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Polen Capital Global Growth Fund Class A Units

Investment Report & Fact Sheet

August 2024

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.

By thinking and investing like a business owner and taking a long-term investment approach, Polen believe that clients will best benefit from targeted steady compounding returns expected to be generated by the companies held in the portfolio. Returns are not guaranteed.

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 FHT8597AU Portfolio Managers Damon Ficklin

Bryan Power

Recommended Investment TimeframeManuAt least 5 yearsUp toMinimum Initial InvestmentvalueA\$25,000PerforInception Date15.0515 March 2021The FAggregate Fund Sizethe F\$45.7MApple

Management Fees and Costs

Up to 1.20% per annum of the net asset value of The Fund

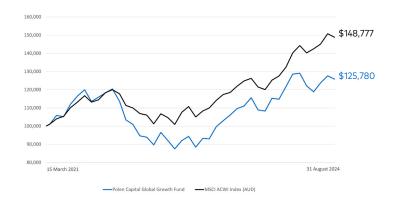
Performance Fees

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



Portfolio Performance

(to 31 August 2024, after all fees)

Polen Capital Global Growth Strategy Performance – AUD adjusted*



----- 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.

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	Since Inception (15 Mar 2021)	Compound Annual Return (CAR) Since Inception	Strategy CAR Since Inception*	Strategy Return Since Inception*
Polen Capital Global Growth Fund	-1.45%	5.81%	-2.17%	8.80%	1.59%	25.78%	6.85%	12.71%	217.80%
MSCI ACWI (AUD)	-1.31%	4.40%	6.09%	17.83%	8.42%	48.78%	12.15%	11.56%	187.91%
Out/Underperformance	-0.14%	1.41%	-8.26%	-9.03%	-6.83%	-23.00%	-5.30%	1.15%	29.89%

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

Global equities started August with a marked sell-off, precipitated largely by a soft U.S. jobs report and fears that the U.S. Federal Reserve had been too slow to cut interest rates into a weakening U.S. economy. This was short-lived, however, and global equity markets ultimately posted healthy positive returns (when priced in U.S. Dollars) for the month, albeit with a somewhat defensive tilt. Accordingly, the MSCI ACWI Value Index marginally outperformed its MSCI ACWI Growth counterpart. Country and regional returns were clustered, with the U.S. as the top performer. Japan underperformed as the Yen strengthened against the U.S. Dollar. From a sector perspective, real estate and healthcare were the top performers, with only energy in negative territory. Unsurprisingly, bond yields fell, with the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yield contracting 13 basis points to end the month at 3.90 per cent. Despite elevated tensions in the Middle East, the oil price sold off by over US\$4 to close August at US\$73.6 per barrel.

Impending interest rate cuts in the U.S. saw the Australian Dollar strengthen from US\$0.65 to US\$0.68 through the month. This currency appreciation led the Polen Capital Global Growth Fund (the Fund) in Australian Dollars to decrease by 1.45 per cent in August, while its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index, declined by 1.31 per cent in Australian Dollars. In U.S. Dollars, the Fund delivered a positive net return of 2.32 per cent.

At a company level, Workday was the most significant relative contributor on the back of well-received Q2 results. Shopify also appreciated, rallying strongly after both its Q2 revenue and earnings per share metrics beat the market's estimates. The team added to its existing Shopify position off the back of this strong update. Similarly, Abbott Laboratories rose after a relatively weak few months. Amazon was the largest detractor, falling in August following a muted response to management's outlook despite robust growth in the company's Amazon Web Service ("AWS") cloud unit.

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Geographic Exposure

Top Completed Holdings (to 31 August 2024)
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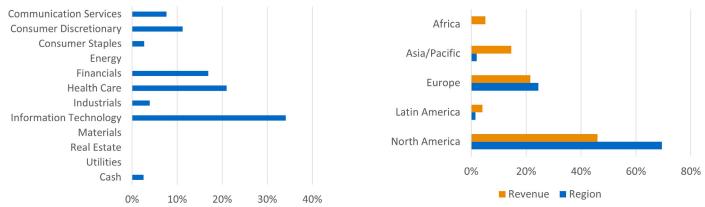
Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	United States	1,873	8.9
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	United States	2,022	7.7
SAP SE	Information Technology	Germany	268	7.0
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	United States	3,101	6.3
Adobe Inc	Information Technology	United States	255	4.7
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	United States	197	4.6
Mastercard Inc	Financials	United States	447	4.5
Workday Inc	Information Technology	United States	70	4.4
Visa Inc	Financials	United States	595	4.2
MSCI Inc	Financials	United States	46	4.1

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GICS Sector Exposure



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Airbnb was also weaker after the company reported decelerating bookings and an increased marketing spend. Alphabet's stock price declined following a federal judge's ruling regarding the alleged monopoly placement of Google search on Apple and Android mobile devices.

We maintain our belief that the companies which make up the Global Growth portfolio are well positioned to deliver, mid-teens-or-better earnings per share growth (EPS) that will likely drive long-term investment returns for the strategy. Our portfolio continues to hold businesses with more robust balance sheets, higher profitability, and faster growth than average, which we believe should be able to grow regardless of the geopolitical or market backdrop.

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