

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

January 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.

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**

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#### **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**

\$36.4M

#### **Management Fees and Costs**

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

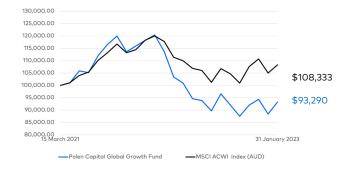
#### Performance Fees

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 January 2023, after all fees)

### Polen Capital Global Growth Strategy Performance – AUD adjusted\*



\*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	Since Inception (15 Mar 2021)	Compound Annual Return (CAR) Since Inception	Strategy CAR Since Inception*	Strategy Return Since Inception*
Polen Capital Global Growth Fund	5.52%	1.36%	-3.40%	-17.91%	-6.71%	-3.63%	11.19%	135.71%
MSCI ACWI (AUD)	3.14%	0.67%	1.46%	-8.01%	8.33%	4.35%	9.59%	109.64%
Out/Underperformance	2.38%	0.69%	-4.86%	-9.90%	-15.04%	-7.98%	1.60%	26.07%

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**

When we consider the 3.5 appreciation of the AUD/USD exchange rate, global equity markets posted strong total returns in January (up by 3.14 per cent in AUD). Investors felt inflation was softening and hence the U.S. Federal Reserve and other central banks would moderate the pace and extent of interest rate rises – the key macroeconomic factor that had weighed on financial markets last year. Germany was the strongest performing major equity market, followed by Emerging Markets. Alongside a brightening inflation picture there was growing belief that a recession may well be avoided in most economies, the U.K. excepted. A gradual relaxation of Chinese COVID lockdowns was also a positive. Bond yields declined with the 10-year US Treasury yield falling 36 basis points to close the month at 3.51 per cent.

Oil was mildly weaker, trading at US\$78.90 per barrel at month end, way off its mid-2022 highs of US\$127.98 per barrel.

For January 2023 the Polen Capital Global Growth Fund (the Fund) increased by 5.52 per cent net of fees while the MSCI ACWI Index in AUD (the benchmark) returned 3.14 per cent.

The overweight to the Information Technology sector was a positive during the month whilst the overweight to the Healthcare sector was a negative. The top three absolute contributors to performance were ICON, Amazon, and Visa, while the top absolute detractor was ADP. There were no other detractors from absolute returns during the month.

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#### Top Completed Holdings (to 31 January 2023)

Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	United States	1,845	7.9
Visa Inc	Information Technology	United States	487	7.2
ICON PLC	Health Care	Ireland	19	6.6
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	United States	1,272	6.1
Adobe Inc	Information Technology	United States	170	5.8
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	United States	193	5.1
Mastercard Inc	Information Technology	United States	354	5.1
SAP SE	Information Technology	Germany	145	5.0
Aon PLC	Financials	United Kingdom	66	4.9
Autodesk Inc	Information Technology	United States	46	4.6

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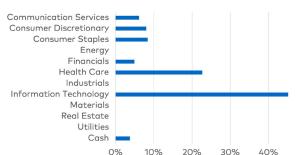
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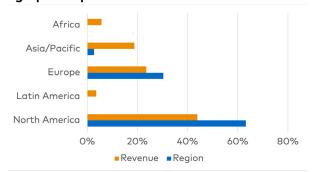
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#### GICS Sector Exposure



#### **Geographic Exposure**



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2022 was a challenging year in the market, particularly for growth stocks, and we entered 2023 with the consensus expectation for a recession. With inflation still well above target, the U.S. Federal Reserve and other monetary authorities will have to stay the course for a while and higher interest rates are likely to have a dampening effect on economic activity. We'll see how soft of a landing the Fed and other monetary authorities are able to orchestrate. Despite the likelihood of a recession this year, we are optimistic about the businesses in the Fund, and their ability to weather the business cycle, and to continue to deliver strong long-term earnings growth.