

# Polen Capital Global Growth Fund Class A Units

# Investment Report & Fact Sheet

September 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

\$42.0M

# Management Fees and Costs

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

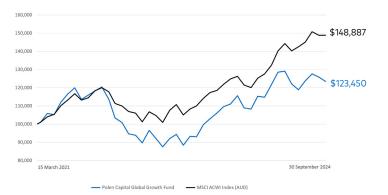
## Performance Fees

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 30 September 2024, after all fees)

	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	-1.85%	-0.23%	-4.38%	13.35%	2.81%	23.45%	6.12%	12.38%	211.92%
MSCI ACWI (AUD)	0.07%	2.63%	3.19%	22.57%	9.55%	48.89%	11.88%	11.46%	188.12%
Out/Underperformance	-1.92%	-2.86%	-7.57%	-9.22%	-6.74%	-25.44%	-5.76%	0.92%	23.80%

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**

September has historically been the month most associated with negative returns. The first couple weeks of the month, with the MSCI ACWI Index down nearly 4 per cent in USD, pointed to a likely continuation of that long-standing history. Although, markets turned sharply positive from that September 11 low, delivering a 6 per cent USD return into month-end. This attractive performance was largely driven by cyclical, interest rate-sensitive sectors like Consumer Discretionary, Materials, Real Estate, and Industrials. The most notable laggard was Energy, given the continued decline in oil prices, but defensive sectors like Healthcare and Consumer Staples also underperformed.

The Polen Capital Global Growth Fund (the Fund) declined by 1.85 per cent in Australian dollars in the month of September, compared to the benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Net Total Return Index, which returned 0.07 per cent in Australian Dollars.

The Fund underperformed the benchmark for the period, driven primarily by stock selection, and to a lesser extent, relative sector positioning.

In terms of stock selection, the most notable detractors to relative performance included Technology, Communication Services, and Consumer Discretionary. From a relative positioning standpoint – a residual of bottom-up stock selection – the overweight to Health Care was the most notable headwind to performance, which was partially offset by the zero weight to Energy. At the stock level, top contributors to relative performance included Shopify, Amazon, and SAP, while bottom relative detractors were Adobe, ICON, and Novo Nordisk.

During September, the Fund initiated a new position in Oracle (accelerating growth as it emerges as the fourth-largest cloud infrastructure business). The Fund also added to its positions in Globant and Paycom while trimming its positions in SAP, ADP and Microsoft.

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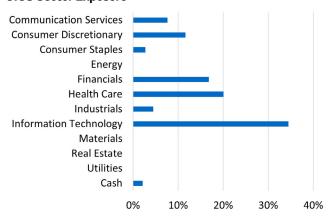
# **Top Completed Holdings** (to 30 September 2024)

Company Name	Sector	Country of	Market Cap	Weight	
		Domicile	US\$B	(%)	
Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	North America	1,956	9.2	
Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	North America	2,050	7.7	
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	North America	3,198	5.9	
SAP SE	Information Technology	Europe	280	5.7	
Mastercard Inc	Financials	North America	456	4.6	
Abbott Laboratories	Health Care	North America	198	4.5	
Adobe Inc	Information Technology	North America	228	4.2	
Visa Inc	Financials	North America	555	4.2	
Workday Inc	Information Technology	North America	65	4.1	
MSCI Inc	Financials	North America	46	4.1	

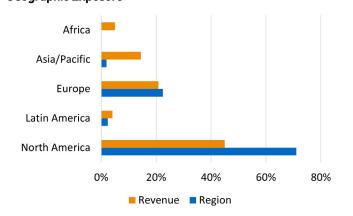
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# **GICS Sector Exposure**



# **Geographic Exposure**





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Polen Capital maintain their belief that companies held within the Fund portfolio, are well positioned to deliver long-term, mid-teens-or-better earnings growth per share (EPS), that will drive long-term investment returns for the Fund. The portfolio seeks to continue to hold businesses with more robust balance sheets, higher profitability, and faster growth than average, which they believe should be able to grow regardless of the geopolitical or market backdrop.

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