes all distributions are reinvested. The Fund invests using the identical strategy to the Polen Capital Global Growth Strategy and is advised by the same investment management team managing to the same investment objectives. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Portfolio Performance (to 31 August 2023, after all fees)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years	Since Inception (15 Mar 2021)	Compound Annual Return (CAR) Since Inception	Strategy CAR Since Inception*	Strategy Return Since Inception*
Polen Capital Global Growth Fund	4.10%	9.08%	24.64%	26.08%	-1.31%	16.61%	6.44%	13.51%	199.81%
MSCI ACWI (AUD)	1.14%	6.53%	14.83%	20.62%	4.00%	26.27%	9.94%	10.86%	144.35%
Out/Underperformance	2.96%	2.55%	9.81%	5.46%	-5.31%	-9.66%	-3.50%	2.65%	55.46%

Portfolio Performance is calculated after fees and costs, including the Investment management fee and Performance fee, but excludes the buy/sell spread. All returns are on a pre-tax basis.

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## **Fund Commentary**

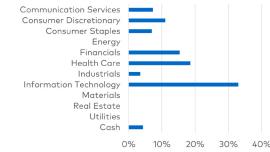
In August, concerns about inflation globally led to sell-offs in its equity markets. The U.S. Federal Reserve warned that a strong economy could lead to even higher inflation. This caused pressure in both stocks and bond markets, with the 10-year Treasury yield exceeding 4.3 per cent, reaching its highest level since before the Global Financial Crisis, in June 2007. In addition, there were worries about China's property sector and slowing growth, which led to the People's Bank of China cutting interest rates. China was by far the weakest major equity market, posting a negative 8.45 per cent total return for August. Conversely, oil prices rose due to coordinated production cuts by Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

For August 2023, the Polen Capital Global Growth Fund (the Fund) increased by 4.10 per cent in Australian dollars, versus the benchmark the MSCF ACWI Index in Australian dollars which returned 1.14 per cent. At a sector level, being overweight in Healthcare had a positive impact, while having zero allocation to Energy was a negative as the price of oil increased. In terms of individual stocks, having more than the benchmark allocation in ICON and Alphabet had a positive impact on returns due to their solid business performance. Aon also contributed positively after a weak July. However, the largest detractor was Siemens Healthineers due to concerns about their Varian diagnostics unit. Also, holdings in LVMH and Abbott Laboratories were detractors from returns.

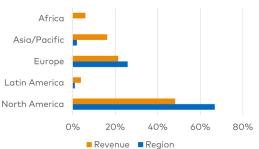
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Fop Completed Holdings (to 31 August 2023)       Contact Details							
Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)	- Advisors, researchers and platforms		
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	United States	1,424	8.0	Scott Phillips, Head of Distribution		
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	United States	2,435	7.7	Telephone: (02) 8046 5005		
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	United States	1,724	7.3	Email: sphillips@montinvest.com		
Adobe Inc	Information Technology	United States	States 255 53		<ul> <li>Dean Curnow, National Account Manager</li> <li>Telephone: (02) 8046 5019</li> </ul>		
SAP SE	Information Technology	Germany	172	5.1	Email: dcurnow@montinvest.com		
Workday Inc	Information Technology	United States	64	4.7	 David Denby, National Account Manager		
ICON PLC	Health Care	Ireland	21	4.5	Telephone: 0455 086 484		
Aon PLC	Financials	United Kingdom	68	4.5	- Email: ddenby@montinvest.com		
Mastercard Inc	Financials	United States	389 514	4.4 4.3	<ul> <li>Michael Gallagher, National Account Manager</li> <li>Telephone: 0409 771 306</li> </ul>		
Visa Inc	Financials	United States			_ Email: mgallagher@montinvest.com		

#### **GICS Sector Exposure**



# **Geographic Exposure**



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The top three absolute contributors to performance were Amazon, Aon, and Mastercard. The bottom three absolute contributors to performance were Siemens Healthineers, LVMH, and Abbott Laboratories. The Fund added to its positions in Amazon and Workday and trimmed its position in Icon.

While the market remains dynamic, and we are still mindful of the possibility that rising rates will ultimately lead to slower economic growth or even recessions, we are confident that the Fund is well-positioned to deliver strong EPS growth in 2023 and beyond. We concentrate the Fund in secular growth companies offering differentiated products and services and believe these businesses will perform well over time, regardless of the economic environment. While valuations have recovered this year, the fundamentals of the Fund remain sound. Our long-term earnings growth expectations remain essentially unchanged, and we plan to continue to use volatility to take advantage of pricing anomalies and become more concentrated in our best investment ideas for the next five-plus years.