# Australian Companies Fund



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# Monthly Update

# **Fund commentary**

- The strong global agricultural recovery allows the Fund to exit its position in Nufarm
- Copper companies maintain guidance

Nufarm has performed strongly after bottoming in 2020. While it was a difficult 2020 in agriculture, global planting conditions in Nufarm's key regions turned favourable late in the year. The improved conditions for agriculture have also coincided with a significant increase in key soft commodity prices, improving sentiment towards the sector. At present, we judge the stock to be fairly valued. We took the opportunity to exit the position.

Our copper positions, namely Freeport-McMoRan, First Quantum and Oz Minerals reported over the month. Importantly for Freeport, it maintained production guidance for 2021-23. Grasberg continues to ramp up according to schedule and is now through the riskiest part of its development. Debt continues to decline materially with Grasberg ramp up. At current commodity prices it will be net cash by end 2022.

Freeport continues to trade at a material discount to peers Antofagasta and Southern Copper. We believe this will narrow as Freeport's Indonesian production increases. This cash flow spike may allow for an increased dividend, which in turn should attract a broader investor base.

Fund performance <sup>1</sup> (net of fees)	Inception Date	Exit Price (\$, cum)	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	Since Inception pa
Fund performance (net of pro forma fees) <sup>1</sup>	01-2000	2.4400	-1.5%	13.5%	18.7%	11.4%	7.7%	11.3%	10.2%	10.5%	12.2%
Fund performance (net of actual fees)			-1.5%	13.5%	18.7%	11.4%	7.7%	10.6%	9.2%	9.3%	10.3%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index			0.3%	11.9%	13.0%	-3.1%	7.0%	10.0%	7.9%	7.9%	8.0%
Outperformance (net of pro forma fees) <sup>1</sup>			-1.8%	1.6%	5.7%	14.5%	0.7%	1.3%	2.3%	2.6%	4.2%

1. Fund performance and Outperformance (net of pro forma fees) has been calculated based on the new fee structure (implemented 1 December 2018), assuming it had applied from the Fund's inception. These returns do not represent the actual net Fund performance and are included for illustrative purposes only.

Portfolio investments	Weighting
Resources	30.4%
Domestic Banks	8.5%
International Banks	8.4%
Non Bank Financials	5.3%
Internet	13.0%
Industrials	5.6%
Other	3.6%
Long Equities Position	74.8%
Short Equities Position	0.0%
Net Invested Equities	74.8%

Current stock example	
BHP	
ANZ	
Bank of America	
EML	
iCar Asia	
Brambles	
Currency exposure*	100%
AUD	97.1%
CAD	2.8%
USD	0.5%
EUR	-0.4%

otal holdings

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Stated at effective value



PM Capital Limited, founded in 1998, is a globally-focussed fund manager that invests money on behalf of private clients, the clients of financial advisers and institutions. PM Capital's goal is to build long term wealth by investing in global markets with patience and conviction.

#### **Investment philosophy**

We aim to build long term wealth together with our co-investors by finding and exploiting investment anomalies. Using a focused, patient and considered approach to finding simple investment ideas produces the best environment for creating that long term wealth.

Our experience has shown us that while the market is largely efficient, it can, and regularly does, misprice a small proportion of companies. Our unique process is based on scanning the world for those companies (hence the radar in our logo), discovering the associated valuation anomalies and extracting value from them. We buy good businesses at a good price; businesses that we believe are being valued differently to their long term intrinsic value, but will return to their correct value over time.

### Who manages the investment?

Kevin Bertoli and John Whelan are the Co-Portfolio Managers, who have over 28 years' combined industry experience and are supported by a team of investment analysts. The investment team is led by founder and CIO Paul Moore. We believe in being a patient investor, one that has conviction, one that finds opportunities where others can only see risk. We only invest in what we know, deeply, via our fundamental research.

# Why the Australian **Companies Fund?**

Focused: The Fund's process has been shown to be effective, based on a philosophy developed by Paul Moore, over 34 years. This has produced attractive long term capital growth.

#### **Further Information**

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Unrestricted: The concentration of the Australian equities market means many managers cannot add significant value. We have an authentic investment process where our exposure to industry sectors or market capitalisation is determined solely by our conviction in the risk/ reward opportunities that we identify within portfolio guidelines. No conviction = no investment.

## **Opportunistic and focused:** The Fund

is not built around a general market benchmark or index - it is highly focused based on our fundamental, bottom-up investment process. As a guide, the Fund holds around 15 - 25 deeply researched stocks that we believe give the best opportunity to produce strong long term returns.

# Global Expertise and value add:

Through this portfolio construction method used by the Fund directly benefits from PM Capital's global investment research that underlies the award winning PM Capital Global Companies Fund. This works in two ways - the Fund can invest up to 20% of the portfolio in international opportunities identified by the investment team. The Portfolio Manager can also take the market anomalies found globally and use the insights to identify similar opportunities in the Australian market.

Co-investment: Our co-investors receive access to a unique subset of opportunities which they may otherwise find difficult to access. The management team have significant investments in the Fund - they invest for and with you.

Outperformance: The Fund has outperformed the relevant market index by 288% since inception.<sup>1</sup> The Fund is managed from an Australian investor's perspective with consideration for tax and currency outcomes. Note: Effective 1 December 2018 the payment of a performance fee was changed, becoming subject to the

outperformance of both the RBA cash rate and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.

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# **Key Fund Details**

# Fund category

Australian equities

Investment style

Fundamental, bottom-up research intensive approach

#### **Inception date**

20 January 2000

# Fund size

\$28.5 Million

Strategy size \$28.5 Million

Number of stocks As a guide, 15-25 stocks

Minimum direct investment \$20,000

**Recommended investment time** Seven years plus

#### Fees (pa)

Mgmt fee: 1.09% Perf. fee: 20% (subject to a high water mark) of the excess above the greater of the RBA cash rate and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index

Buy / sell spread

0.5% (Round trip)

#### Investor profile

The Fund may be appropriate for investors seeking capital appreciation over a seven plus year investment horizon

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1. Returns are calculated from exit price to exit price assuming the reinvestment of distributions for the period as stated and represent the combined income and capital return. The Index is the S&P / ASX 200 Accumulation Index. See www.asx.com au for further information on the Index.