

## Key Fund Details

NTA Before Tax <sup>1</sup> <b>A\$1.285</b>	Month End Closing Share Price <b>A\$1.130</b>	Company Name Investment Adviser Inception Date Stock Universe Number of Stocks Management Fee <sup>3</sup> Performance Fee <sup>3,4</sup> Administration Fee <sup>3</sup> Hedging Typical Cash Allocation Benchmark <sup>5</sup>	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 0% - 7% MSCI All Country World Index (ex-Australia)
NTA After Tax and Before Tax on Unrealised Gains <b>A\$1.274</b>	Fully Franked Annual Dividend <sup>2</sup> <b>A\$0.058</b>		
NTA After Tax <sup>1</sup> <b>A\$1.258</b>			

**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 186,383,838 shares as at the date of this report. NTA Before Tax has been reduced by cash payments of income tax liabilities where applicable. 2. Dividends paid in the 12-month period to the date of this report are rounded to two decimal places. 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.

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

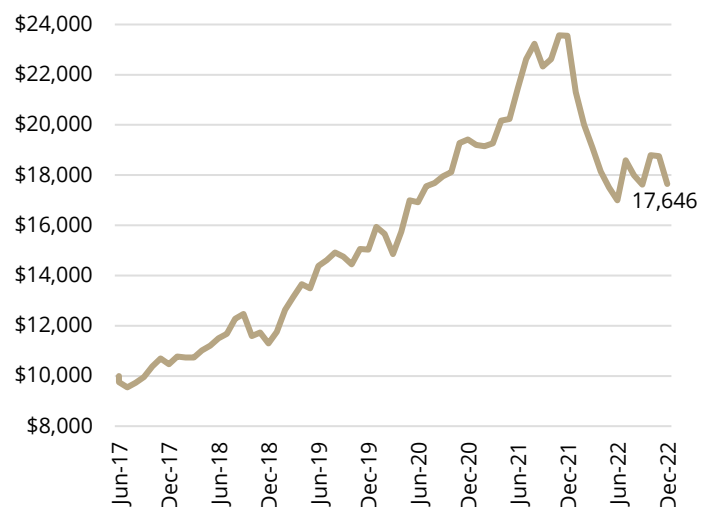
	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception <sup>1</sup>
Portfolio	-5.94%	0.17%	-25.08%	5.50%	11.01%	10.82%
Benchmark	-5.45%	3.51%	-12.70%	5.53%	8.70%	9.27%
Value Added <sup>2</sup>	-0.49%	-3.34%	-12.38%	-0.03%	2.31%	1.55%

**Notes:** Portfolio return is in AUD and calculated before expenses and taxes 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

Company	Weight %
Thermo Fisher Scientific	5.01
United Health Group	4.67
Amphenol Corporation	4.38
Novo Nordisk	3.87
Visa Inc - Class A	3.80
LPL Financial Holdings	3.75
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	3.58
Stryker Corp	3.54
Waste Connections Inc	3.33
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	3.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.22</b>

## Portfolio Value of A\$10K Invested<sup>1</sup>



**Notes:** 1. Calculations are based on the portfolio return in AUD and calculated before expenses and after investment management and performance fees. Portfolio value includes the reinvestment of dividends and income. Source: AGP Investment Management Limited.



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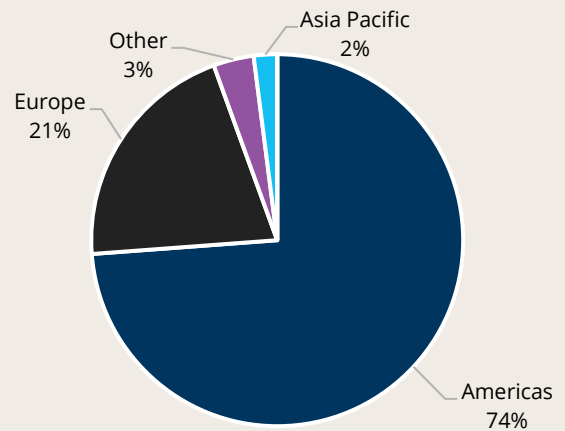
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### Sector Breakdown

Sector	Weight %
Health Care	24.49
Information Technology	23.15
Industrials	16.00
Financials	12.11
Consumer Discretionary	11.64
Materials	4.91
Consumer Staples	4.18
Cash	3.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Regional Market Allocation



### Portfolio Update

The portfolio delivered a return of -5.94% during the month, compared with the MSCI All Country World Index (ex-Australia) (the **Benchmark**) return of -5.45%. The portfolio has delivered returns in excess of the Benchmark over five years and since inception.

Global equity markets declined sharply in December 2022, bringing to a close the worst calendar year of returns for the MSCI All Country World Index benchmark since 2008. Once again it was the familiar themes of inflation, interest rates, recession fears and the war in Ukraine which weighed on markets. While inflation is showing tentative signs of having peaked, it remains significantly above global central banks' tolerance levels. Market expectations therefore are for further interest rate rises into the first quarter of 2023. The most significant 'new' news in December was the decision of the Bank of Japan to ease yield curve controls and the additional relaxation of China's zero COVID-19 policies. In terms of regions, Asia recorded a positive return and was the best performer for the month, with the US being one of the weakest. Performance dispersion at a sector level was relatively narrow. Utilities and Financials were two of the better performers and Technology lagged. At a factor level, it was another strong month for value relative to growth. Portfolio underperformance in December was largely attributed to stock selection. While stock selection was a positive contributor in the Health Care and Information Technology sectors, it was offset by holdings in the Financials, Industrials and Consumer Staples sleeves of the portfolio. In terms of sector selection, the largest positive contributions came from the overweight exposures to Health Care and Industrials and zero exposure to Communication Services. Sector exposures detracting from performance included the underweight position in Consumer Staples and Utilities and above benchmark exposure to Information Technology.

The 2022 bear market for equities was driven by the compression of valuation multiples due to sharply rising bond yields. This environment has been particularly challenging for WCM's Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy given its bias to companies with investment theses based on longer duration investment timeframes. One of the core values of WCM's investment team is 'continuous learning'. This means that while it would be easy to blame recent portfolio underperformance solely on these 'style' headwinds, the investment team also recognises mistakes they have made and the lessons to be learned from them. In terms of outlook, the consensus view from market commentators is for a slowdown in economic growth as central banks remain firmly focused on bringing down inflation. Trying to forecast the timing and scale of this slowdown is a near impossible task. However, when it does occur the market's attention will likely move more towards the sustainability of corporate earnings. This will provide a more positive backdrop for the portfolio given its exposure to high quality (i.e., expanding economic moat) companies now trading at relatively low valuations.

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