Australian Companies Fund



Monthly Update

31 OCTOBER **2020**

Fund commentary

- M&A activity boosts iCar Asia
- Copper holdings add to performance
- We participate in Frontier Digital Ventures' raising

Portfolio holding iCar Asia received a non-binding takeover offer from Autohome Inc., the owner of China's largest automotive classifieds marketplace. The offer of A\$0.50 per share, a 51% premium to its closing price prior to the offer, values the company at A\$216 million. While iCar Asia's share price rose materially post the announcement, as at the end of the month it remained below the offer price given its non-binding nature.

The Fund's copper stocks once again contributed meaningfully to performance. All three holdings - OZ Minerals, Freeport-McMoRan and First Quantum Minerals - released better than expected third

quarter results. On average the three companies recorded earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) for the quarter 15% above consensus estimates.

We added a position in Frontier Digital Ventures during the month. Frontier raised A\$100 million, with the Fund participating in the institutional placement at A\$1.25 a share. The proceeds from the raising will be used to acquire three businesses from global marketplace operator Adevinta. All three acquired businesses hold dominant market positions in their verticals and fit with Frontier's existing portfolio of assets.

Fund performance ¹ (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) ¹	01-2000	2.1490	3.6%	4.6%	11.1%	4.3%	3.8%	7.7%	7.5%	9.8%	11.7%
Fund performance (net of actual fees)			3.6%	4.6%	11.1%	4.3%	3.6%	7.0%	6.6%	8.5%	9.8%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index			1.9%	1.0%	8.7%	-8.1%	4.1%	6.8%	5.6%	6.9%	7.5%
Outperformance (net of pro forma fees) ¹			1.7%	3.6%	2.4%	12.4%	-0.3%	0.9%	1.9%	2.9%	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	27.8%
International Banks	8.0%
Domestic Banks	7.1%
Non Bank Financials	4.7%
Internet	16.0%
Industrials	9.1%
Other	0.9%
Long Equities Position	73.6%
Net Invested Equities	73.6%
Total holdings	23

Current stock example
BHP
Bank of America
ANZ
EML
iCar Asia
Brambles

Currency exposure*	100%
AUD	97.3%
CAD	2.4%
USD	0.2%
EUR	0.1%

^{*}Stated at effective value.



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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. 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 247% 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.

Key Fund Details

Fund category

Australian equities

Investment style

Fundamental, bottom-up research intensive approach

Inception date

20 January 2000

Fund size

\$25.1 Million

Strategy size

\$25.1 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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 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.

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