# Australian Companies Fund



# Monthly Update

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# **Fund commentary**

- Financials lead the way higher
- Commodities re-trace some of their recent gains
- Holding Crown Resorts receives takeover offer

Financials were the primary drivers of positive performance. Both domestically and internationally banks have benefited from the growing optimism surrounding economic growth as well as the persistent rise in treasury yields witnessed since the beginning of this year. While all banks were positive performers, ANZ, Bank of America and ING Groep were particularly notable.

Conversely, the Fund's commodity holdings which have been standout performers in recent months retraced some of the gains achieved. This was largely driven by the consolidation of commodity prices themselves as well as strength in the US Dollar which is typically inverse to that of commodity prices. Given the recent strength it is not unexpected to see share price volatility month-to-month and our investment theses remain unchanged.

Crown Resorts was the largest individual contributor to performance after receiving a A\$11.85 unsolicited takeover offer from Blackstone Group. While the proposal is currently non-binding and subject to a long list of conditions including Blackstone receiving regulatory approvals, it highlights the value of the underlying assets held within Crown.

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	2.6861	2.0%	8.4%	29.5%	50.4%	14.1%	13.4%	11.3%	11.3%	<b>12.7</b> %
Fund performance (net of actual fees)			2.0%	8.4%	29.5%	50.4%	14.0%	<b>12.7</b> %	10.3%	10.1%	10.8%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index			2.4%	4.3%	18.5%	37.5%	9.7%	10.2%	7.7%	8.0%	8.1%
Outperformance (net of pro forma fees) <sup>1</sup>			-0.4%	4.1%	11.0%	12.9%	4.4%	3.2%	3.6%	3.3%	4.6%

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	33.4%
Domestic Banks	23.1%
International Banks	10.2%
Internet	10.5%
Industrials	2.4%
Other	4.1%
Long Equities Position	83.7%
Short Equities Position	-0.6%
Net Invested Equities	83.1%

Current stock example	
BHP	
ANZ	
Bank of America	
iCar Asia	
Brambles	

Currency exposure*	100%
AUD	95.4%
CAD	2.5%
USD	1.7%
EUR	0.4%

\*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 35 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.

Outperformance: The Fund has outperformed the relevant market index by 348% since inception.1 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

\$31.3 Million

Strategy size \$31.3 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.