

# Polen Capital Global Small and Mid Cap Fund

## Investment Report & Fact Sheet

November 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 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

\$22.5M

#### Management Fees and Costs

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

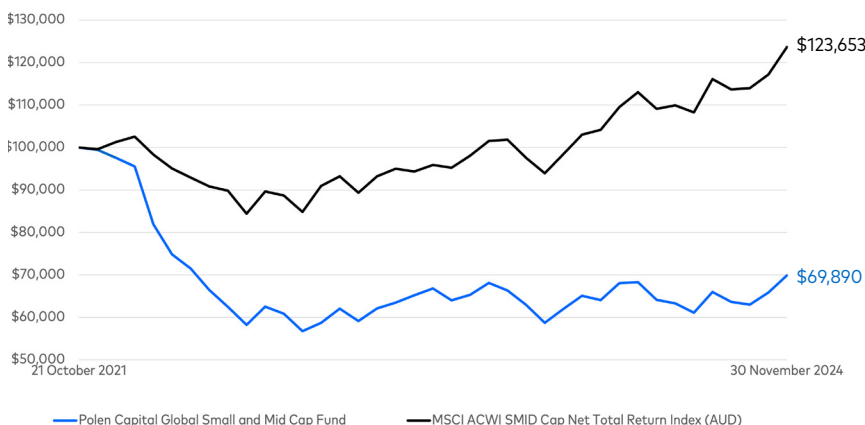
#### Performance Fees

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 November 2024, 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	6.09%	9.77%	10.39%	12.71%	-10.53%	-30.11%	-10.88%
MSCI ACWI SMID (AUD)	5.53%	8.81%	12.47%	25.62%	6.87%	23.65%	7.06%
Out/Underperformance	0.56%	0.96%	-2.08%	-12.91%	-17.40%	-53.76%	-17.94%

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

The U.S. election results were the primary driver of performance across global markets in November. Donald Trump's presidential victory, coupled with the Republican party's success in securing a majority in both chambers of Congress, likely fuelled expectations for pro-growth policies. Such policies could include additional tax cuts, expansionary fiscal policy, and looser regulation. Outside U.S. markets, the election results were met with some caution. Trade policy risk, combined with the strengthening U.S. dollar and fears of a less supportive U.S. monetary environment, negatively impacted international equities.

At a sector level, Energy and Financial sectors were strongest, with Materials the only sector to post negative returns. At a country level, Japan, the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. drove the market higher, while Korea and Taiwan weighed on the market the most.

The Polen Capital Small and Mid Cap Fund (the Fund) increased by 6.09 per cent in Australian dollars, versus the benchmark, the MSCI SMID Cap Return Index, which rose 5.53 per cent in Australian dollars. The sector allocation effect for the Fund was positive, primarily due to the portfolio being underweight in the Materials sector. At a regional level, stock selection was strongest in Asia and weakest in Europe.

The top three absolute contributors to performance for the month were Revolve Group, Warby Parker, and Sanrio. The bottom three absolute detractors were Booz Allen Hamilton, Tetra Tech, and MarketAxess.

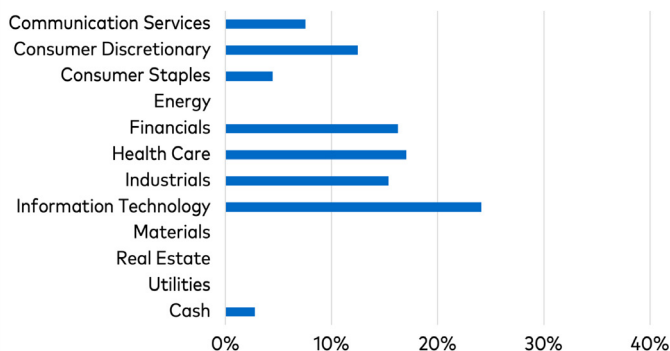
During the month, the Fund initiated new positions in Asics Corporation, a Japanese producer of sportswear and U.S. technology company Rambus. The Fund also sold its positions in Moncler and Aspen Technology.

Polen Capital see significant opportunity ahead for the asset class, particularly for their investing style. They believe high-quality SMID cap companies have greater latent growth potential than mature businesses. They also think 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. As few companies meet this high hurdle, Polen Capital hold a concentrated portfolio of companies that offer potential for growth and high returns, durability, robust financial models, the ability to self-fund growth, and what they view as superior management teams.

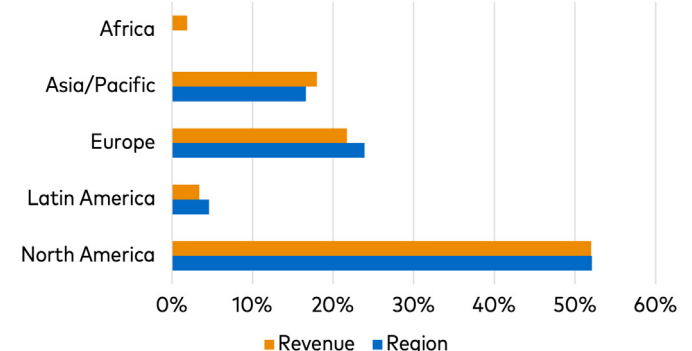
### Top Completed Holdings (to 30 November 2024)

Company Name	Sector	Country of Domicile	Market Cap US\$ B	Weight (%)
Topicus.com Inc	Information Technology	Netherlands	7.8	5.5
E Ink Holdings Inc	Information Technology	Taiwan	10.6	4.1
Houlihan Lokey Inc	Financials	United States	11.0	4.0
Tencent Music Entertainment Gr	Communication Services	China	20.7	4.0
CTS Eventim AG & Co KGaA	Communication Services	Germany	10.0	3.5
Clearwater Analytics Holdings	Information Technology	United States	6.6	3.3
Globant SA	Information Technology	Uruguay	8.6	3.2
Revolve Group Inc	Consumer Discretionary	United States	1.8	3.2
Fevertree Drinks PLC	Consumer Staples	United Kingdom	1.3	3.0
Goosehead Insurance Inc	Financials	United States	3.3	2.9

### GICS Sector Exposure



### Geographic Exposure



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