Annualised performance since

inception (21 June 2018)1



# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with capital growth, attractive riskadjusted returns, and stable distributions over the long term through exposure to quality Australian equities that are well positioned to deliver sustainable earnings growth and returns on capital.

# PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Evans & Partners Australian Flagship Fund (Fund) rose 9.6% during April, outperforming market by 0.8%. Following the very severe COVID-19 related market correction in March, the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index bounced back strongly in April to record the biggest monthly gain in years. All sectors recorded positive gains in the month with the strongest being Energy (+25%), Information Technology (+23%) and Consumer Discretionary (+16%). Volatility has been a key feature of the market in recent months and in April the daily moves ranged from up 4.3% to down 2.4%. The economic uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 remains, however investor optimism has increased due to the emergence of value and the possible future benefit of government stimulus as lockdowns ease.

Top performers in the Fund included Afterpay Touch (+66%), Crown Resorts (+30%) and Woodside (+23%). On the down-side, Telstra and ANZ were both down in absolute terms (41%) which were the largest underperformers in the context of the strong market.

The top contributors to returns were Afterpay, BHP and Macquarie Group. Corporate activity emerged late in the period for two key holdings with both Crown and Afterpay benefiting from strategic offshore investors taking sizeable positions on the register.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



Ben Chan Portfolio Manager

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NTA per unit \$1.40

Unit price (EFF) \$1.28

Gross assets

\$21.9 MILLION

12-month distribution yield (target: 5%)

-1.8%

5.6%

# FUND PERFORMANCE1

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	INCEPTION (P.A.)
NTA	9.6%	-22.4%	-16.4%	-9.2%	-	-	-1.8%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index	8.8%	-20.3%	-15.5%	-9.1%	-	-	-2.3%
Excess Return	0.8%	-2.1%	-0.9%	-0.2%	-	-	0.5%

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

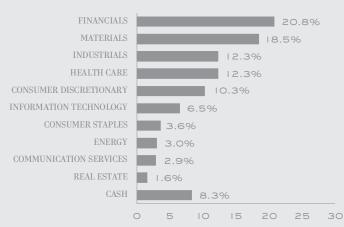
# TOP IO HOLDINGS

ANZ Banking Group	National Australia Bank Ltd
BHP Group Ltd	Transurban Group
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Wesfarmers Ltd
CSL Ltd	Woolworths Group
Macquarie Group Limited	Xero Ltd

# PERFORMANCE CHART<sup>1</sup>



#### SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

Notes: Data at 30 April 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 21 June 2018. Chart data range: 21 June 2018 to 30 April 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.





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