

Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund

Investment Report & Fact Sheet

January 2025

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 well-positioned to deliver significant value over a five-year period.

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.

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 high-quality companies within the global small and mid-cap company universe with the potential to deliver sustained superior growth.

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Portfolio Managers

Maneesh Singhal
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Recommended Investment Timeframe

At least 5 years

Minimum Initial Investment

A\$25,000

Inception Date

21 October 2021

Fund Size

\$22.6M

Management Fees and Costs

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

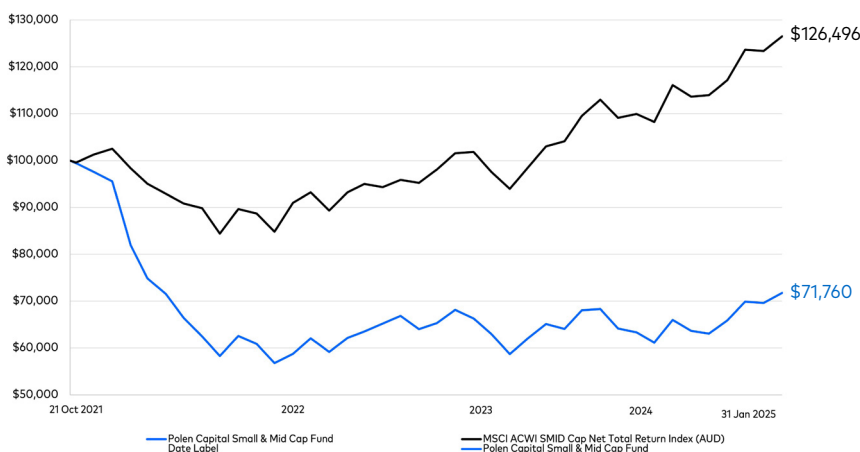
Performance Fees

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 31 January 2025, after all fees)

	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	Since Inception (21 Oct 2021)	Compound Annual Return Since Inception
Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund	3.08%	8.93%	8.78%	12.00%	-4.31%	-28.24%	-9.62%
MSCI ACWI SMID (AUD)	2.52%	7.96%	8.95%	21.48%	8.75%	26.50%	7.43%
Out/Underperformance	0.56%	0.97%	-0.17%	-9.48%	-13.06%	-54.74%	-17.05%

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.

Platforms we are on: HUB24 Netwealth

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Fund Commentary

Investors endured a healthy dose of volatility in January as markets grappled with a new administration in the U.S., an unclear path for interest rates, and, in the final week of the month, an unexpected development in the artificial intelligence (AI) narrative from Chinese start-up DeepSeek.

All sectors in the MSCI ACWI SMID Index except for Utilities posted a positive return. Financials and Industrials were strongest. At a country level, the U.S., Australia, and Germany drove the market higher, while India, Hong Kong, and Malaysia weighed most on the market. SMID caps performed on par with large caps, while growth marginally outperformed value.

For January 2025, the Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund increased by 3.08 per cent in Australian dollars, while the benchmark the MSCI ACWI SMID Cap Index returned 2.52 per cent in Australian dollars.

For the month, stock selection was strongest in Industrials and Health Care but was outweighed by weaker selection in Consumer Discretionary and Financials. The sector allocation effect was positive, primarily due to the Fund's zero weight in the Utilities sector. At a regional level, relative performance was strongest in Developed Asia and Europe and weakest in Emerging Asia and North America.

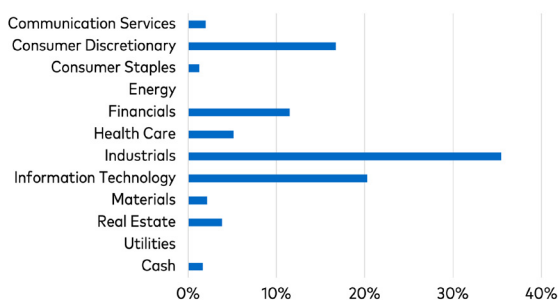
The top three absolute contributors to performance were EXL Service, Rambus, and Warby Parker. The bottom three absolute detractors were Kalyan Jewellers, e.l.f. Beauty, and Terra Tech. During the month the Fund initiated a new position in Lottomatica Group, the first Italian operator in the legal gaming market. The Fund also trimmed its position in Kalyan Jewellers and sold its position in Axis Bank.

Looking ahead, Polen Capital see significant opportunity for the asset class, particularly for their investing style. They believe high-quality SMID cap companies have greater latent growth potential than mature businesses. Further, in their view, the highest-quality SMID cap companies will take advantage of solid balance sheets and continued reinvestment to advance their competitive position, tackle adjacencies, and enjoy better potential opportunities for value-added acquisitions. Since so few companies meet this high hurdle, Polen Capital holds a concentrated portfolio of companies that offer potential for growth and high returns, as well as durability, robust financial models, the ability to self-fund growth, and what they view as superior management teams.

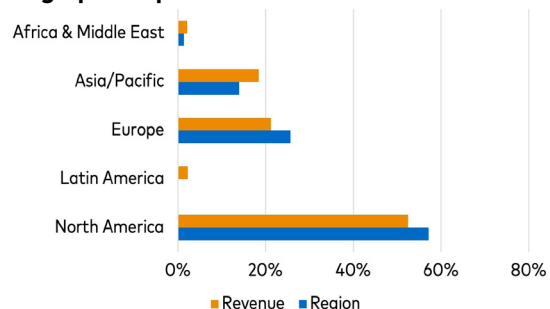
Top Completed Holdings (to 31 January 2025)

Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)
ExlService Holdings Inc	Industrials	United States	8.1	3.5
Core & Main Inc	Industrials	United States	11.2	2.6
NSD Co Ltd	Information Technology	Japan	1.8	2.6
Bufab AB	Industrials	Sweden	1.6	2.6
AddTech AB	Industrials	Sweden	8.0	2.4
Diploma PLC	Industrials	United Kingdom	7.6	2.3
Hamilton Lane Inc	Financials	United States	8.8	2.3
Paycom Software Inc	Industrials	United States	12.0	2.3
Pan Pacific International Hold	Consumer Discretionary	Japan	18.0	2.3
FirstService Corp	Real Estate	Canada	8.5	2.2

GICS Sector Exposure



Geographic Exposure



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