



# Today's Webinar

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# Forager Investment Performance

- Poor recent performance for the Australian Fund and the International Fund
- Cash weighting and "value" performance has been a significant drag
- Specific stock picking mistakes in both funds
- Continued focus on people, process and structure



# Australian Fund Update



## Performance

#### Returns to 31 March 2019

| FASF    | S&P All Ords                                   | Outperformance   |
|---------|--|--|
| -10.13% | 11.25%   | -21.38%  |
| -2.34%  | 7.38%  | -9.72%   |
| 4.91%   | 11.27%   | -6.37%   |
| 7.59%   | 6.09%  | 1.50%  |
| 8.38%   | 7.49%  | 0.89%  |
| 10.94%  | 8.42%  | 2.52%  |
| 13.61%  | 9.71%  | 3.90%  |
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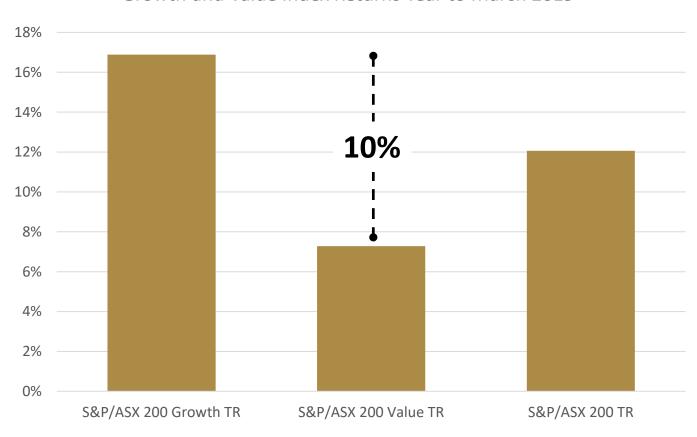
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Returns use the Net Asset Value (NAV) mid point and assume reinvestment of all distributions. Investments can go up and down. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.



## Growth and Value

#### Growth and Value Index Returns Year to March 2019



Source: Forager, S&P



# Cash Weighting

Cash Weighting Forager Australian Shares Fund as at 31 March 2019

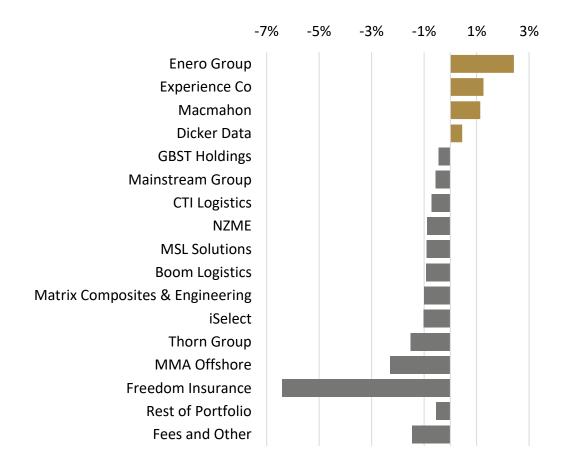


Source: Forager



## Performance Contribution

FASF Contribution for financial YTD ending 31 March 2019





## Activism

- Acting more aggressively with current investments to realise value
- Forager has a long history of constructively engaging with the Board and management of investee companies
- Our investments in Jumbo (JIN) and Macmahon (MAH) have specifically benefitted from this interaction
- Encouraged corporate activity at Logicamms (LCM) merger with unlisted OSD Ltd announced in March
- Focussing on value realisation at Thorn Group (TGA) and MSL Solutions (MPW)



## Portfolio Status

#### Australian Fund as at 30 April 2019

| Holding                   | Weighting |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Enero Group               | 11.3%     |
| iSelect                   | 7.6%      |
| Macmahon Holdings         | 7.5%      |
| MMA Offshore              | 5.5%      |
| Thorn Group               | 5.0%      |
| Mainstream Group Holdings | 4.6%      |
| Carsales                  | 4.4%      |
| CTI Logistics             | 4.1%      |
| NZME                      | 4.0%      |
| Experience Co             | 4.0%      |
| Cash                      | 26.6%     |

- Three largest holdings Enero, Macmahon and iSelect are crucial to near term results
- Minimal exposure to Australian housing or consumer spending
- Cash weighting 26.6%. Some ideas exiting the portfolio
- Three new investments in the last four months
- Adding to a watchlist of investment opportunities

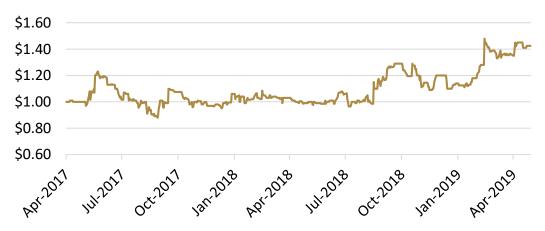


# Enero Group (ASX:EGG)

#### **Idea summary**

- Marketing services business operating in Australia, UK and US.
   52% of revenue is generated offshore
- Operates a portfolio of companies creative agency, marketing insights and strategy, and public relations
- Major subsidiary Hotwire operating in the US and UK, providing public relations to tech companies

#### **Share price performance**



Source: S&P Capital IQ

#### **Recent results**

- Stabilisation of revenue declines and return to growth: the last two half years have shown organic growth
- Improving earnings from higher revenue and operating leverage.
   Last half year earnings up 91%
- Acquisition of a complementary business

#### **Future expectations**

- A people business performing well internal momentum encourages further organic growth
- Current year price/earnings multiple of ~9 times
- Excess franking credits of \$20m

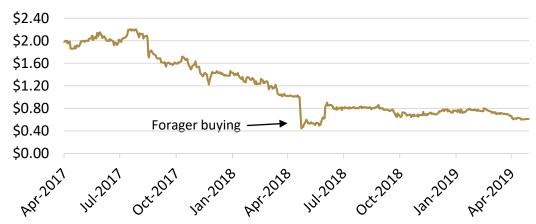


# iSelect (ASX:ISU)

#### **Idea summary**

- Comparison website for health insurance, telco, energy and life/general insurance services
- Customers compare products from a list of providers (not all providers are represented)
- Majority owned South East Asian subsidiary iMoney

#### Share price performance



Source: S&P Capital IQ

#### **Recent results**

- In the last half year revenue fell 12% as new management cleaned up unprofitable revenue and reduced operating costs. Net profit rose 73%
- Marketing costs fell 30% on better control after a poor TV campaign and ineffective search advertising in prior year
- The business continues to have net asset backing of \$0.49 per share

#### **Future expectations**

- Profits skew to second half (most private health switching in April and June). Expecting a continuation of reduced marketing and operating costs
- iMoney value firming up as the business is prepared for full or partial sale
- Major competitor Compare the Market is a 23% shareholder. Synergies from any merger of the businesses would be significant
- Current year price/earnings multiple of ~8 times



## **New Investments**

#### Carsales (ASX:CAR)

- The leading online classifieds business for used cars in Australia.
   Connecting dealers and private sellers with buyers
- Powerful network moat and an ability to continue raising prices over the long term. Price increases and premiumisation should more than offset potential volume declines
- The share price had fallen by a third amidst falling new car sales, fears of a recession, concerns about an ASIC ruling and a broader market sell-off
- Short term issues provide an attractive entry price into a high quality, long term growth business. Optionality for further growth from offshore investments

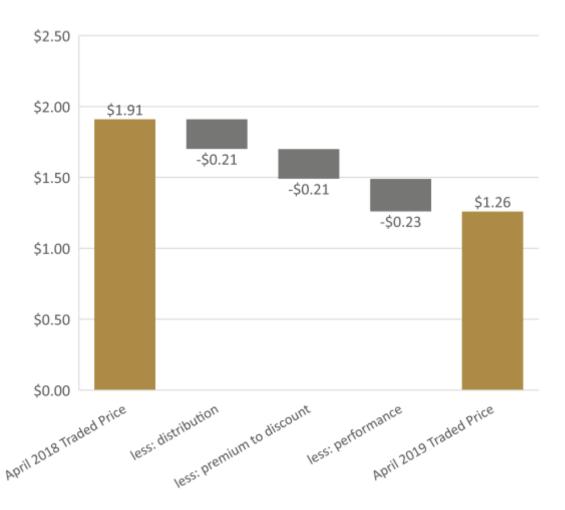
#### **Experience Co (ASX:EXP)**

- Operates skydiving activities in Australia and New Zealand, and adventure activities (rafting, great barrier reef trips, etc) based mostly in Cairns
- Former market darling with share price down more than 80% after a series of earnings downgrades due to business performance and poor weather
- Adventure division acquired quickly and failing to match preacquisition expectations. Medium quality businesses worth less than acquisition price
- Skydiving volumes have grown by 7% per year for 15 years.
   Recently slowed due to fatalities and poor weather. 70%+ market share
- New management is improving disclosure, tidying up the business and restoring confidence

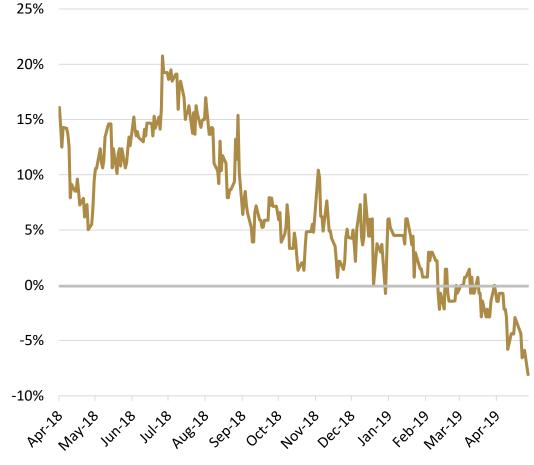


## FOR Unit Price Movement

#### **Traded Price Movement**



#### **Premium / Discount to Net Asset Value**





# International Fund Update



## Performance

#### Returns to 31 March 2019

|                        | FISF   | MSCI ACWI IMI | Outperformance |
|------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 year return          | -0.46% | 10.02%        | -10.47%        |
| 2 year return (p.a)    | 1.74%  | 12.19%        | -10.44%        |
| 3 year return (p.a)    | 9.85%  | 13.56%        | -3.70%         |
| 4 year return (p.a)    | 8.06%  | 8.60%         | -0.54%         |
| 5 year return (p.a)    | 8.81%  | 12.14%        | -3.33%         |
| Since inception (p.a)* | 12.35% | 14.96%        | -2.61%         |

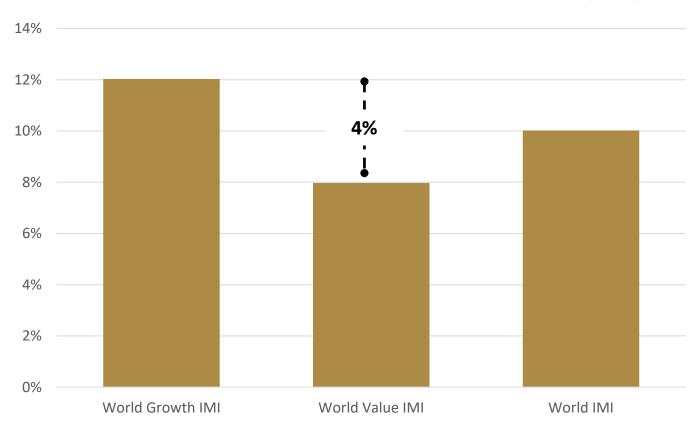
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## Growth and Value

#### Growth and Value MSCI Index Returns Year to March 2019 (AUD)

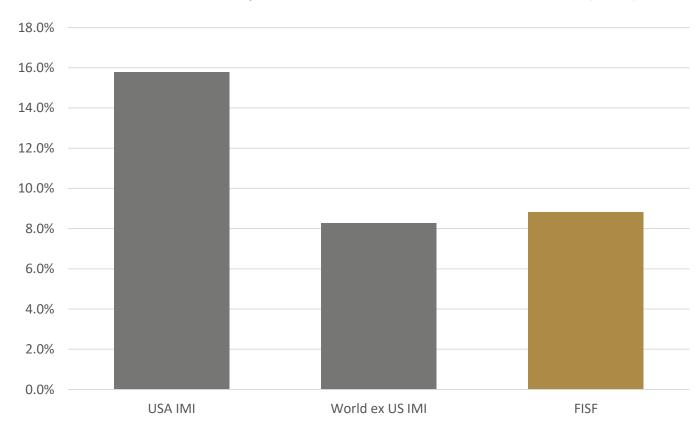


Source: MSCI



## **US Continues to Dominate**

#### MSCI Annualised 5-year Index Returns Year to March 2019 (AUD)



Source: MSCI, Forager



# Cash Weighting

Cash Weighting Forager International Shares Fund as at 31 March 2019

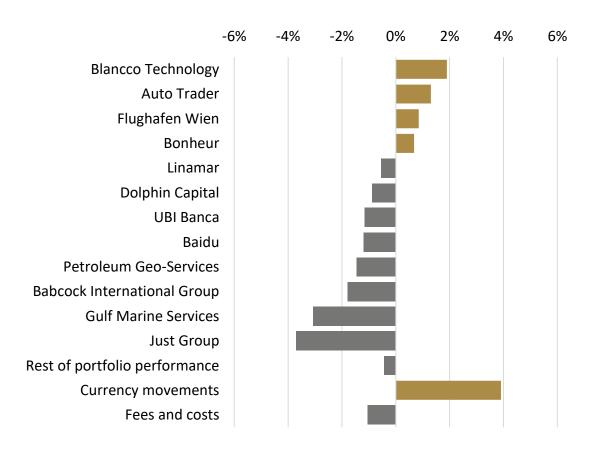


Source: Forager



## Performance Contribution

#### FISF Contribution for financial YTD ending 31 March 2019





## Portfolio Status

#### International Fund as at 29 April 2019

| Holding               | Listed  | Weighting |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Blancco Technology    | London  | 9.5%      |
| Alphabet              | US      | 6.6%      |
| Flughafen Wien        | Austria | 5.4%      |
| Linamar               | Canada  | 5.2%      |
| Bonheur               | Norway  | 5.1%      |
| Cementir              | Italy   | 5.0%      |
| Auto Trader           | London  | 4.2%      |
| Just Group            | London  | 4.1%      |
| Babcock International | London  | 3.7%      |
| UBI Banca             | Italy   | 3.5%      |
| Cash                  |         | 13.2%     |



- Eurozone/UK still offering opportunity. Good businesses paying dividends
- Minimal remaining exposure to mega caps
- Cash at 13.2%. A number of new ideas in the portfolio with a good pipeline remaining
- Paul Quah brings expertise to execute in Asian markets



# Blancco Technology (AIM:BLTG)

#### **Idea summary**

- Global leader in hard drive erasure software
- Massive opportunities in Mobile and Enterprise & Data Centre segments
- Bought in 2017 in the midst of panic over revenue reporting

#### Share price performance



Source: S&P Capital IQ

#### **Recent results**

- First half revenue growth 19%, Enterprise & Data Centre segment particularly strong (+30%)
- Growth despite "Pain today, gain tomorrow" behaviour being evident
- Profitable and positive free cash flow despite heavy investment turnaround well underway

#### **Future expectations**

- Forager expects minimum 15% p.a. revenue growth over medium term
- Base case valuation £2/share, upside case more than £3/share
- Likely acquisition target, hopefully not too soon

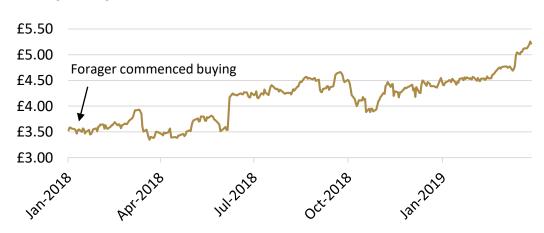


# Auto Trader (LSE:AUTO)

#### **Idea summary**

- UK's dominant portal for used car sales
- Extremely high quality business, requires no capital retention to grow
- Bought early 2018 at 6% free cash flow yield, baby thrown out with Brexit bathwater

#### **Share price performance**



#### **Recent results**

- First half revenue growth 7% through new products, pricing and upsell
- Earnings per share up 12% margins up, buyback.
- Continues to grow share of UK car retailers' collective gross margin

#### **Future expectations**

- 5-8% p.a. revenue growth over medium term
- Trading at 29x 2019 estimated earnings per share. No longer cheap.
- Forager in harvest mode, sold nearly half the Fund's stake in recent months. Currently 4.3% of Fund assets.

Source: S&P Capital IQ



## **New Investments**

#### Lear Corporation (NYSE:LEA)

- Second largest maker of seats for new cars globally, plus a significant electronics business
- Not threatened by phase out of internal combustion engine
- Cyclical, but oligopolistic market with pricing sanity
- Share price down more than 30% over 2018
- Strong capital management. Bought back half of outstanding shares in recent years

#### **Linamar Corporation (TSX:LNR)**

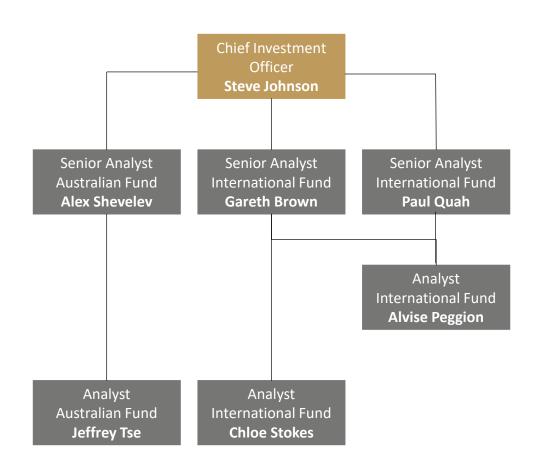
- Excellence in high-volume, low-cost, high precision parts manufacture
- 60% of profit related to automotive cyclical plus structural threats
- Should continue to grow market share as internal combustion engines are phased out – still expecting unit growth
- Opportunities in other automotive systems hybrids and electric vehicle
- Significant and growing share unrelated to automotive industrial access and agriculture.
- Excellent owner/manager family and cheap entry price



# Organisation and Investment Proposition



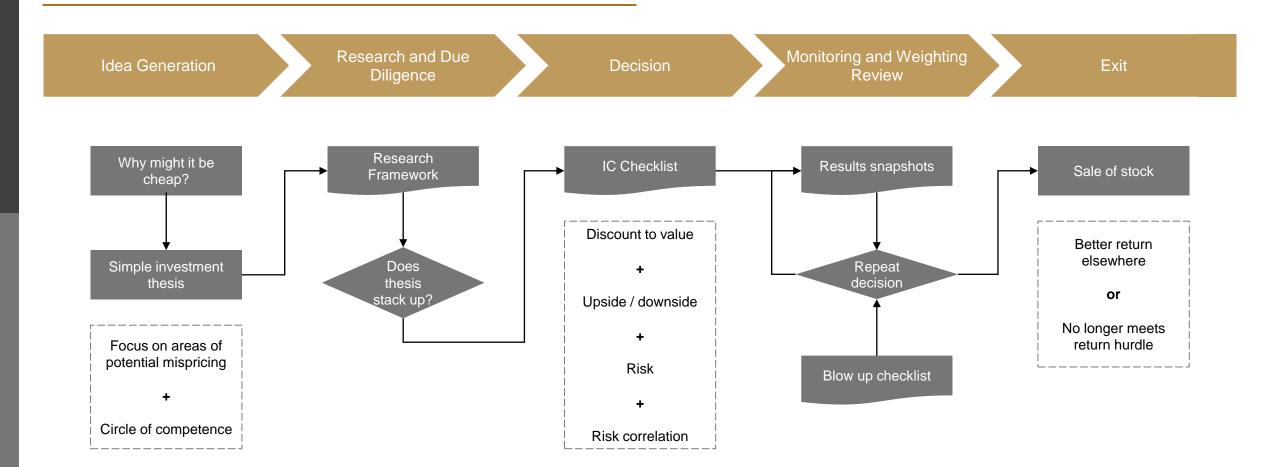
# People



- Four new research team members in past two years
- Focus on development and integration
- Able to have clear segregation between Chief Investment Officer role and analysts



## **Process**



Defined process for Forager investing style. Ability to add resources as we grow.



# **Investment Proposition**

- Concentrated portfolios
- Long-term focus
- Periods of under-performance
- Lumpy capital gain returns
- Unhedged exposure to weakening AUD (FISF)



Q&A