

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide investors with capital growth, attractive risk-adjusted 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) increased 3.6% in August, outperforming the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index (Index) by 0.7%. The Index consolidated gains made over the COVID-19-impacted August reporting season. Most companies had either withdrawn or revised down guidance and as such outlook comments were of most interest. Given the trajectory out of the pandemic is unknown, quantitative guidance was largely absent, with management generally preferring to wait until the October AGM season.

Information Technology was the strongest sector in August, led by Afterpay with a strong sales trajectory and better than expected loss rates. Consumer Discretionary followed, with many retailers capitalising on government assistance on wages and rent relief. Utilities and Communication Services were down, due largely to weak results from their largest stocks, AGL and Telstra respectively.

Afterpay (+33.4%) was the Fund's strongest performer as stimulus in the economy continued to benefit online retail. Stockland (+24.1%) is still collecting rents at a rate above many competitors whilst demand in residential communities is improving. Sydney Airport (+12.2%) completed an equity raising, reducing perceived balance sheet risks. Telstra (-11.4%) and Seek (-4.6%) were down following soft results and weak outlook comments causing downgrades.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



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NTA per unit <b>\$1.55</b>	Unit price (EFF) <b>\$1.49</b>	Gross assets <b>\$22.6 MILLION</b>	12-month distribution yield (target: 5%) <b>5.5%</b>	Annualised performance since inception (21 June 2018) <sup>1</sup> <b>4.3%</b>
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Units on issue: 14,586,954

## FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS (P.A.)	3 YEARS (P.A.)	SINCE INCEPTION (P.A.)
NTA	3.6%	7.9%	-4.1%	-2.6%	2.4%	-	4.3%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index	2.8%	6.0%	-4.5%	-5.1%	1.7%	-	2.7%
Excess Return	0.7%	1.9%	0.4%	2.5%	0.7%	-	1.6%

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

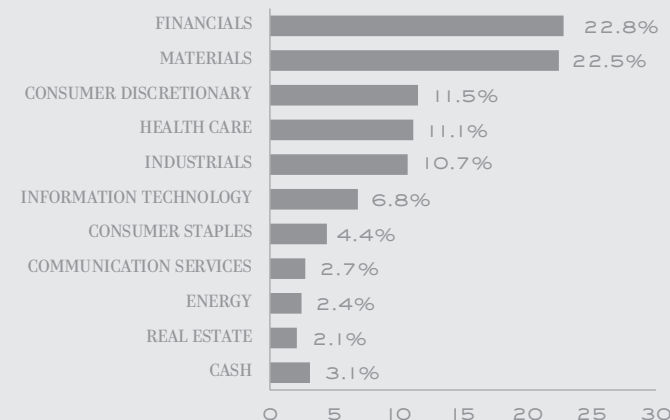
## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

ANZ Banking Group	Macquarie Group Limited
BHP Group Ltd	National Australia Bank Ltd
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Transurban Group
CSL Ltd	Wesfarmers Ltd
James Hardie Industries Plc	Woolworths Group

## PERFORMANCE CHART<sup>1</sup>



## SECTOR EXPOSURE



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

Notes: Data at 31 August 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 31 August 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.





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