

#### Monash Absolute Investment Company Limited

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Monash Absolute Investment Company Limited (ASX Code: MA1) Switzer Conference Presentation (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

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This conference has been designed for SMSF trustees, self-directed investors and financial advisers. The purpose of this event is to provide access to some of Australia's smartest managers while promoting the listed investment category as the investment platform of the future for both investors and advisers.

Attached is a copy of the presentation that will be delivered at the conference by Simon Shields from Monash Investors.

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## Finding compelling ideas in a concentrated market

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# Is it possible to find compelling stocks in the ASX given how concentrated it is?

### Yes!

But not if you follow the crowd...



### Does this actually make sense to investors?

- Most Australian equity portfolios are mirror images of the indexes they track
- The fund managers have too much career risk on the line and take very small bets as a result
- Results in highly concentrated portfolios weighted to financials and resources with low growth
- These funds simply rise and fall with the market
- And are fully invested at all times, regardless of growth, value or future prospects



## Why hold the same stocks as the index, if they are not growing, are expensive or have bleak futures?

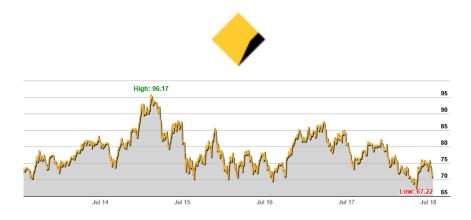
Vanguard Australian Shares Index ETF (VAS)	Major Fund Manager 1 \$2bn AUM	Major Fund Manager 2 \$6bn AUM	Major Fund Manager 3 \$1.2bn
CBA	СВА	СВА	BHP
BHP	WOW	ВНР	CBA
WBC	WBC	ANZ	ANZ
CSL	ВНР	SUN	WBC
ANZ	SUN	WBC	RIO
NAB	MPL	CSL	NAB
WES	ANZ	WES	WOW
WOW	TAH	MQG	TLS
MQG	IPL	SEK	LLC
WPL	NAB	OSH	CYBG

To July 31, 2018 – Source, Manager websites



## 5 years of major bank returns – the most widely held sector in Australian equity portfolios. Compelling?

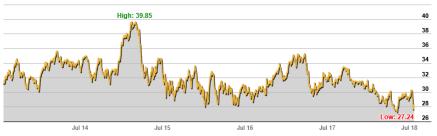
















## To develop a portfolio that focuses on compelling opportunities, you have to think differently to the crowd

- Focus on absolute returns and not relative returns
- Ignore the index
- Set high hurdles before making an investment
- Invest in Pre-IPO stocks
- Invest long in compelling stocks and short in stocks with bleak futures
- Hold cash if you can't find ideas that meet the strict criteria
- Cap AUM growth to stay nimble and return focused



## Finding compelling opportunities requires judgement based on 50+ years of combined experience

- 1 Underestimation of significant change
- 2 Analyst reputation management
- 3 Drive by boards to exploit high ROE opportunities in their core business
- 4 Limitations of company guidance
- 5 Overlooked signals
- 6 Business disruption
- 7 Misjudging risk
- (8) Corporate motives by brokers
- 9 Lack of analyst coverage
- (10) Pre-IPO discount



# Afterpay (Outlook Long): Product Roll Out & User Ramp Up Market underestimating step changes in earnings afterpay

#### Insight

- Exciting buy now pay later product that is a win win for the merchant and consumer
- Rapid adoption particularly with Millennial Market
- Attractive expose to the online shopping trend

#### Growth

- Experience exponential growth on all metrics:
  - Number of merchants, Number of customers
  - Merchant sales, Merchant fees,
- In store roll out
- Geographical expansion
  - Announced expansion in USA with strategic partner Matrix
  - Announced UK expansion with ClearPay acquisition

#### **Value**

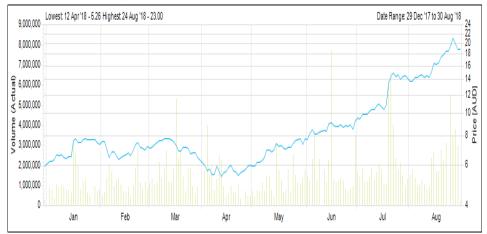
- Material upside to our target price if it can replicate its Australian success in the USA
  - With further upside from a successful UK rollout

#### **Update**

- Purchased on USA announcement
  - \$7.25 May 2018
- Sold progressively on price strength
  - \$14.70 July 2018
  - \$17.60 August 2018
  - \$20.00 August 2018



Source: Company data



Source: FactSet



## Telix – Pre IPO: An important feature of the investment strategy



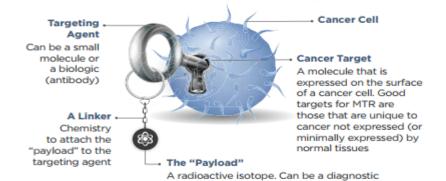
 Telix has a low risk path to provide imaging and therapy for prostate, renal (kidney) and glioblastoma (brain) cancer patients, using molecular targeted radiation.

#### Growth

 Its lead program is in late stage phase 3 trails and therefore first revenues should be generated within 12 months.

#### **Value**

- Telix has 4 clinical programs at various stages of development, ranging from Phase 3 to Phase 1.
- This provides numerous valuation inflection points as newsflow from these programs emerge.
- There have been a number of corporate transaction in this space over recent months.
- We brought into Telix Pre-IPO at a price of \$0.17, and made 3x on its IPO. The success of any 1 of Telix's 4 clinical programs has the potential to be worth multiples of its current valuation.



isotope for imaging, or a therapeutic isotope for

treatment. Sometimes the imaging isotope is optimized for diagnostic quality, sometimes it's just a low-dose version of the therapeutic isotope

#### Source: Company data



**Source:** FactSet



## Sky TV (short): Limitations of Company Guidance and Analyst Reputation Management

#### Insight

- Fragmentation effect of Netflix & other streamers
- Competition understood, but impact underestimated
- Limitations of company guidance
- Analyst reputation management

#### Growth

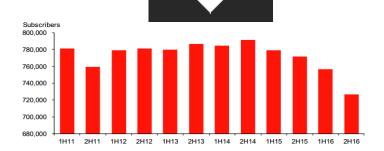
- Subscriptions and Revenue to negatively surprise
- Fixed Cost leverage to declining sales to cause a greater fall in EPS

#### **Value**

Historically priced as a growth utility

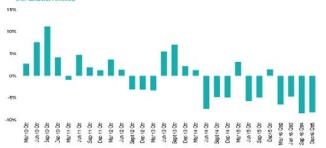
#### **Update**

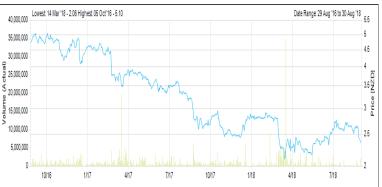
- 4 downgrades since we started shorting
- NZ Commerce Commission adverse ruling
  - Dis-allowed proposed merger with Vodafone
- CEO announced resignation
- Loss of World Cup Rugby



Source: Company data, Macquarie Research, May 2016







Sources: Sky TV, FactSet



### About Monash Absolute Investment Company (ASX Code MA1)

Feature	Description	
ASX Code	MA1	
Shares on issue	49,223,436	
Share price	\$0.895	
Net Tangible Assets (Pre-Tax)	\$1.0115	
Dividends payable	Yes	
Buy Back in place	Yes	
ASX Listing date	1 April 2016	
Investment Manager	Monash Investors Pty Ltd	
Board	Paul Clitheroe, Independent Chairman Suvan de Soysa, Independent Director Simon Shields, Non Independent Director	
Fees	Management fee 1.5% p.a. (plus GST) Performance fee 20% (plus GST) > RBA Cash Rate subject to HWM	

As at 31 July 2018



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