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# **Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund** Investment Report & Fact Sheet

April 2024

#### Fund Overview

The Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund is a long only, small and mid cap global equities fund. The Fund typically invests in a concentrated portfolio of 25-35 high-quality companies within the global small and mid cap company universe.

Using the unique Polen Flywheel Framework, the Small Company Growth team analyses opportunities to uncover compelling long-term structural growth and determine if the right conditions are in place to identify companies that are wellpositioned to deliver significant value over a five-year period.

#### **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 SMID Cap Net Total Return Index, in Australian Dollars

Fund Construction

The Fund typically invests in a concentrated portfolio of 30 to 50 highquality companies within the global small and mid-cap company universe with the potential to deliver sustained superior growth. APIR FHT8533AU Portfolio Manaaers Greg McIntire

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Relative to its mega cap counterparts, with the weighted average market capitalisation of around US\$8 billion the Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund seeks to offer a concentrated portfolio of interesting fast-growing smaller companies with a huge potential global runway of growth ahead of them.

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#### **Recommended Investment Timeframe** At least 5 years **Minimum Initial Investment** A\$25,000 Inception Date 21 October 2021 Fund Size \$21.8M

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

Up to 1.15% per annum of the net asset value of The Fund

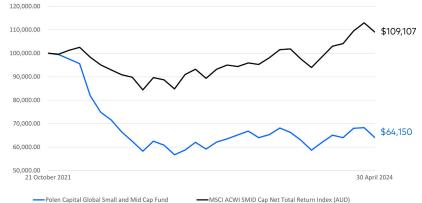
#### Performance Fees

17.56% 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 Small and Mid Cap Fund Performance



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#### **Portfolio Performance** (to 30 April 2024, after all fees)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	Since Inception (21 Oct 2021)	Compound Annual Return
						Since Inception
Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund	-6.08%	0.13%	9.27%	-4.02%	-35.85%	-16.13%
MSCI ACWI SMID (AUD)	-3.45%	4.78%	16.12%	13.80%	9.11%	3.51%
Out/Underperformance	-2.63%	-4.65%	-6.85%	-17.82%	-44.96%	-19.64%

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 posted a broad spread of returns in April. India and China were among the strongest performing major markets, with the U.S., Japan, and the U.K. weakest. A notable reversal of trends occurred for China and the U.S., with the U.S. falling by 5.9 per cent with interest rate expectations yet again driving equity market returns. Consumer Price Index (CPI) data exceeding the U.S. Federal Reserve's (Fed) target impacted market expectations for interest rate cuts, with the first loosening now priced for November. Despite yields generally rising on the back of inflation data, equities underperformed bonds, pulled lower by the U.S. Among the MSCI ACWI sectors, only Utilities saw a positive return, with Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology the laggards. Against this backdrop, value style indices outperformed growth, and large cap marginally outperformed SMID cap.

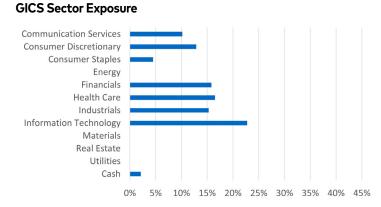
For April 2024, the Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund (the Fund) declined by 6.08 per cent in Australian dollars, while its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI SMID Cap Index, fell by 3.45 per cent in Australian dollars. The Fund underperformed the Index for the period primarily due to security selection, although sector allocation also detracted from relative returns. Positive security selection in Communication Services and Industrials was outweighed by weakness in Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary. The sector allocation impact was negative, primarily due to the Fund's overweight to Information Technology and a zero weight in Materials. At a country level, stock selection was strongest in Australia, Germany, and China and weakest in the U.S. and Japan.

The top three absolute contributors were Tencent Music Entertainment, Judges Scientific, and Generac Holdings. The bottom absolute detractors were Shift, Progyny, and Topicus.com. During the month, the Fund added to its positions in Clearwater Analytics and Bio-Techne. The Fund also sold its position in Bumble.

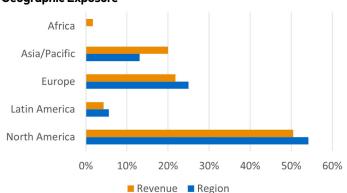
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#### Top Completed Holdings (to 30 April 2024)

Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%) 5.3
Tencent Music Entertainment Group	Communication Services	China	21.5	
Topicus.com Inc	Information Technology	Netherlands	6.7	5.0
Houlihan Lokey Inc	Financials	United States	8.8	5.0
CTS Eventim	Communication Services	Germany	8.5	4.9
Fevertree Drinks PLC	Consumer Staples	United Kingdom	1.7	4.5
Alight Inc	Industrials	United States	5.2	4.0
Progyny Inc	Health Care	United States	3.1	3.8
Eurofins Scientific SE	Health Care	Luxembourg	11.9	3.3
Globant SA	Information Technology	Uruguay	7.7	3.1
E Ink Holdings Inc	Information Technology	Taiwan	7.4	3.0



#### Geographic Exposure



Platforms we are on: HUB24 🖙 Netwealth



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Polen Capital is focused on the long-term value propositions, competitive advantages, ongoing initiatives, growth opportunities, and potential earnings power of the Fund's companies. Polen Capital believe their five-year investment time horizon allows them to think and act like owners. While market uncertainties and general volatility persist, the pipeline of potential new investments remains attractive across various industries and geographies.

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