#### **EVANS & PARTNERS**

# **GLOBAL** DISSUPTION **FUND**

# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with capital growth over the long-term through exposure to companies that will benefit from disruptive innovation.

## PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Evans & Partners Global Disruption Fund (Fund) returned +9.1% compared to the broader global equities market which advanced +3.7%. Market volatility increased towards the end of the month driven by uncertainty around the coronavirus outbreak. The Australian dollar (-4.7%) retraced its path from December, aiding Fund returns.

This was a strong month for the Fund with a good start to the December quarter reporting season. The best performing holdings were Amazon (+14%), Microsoft (+13%), and Alphabet (+12%). Merck (-1%), TSMC (-3%), and Illumina (-8%) underperformed.

Amazon reported a strong 4Q19 result with revenue growth of 20% and operating income up 2%. Amazon's investment into 1-day shipping drove record Prime member quarterly additions and strong online retail sales growth. Amazon Web Services sales grew 34% with both sales and profit ahead of expectations.

Microsoft reported a strong 2Q with revenue growth of 14% and EPS up 41%, both ahead of market expectations. This was the 10th consecutive quarter of double-digit growth with broad-based strength across the businesses as Cloud revenues reaccelerated to +62% (+59% in Q1).

Illumina fell following weaker than expected guidance for 2020. Sales are expected to grow 9-11% (market expecting 12%) with overall sequencing revenues to grow 14%, offset by continued decline in arrays (-15%).

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER



Raymond Tong Portfolio Manager

NTA per unit \$2.54

Unit price (EGD) \$2.50

Gross assets

\$269.7 MILLION

12-month distribution yield N/A

Annualised performance since inception (25 July 2017)<sup>1</sup>

22.6%

### FUND PERFORMANCE1

	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	5 YEARS	INCEPTION (P.A.)
NTA	9.1%	16.3%	13.4%	33.5%	18.3%	-	22.6%
MSCI AC World Index (Net, AUD)	3.7%	7.9%	10.4%	26.0%	13.6%	-	16.1%
Excess return	5.4%	8.4%	3.0%	7.5%	4.7%	-	6.5%

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

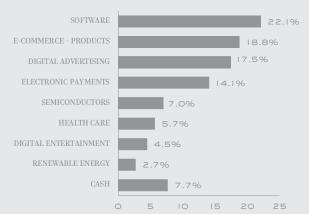
## TOP 10 PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Microsoft Corp		
PayPal Holdings Inc		
Salesforce.com Inc		
Tencent Holdings Ltd		
TSMC		

## PERFORMANCE CHART

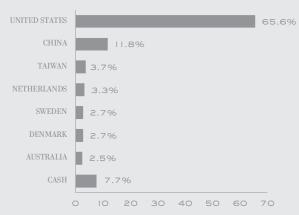


# SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, internal classification

#### COUNTRY EXPOSURE



Source: Bloomberg, Country of Domicile

Notes: Data at 31 January 2020 unless stated. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. 1. All returns are total returns, inclusive of reinvested distributions. NTA returns are net of fees and costs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception 25 July 2017. Due to the change in the composition of the Fund and of the MSCI ACWI Information Technology Index over the prior 12 months, it is no longer shown as a comparable index. Chart data range: 25 July 2017 to 31 January 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.





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