

# Polen Capital Global Growth Fund Class A Units

## Investment Report & Fact Sheet

Janaury 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.

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#### Portfolio Managers

Damon Ficklin Bryan Power

#### **Recommended Investment Timeframe**

At least 5 years

#### **Minimum Initial Investment**

A\$25,000

#### **Inception Date**

15 March 2021

## Aggregate Fund Size

\$47.5M

#### Management Fees and Costs

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

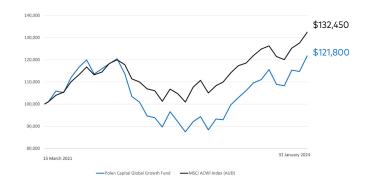
#### Performance Fees

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



# 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.

### Portfolio Performance

(to 31 January 2024, 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	6.12%	12.49%	9.65%	30.56%	3.52%	21.80%	7.09%	13.17%	207.75%
MSCI ACWI (AUD)	3.83%	10.29%	6.09%	22.26%	6.05%	32.45%	10.25%	10.92%	156.31%
Out/Underperformance	2.29%	2.20%	3.56%	8.30%	-2.53%	-10.65%	-3.16%	2.25%	51.44%

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 made a strong start to 2024, with the MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index (the benchmark) increasing 3.83 per cent for the month of January in Australian dollars. In local currency terms, Japan was the strongest market, posting an 8.47 per cent return. As a contrast, China was exceptionally weak, declining 10.51 per cent as continued issues in the property sector led concerns.

Indeed, the once formidable property giant China Evergrande was handed a winding up order in Hong Kong late in the month with \$330 billion of debt outstanding. China aside, major central banks kept rates on hold and the prospect of near-term rate cuts receded, which saw bond yields generally sell off. Further tensions in the Middle East were supportive of oil prices with WTI (West Texas Intermediate crude oil is one of the world's highest quality oils, and serves as one of the main global oil benchmarks and is the underlying commodity for the NYMEX's oil futures contract) closing the month \$5 higher at \$75.85 per barrel.

In January the Polen Capital Global Growth Fund increased by 6.12 per cent in Australian dollars, outperforming its benchmark by 2.29 per cent.

Sector allocation was positive over the month, with overweights to the Information Technology and Health Care sectors benefitting relative returns alongside the zero weighting to Materials. At a company level, the overweights to SAP and Novo Nordisk were positives as was the zero weighting to Tesla. Overweights to ICON and Siemens Healthineers detracted from relative returns as we did not holding Nvidia in the Portfolio. During the month, the Fund initiated a new position in Sage Group, a multinational enterprise software company based in England and sold its position in Nestle.

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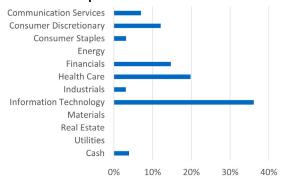
## **Top Completed Holdings** (to 31 January 2024)

Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	United States	1,612	9.3
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	United States	2,954	7.7
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	United States	1,752	7.0
SAP SE	Information Technology	Germany	214	5.9
Adobe Inc	Information Technology	United States	279	5.4
Workday Inc	Information Technology	United States	77	5.2
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	United States	196	4.8
Mastercard Inc	Financials	United States	420	4.5
Visa Inc	Financials	United States	564	4.4
ICON PLC	Health Care	United Kingdom	21	4.2

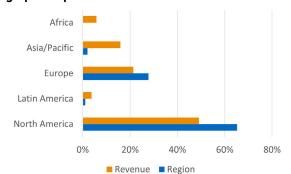
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#### **GICS Sector Exposure**



#### **Geographic Exposure**





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While the market remains dynamic, Polen Capital is confident that the Fund is well-positioned to deliver continued robust earnings per share (EPS) growth into 2024 and beyond. Polen Capital focus on secular growth companies offering differentiated products and services that they believe will perform well over time, regardless of the economic environment. While valuations have recovered this year, the portfolio's fundamentals remain sound. Polen Capital's long-term earnings growth expectations remain largely unchanged, and they plan to take advantage of volatility and potential pricing anomalies to build a more concentrated portfolio of their best investment ideas for the next five-plus years.

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