

ASX:WQG

Key Fund Details

NTA Before Tax ¹ A\$1.726 NTA After Tax and Before Tax on Unrealised Gains A\$1.676	Month End Closing Share Price A\$1.500 Month End Closing Option Price A\$0.062	Company Name Investment Adviser Inception Date Stock Universe Number of Stocks Management Fee ³ Performance Fee ^{3,4} Administration Fee ³ Hedging	WCM Global Growth Limited WCM Investment Management 21 June 2017 Global (ex-Australia) 20 - 40 1.25% p.a. 10% 0.10% p.a. Unhedged
NTA After Tax ¹ A\$1.528	Fully Franked Annual Dividend ² A\$0.045	Portfolio Size Maximum Cash Position Benchmark ⁵	A\$319.96m 7% MSCI All Country World Index (ex- Australia)

Notes: 1. NTA is calculated after all fees and expenses and incorporates all company assets including WQG's operating bank account. NTA per share is based on WQG's issued capital of 185,121,654 shares as at the date of this report. Assuming the exercise of all WQG's August 2022 Options, the Company's fully diluted issued capital would be 234,102,572 shares and the adjusted NTA per share before and after tax would be \$1.678 and \$1.522 respectively. 2. Dividends paid in the 12-month period to the date of this report. 3. Fees are inclusive of GST and less RITC. 4. Performance Fee is 10% (ex-GST) of the Portfolio's outperformance relative to the benchmark after the Management Fee and subject to high water mark. Maximum fee is capped at 0.75% of the closing market value of the Portfolio in each financial year. 5. With gross dividends reinvested reported in Australian dollars and unhedged.

Performance¹

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Inception ¹
Portfolio	-9.56%	-5.86%	-5.85%	10.93%	15.62%	21.93%	17.81%
Benchmark	-1.93%	2.86%	4.01%	23.34%	12.82%	17.27%	14.05%
Value Added ²	-7.63%	-8.72%	-9.86%	-12.41%	2.80%	4.66%	3.76%

Notes: Portfolio return is in AUD and calculated before expenses and after investment management and performance fees are paid. Performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and income. Periods greater than one year are annualised. 1. Inception date is 21 June 2017. 2. Value added equals portfolio return minus benchmark return.

Top 10 Portfolio Holdings

Value of A\$10K Invested¹



Notes: 1. Calculations are based on the NAV prices with distributions reinvested, after ongoing fees and expenses but excluding tax and entry fees (if applicable). Source: Contango Asset Management Limited.



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Fund Update: 31 January 2022

Sector Breakdown	
Sector	Weight %
Information Technology	27.55
Health Care	20.60
Consumer Discretionary	17.22
Industrials	11.87
Financials	7.59
Consumer Staples	7.31
Materials	4.24
Cash	3.62
Total	100.00

Portfolio Update

The portfolio delivered a return of -9.56% during the month, compared with the MSCI All Country World ex-Australia Index (the Benchmark) return of -1.93%. The portfolio has delivered returns in excess of the Benchmark over two and three years, and since inception.

Global equity markets fell sharply in January, posting their worst month since March 2020. US inflation reached 7% in December leading to the US Federal Reserve signalling an increase in interest rates in March. This would be the first of five increases the market is now expecting in 2022. This led to a 0.27% jump in the US 10-year bond yield which in turn put pressure on other longer duration assets such as growth stocks. Tensions between Russia and Ukraine further added to the market's inflationary concerns. At a regional level, emerging markets, while lower over the month, outperformed developed markets. In terms of sectors the relatively higher-multiple Technology and Healthcare stocks led the market decline, while the more value-oriented energy and financial names delivered modest gains. The expected imminent increase in US interest rates provided support for the US dollar in January, providing some offset from declining markets for unhedged portfolios.

The sharp selloff in growth stocks was a significant headwind for the portfolio in January. From a sector perspective, this was most prevalent in portfolio overweight sectors such as Technology and Healthcare which are heavily exposed to the negative impact of rising interest rates on price to earnings multiples. The underweight exposure to Financials, in particular banks which are considered beneficiaries of rising rates, and zero exposure to energy stocks, also dragged on relative performance.

Norway-based Autostore was added to the portfolio in the fourth quarter of 2021. Autostore provides warehouse efficiency solutions via its cubic automatic storage and retrieval ecosystem. Autostore's robots help customers such as IKEA, Puma and Best Buy. Intellectual property, sticky customer relationships and its win-win partnerships with system integrators form the basis of its moat. This moat is expanding as Austostore becomes entrenched with its customers, leverages troves of proprietary data and invests heavily in research and development to grow its edge. The company's culture is lean, bold and transparent which is well aligned with its strategy to reduce warehouse waste, innovate and remain adaptable to changing customer needs.

The year has begun with much speculation over the outlook for inflation, interest rates and global growth. The investment team at WCM does not claim to have any edge in predicting the range of possible macro-outcomes. As such, investors should not expect to see this portfolio chasing sectors such as banks and energy which may be benefiting from short-term macro tailwinds but have a dearth of companies which meet WCM's investment criteria. This portfolio is designed to deliver longterm returns from exposure to companies with expanding competitive advantages supported by aligned corporate cultures.

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