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# Agenda:



- 1. Key issues driving global financial markets
- 2. The Global Value Fund
- 3. Investment portfolio update
- 4. Managing risk
- 5. Case studies

# 1. Key issues driving global financial markets

# What we see markets pricing in today

US recovery well-established, stimulus and reform offer further upside

Unfolding economic recovery in Europe

...the potential for synchronised global growth

Important to remember what is already in the price

# The second page stories

The European Union's existential challenge

Equity markets are not expensive

Less clear how markets have priced in these issues

# 2. The Global Value Fund

## The Global Value Fund

Our core discount
capture strategy
targets returns
comparable with global
equity markets while
aiming for a
significantly lower risk
profile

A focus on listed securities which are undervalued relative to a defined and observable asset value

• A discount to "break-up" value

Closed-end funds (CEFs) will form the core of our investment universe

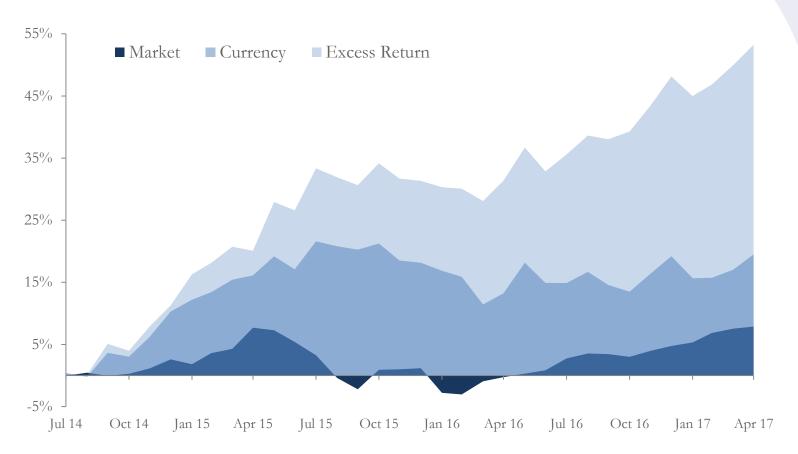
• Internationally, CEFs are a mainstream asset class, with an investable universe of >US\$400Bn

A variety of passive and active techniques are used to unlock value for our investors We operate on a global stage; investing around the world and across asset classes



# Gross investment returns<sup>1</sup> since IPO

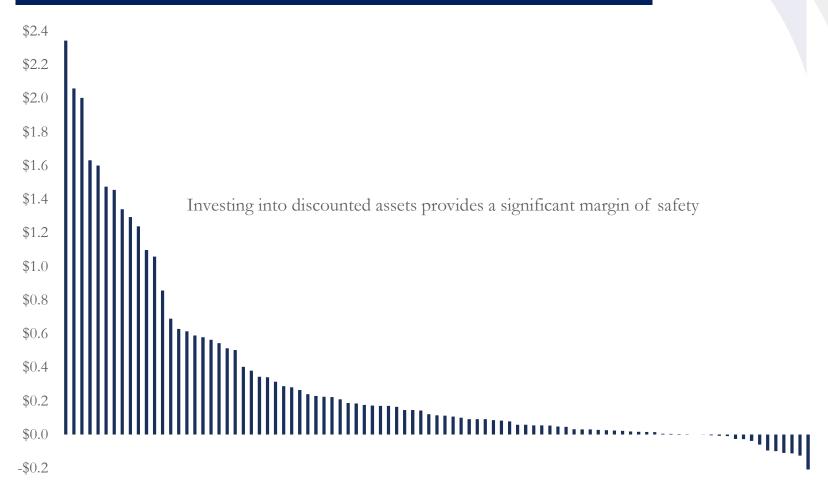
#### Attributed by market<sup>2</sup>, currency<sup>3</sup> and excess returns<sup>4</sup>



- Gross investment returns refers to the total GVF investment return before taxes paid, expenses, management fees, dividends paid and the impact of dilution from exercised company options. Data sourced from Staude Capital.
- 2 Gross returns attributable to the market exposures of the underlying assets held by the fund.
- Gross returns attributable to the currency exposures of the underlying assets held by the fund.
- Excess return represents the returns in excess of currency and market returns, attributable to the manager's investment strategy.

# Inherently attractive investment profile

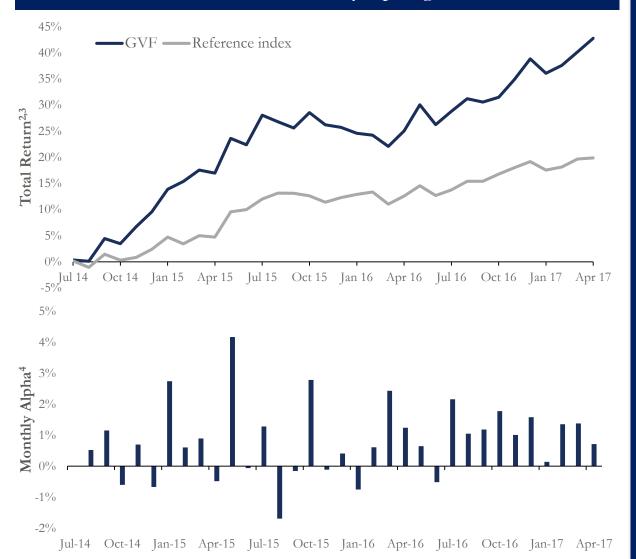
#### Gross return by investment<sup>1</sup> since IPO, A\$ millions



Gross return by investment shows the gross A\$ PnL of every investment the fund has made since IPO. This excludes the PnL effect from hedging and the returns from cash balances held in non-Australian currency. Gross returns are before taxes paid, expenses, management fees and dividends paid. Data sourced from Staude Capital..

# Performance since IPO

#### GVF investment returns & monthly alpha generation<sup>1</sup>



4 Monthly alpha is calculated as gross monthly excess return divided by beginning of month total portfolio value.

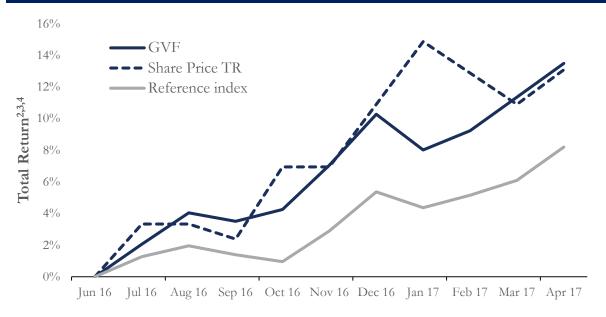
#### We seek to generate equity market like returns but with a significantly lower risk profile

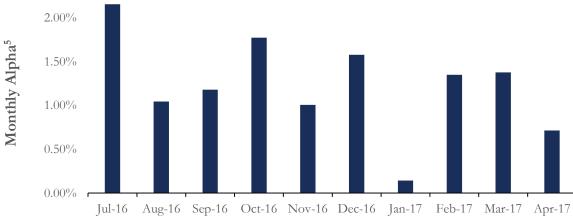
- Data source Bloomberg LP and Staude Capital.
- 2 GVF investment returns are after management fees and trading costs, but before company expenses and tax.
- Reference Index is calculated using a weighting of 50% to the MSCI All Country World Index in Australian dollar terms, and 50% to Australian cash interest rates. Australian cash interest rates are derived from monthly swap rates.

# 3. Investment portfolio update

# Year-to-date performance

#### GVF investment returns & monthly alpha generation<sup>1</sup>



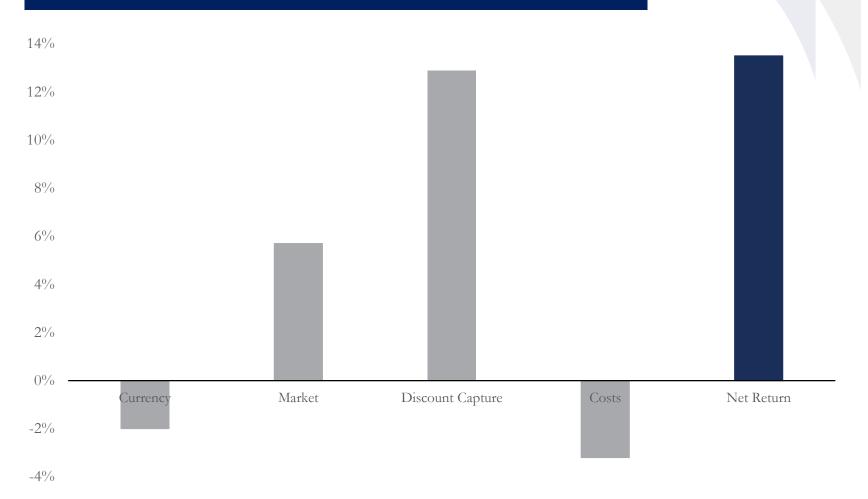


# Year-to-date net portfolio return<sup>2</sup> of 13.5%

- Data source Bloomberg LP and Staude Capital.
- 2 GVF investment returns are after management fees and trading costs, but before company expenses and tax.
- 3 Share price total returns include dividend payments and franking credits.
- 4 Reference Index is calculated using a weighting of 50% to the MSCI All Country World Index in Australian dollar terms, and 50% to Australian cash interest rates. Australian cash interest rates are derived from monthly swap rates.
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# Investment returns<sup>1</sup> year-to-date

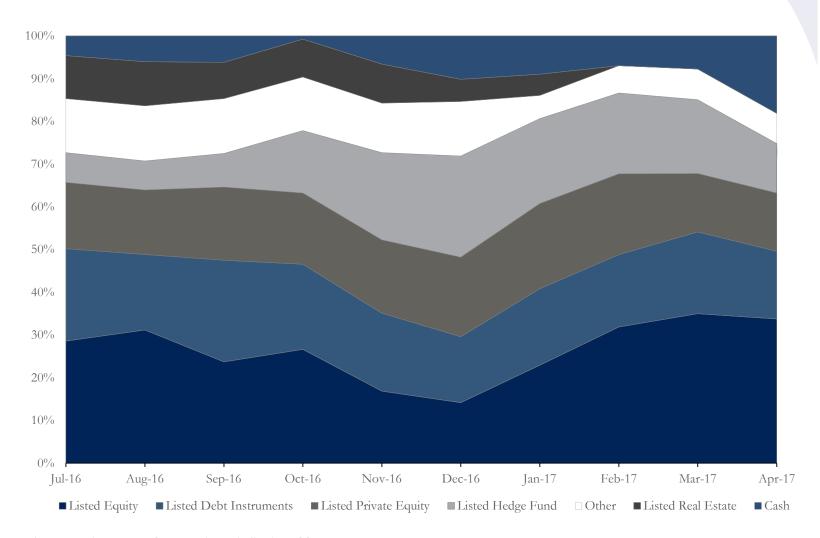
#### Attribution of investment returns<sup>2</sup>



- 1 GVF investment returns are after management fees and trading costs, but before company expenses and tax.
- 2 Data source Bloomberg LP and Staude Capital

# Underlying asset class exposures

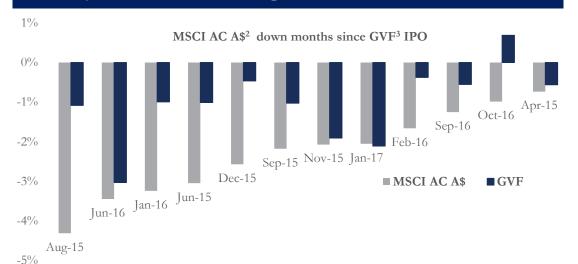
We opportunistically move between asset classes

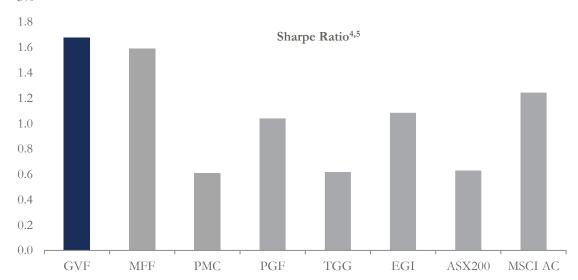




# Focus on risk management

#### Monthly drawdowns and Sharpe Ratios<sup>1</sup>





Please note that past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Our philosophy places a high importance on controlling for risk, whilst seeking to generate excess returns

- Data source Bloomberg LP and Staude Capital.
- 2 MSCI AC A\$ is the MSCI All Country Index in Australian dollar terms.
- 3 GVF is the GVF monthly investment return for corresponding MSCI AC A\$ down month.
- 4 Measured from July 2014 through to April 2017, except EGI, measured from Nov 2014 IPO.
- 5 LIC peer group Sharpe ratios derived from changes in pre-tax NTAs, adjusting for dilution and dividends.

# 5. Case studies



Liquidation play

#### Description

**M&G** High Income Investment Trust (MGH) was launched in 1997 to invest into the UK share market. It was structured as a 'split capital' investment trust, meaning its capital structure featured multiple share classes, each having a different claim on the assets of the company. The company had a fixed life and was set to wind up in March 2017.

There were three different share classes that could be invested into and these could be invested in either individually, or in combinations of units and packages.

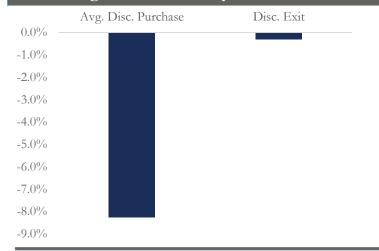
#### **Investment Rationale**

In total, there were five listed instruments, each with varying calls on the company's capital structure. One share class no longer had any underlying value and one was a bond that provided leverage to the other two.

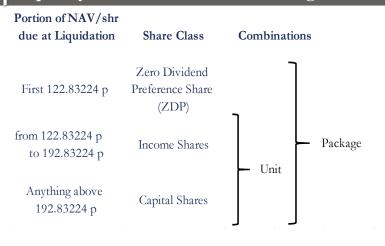
The complicated share structure meant understanding the value of each listed instrument was difficult.

We identified that the income shares presented attractive value and we were able to build up an investment in this share class, via both shares, units and packages, at an attractive discount to asset value ahead of the company's liquidation.

#### M&G High Income: Entry and exit discount



#### Liquidity trades - NB Global Floating Rate



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# Case Study: NB Private Equity

Catalysts in place to unlock deep value

#### Description

Neuberger Berman Private Equity Partners (NBPE) is a closed-end fund that holds stakes in private equity funds and directly invests into unlisted companies.

The fund is large, with over \$750M of assets under management, while the portfolio is very diversified. The largest holding accounts for only 2% of NAV.

The fund has a strong balance sheet with more cash than debt and outstanding commitments

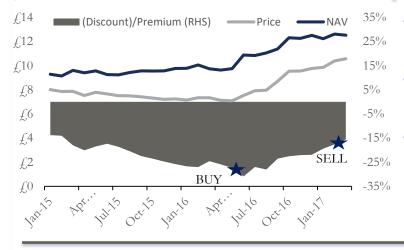
#### **Investment Rationale**

The fund is well known to us. GVF had previously invested into NBPE during 2014 at an average discount to net asset value of 21%, exiting in 2015 at an average discount of 12%.

Post-Brexit in mid-2016, the fund moved out to its widest discount in two years and GVF was able to accumulate a position at a 28% discount to net asset value.

Having been under pressure for some time to improve corporate governance, we could see a number of important catalysts on the horizon which we believed would act to reduce the discount and unlock value.

#### **NBPE:** Discount history



#### NBPE: Catalysts which unlocked value

- The fund restructured to give all shareholders the right to vote. A crucial step towards improving corporate governance and widening the fund's appeal.
- The fund moved from the specialist fund segment of the stock exchange to a main board London Stock Exchange listing, appealing to more potential investors.
- The fund refocused its mandate, placing a greater emphasis on more efficient direct investments in unlisted companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data source: Bloomberg LP and Staude Capital. Please note that past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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