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

October 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 FHT8597AU 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 \$42.2M

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

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

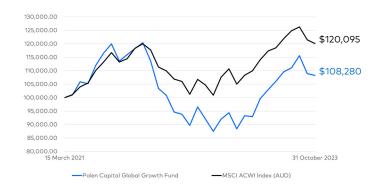
#### **Performance Fees**

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 October 2023, after all fees)

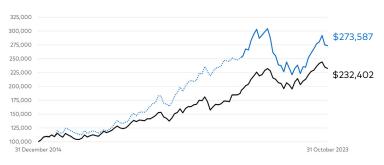
# Polen Capital Global Growth Strategy Performance – AUD adjusted\*

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



\*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	2 years	Since Inception (15	Compound Annual Return (CAR)	Strategy CAR Since	Strategy Return
						Mar 2021)	Since Inception	Inception*	Since Inception*
Polen Capital Global	-0.58%	-2.52%	5.20%	17.64%	-3.36%	8.28%	3.07%	12.07%	173.59%
Growth Fund									
MSCI ACWI (AUD)	-1.13%	-3.81%	2.36%	11.60%	2.43%	20.10%	7.22%	10.02%	132.40%
Out/Underperformance	0.55%	1.29%	2.84%	6.04%	-5.79%	-11.82%	-4.15%	2.05%	41.19%

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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October continued the negative run in global equity markets that had started in August. All major markets posted negative returns with China and Germany the worst performers, while the U.S. proved relatively resilient. All sectors within the MSCI ACWI Index, with the exception of the small Utilities component, posted negative total returns for the month. Growth equities generally outperformed their value counterparts.

Robust economic data, particularly from the U.S., signaled that interest rates would remain elevated for the time being, although the U.S. Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England all kept their main target rates on hold in October. Bonds sold off with the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield breaching the symbolic 5 per cent mark for the first time since 2007, slipping back to close the month at a yield of 4.93 per cent. Despite elevated tensions in the Middle East, the oil price receded somewhat, falling nearly US\$10 per barrel to US\$81 by month end. For October 2023 the Polen Capital Global Growth Fund (the Fund) declined by 0.58 per cent in AUD, outperforming its benchmark the MSCI ACWI Index in AUD by 0.55 per cent.

Sector allocations were broadly neutral although the overweight to the IT sector was a small positive. At a stock selection level the overweight exposure to Amazon, Adobe, and Microsoft were all positives as these companies posted decent total returns in a generally weak market environment. Overweights to Align Technology, Thermo Fisher, and ADP all detracted from returns on perceived weaker customer demand for their respective products and services.

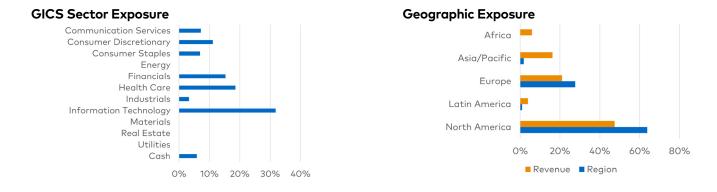
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Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)	
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Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	United States	1,375	8.3	
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	United States	2,513	7.7	
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	United States	1,561	7.2	
Adobe Inc	Information Technology	United States	242	5.4	
SAP SE	Information Technology	Germany	165	5.3	
ICON PLC	Health Care	United Kingdom	20	4.6	
Aon PLC	Financials	United States	62	4.5	
Visa Inc	Financials	United States	489	4.5	
Workday Inc	Information Technology	United States	55	4.4	
Mastercard Inc	Financials	United States	353	4.4	

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

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Regardless of the near-term direction of interest rates, the Fund's companies are performing well, and Polen Capital expect them to continue to perform well through the cycle. Polen Capital believe the Fund's valuation is currently fair for what they consider to be a collection of some of the best companies in the world. They believe these companies are well-positioned to deliver mid-teens annualised underlying earnings per share (EPS) growth, in the aggregate, for many years. Share prices generally track EPS change over the longer-term.

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