

## **TEMPLETON GLOBAL GROWTH FUND LTD.**

## Quarterly Investment Manager's Report

**MARCH 2015** 

## PERFORMANCE DATA<sup>1</sup> (AS OF 31/3/15)

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# Average Annual Total Returns Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd (AUD%)

	Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd (TGG) — Net of Fees <sup>2</sup>	9.9	18.5	24.3	13.4	5.9
MSCI All Country World Free Index <sup>3</sup>	9.7	28.6	23.3	13.7	7.1

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA) - Unaudited

	31 December 2014	31 March 2015
TGG share price (cents)	1.40	1.44
NTA per share before tax (\$) <sup>4</sup>	1.42	1.56
Premium/(Discount) to NTA before tax (%)	(1.4)	(8.3)
NTA per share after tax (\$) <sup>4</sup>	1.38	1.47
Premium/(Discount) to NTA after tax (%)	1.4	(2.1)

The market value of the portfolio represents prices quoted on overseas stock markets in foreign currencies converted to Australian currency. The rate used for conversion of values of US currency securities was USD0.764 for March and USD0.818 for December.

#### **QUARTERLY MARKET REVIEW**

Global equity markets rose overall during 2015's first quarter, with developed-market equities slightly outperforming their emerging-market counterparts. By region, US stocks underperformed global equities, while European stocks outperformed. US economic reports released during the three-month period were generally weaker than in prior months. Key gauges of manufacturing and services sector sentiment continued to indicate economic expansion, though the manufacturing reading decreased. At its March meeting, the US Federal Reserve removed the word "patient" from its monetary policy guidance, but committee members reduced their economic growth outlook and suggested that any future interest-rate hikes could be gradual. Also in March, the European Central Bank began monthly asset purchases to boost the region's economy. Despite easing somewhat during the quarter, deflation persisted in the eurozone. Japan's economy expanded in 2014's fourth quarter, driven by an increase in private consumption and a rise in exports due to the weaker Japanese yen. However, inflation cooled during January and February, and the Bank of Japan maintained its stimulus program at its policy meeting in March. Among emerging markets, Asian stocks gained overall for the first quarter while Latin American equity markets fell. China's economic growth exceeded consensus estimates in the fourth quarter of 2014 but was lower than a year earlier and slightly below the government's target for calendar-year 2014.

## **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

The Investment Manager of the Company's investment portfolio is Franklin Templeton Investments Australia Ltd. The Company's portfolio is managed in accordance with the investment philosophy of the Templeton Global Equities Group ("Templeton"), which forms part of the Franklin Templeton Investments group, a large U.S. based investment management organisation. Templeton is one of the pioneers in global investing and its successful investment philosophy has been refined over more than 70 years. The Templeton investment process endeavours to identify undervalued securities through fundamental company analysis, using a global industry focus and a long term investment horizon.

#### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Templeton's time-tested investment approach is based on its philosophy of value, patience and bottom-up stock selection. Templeton focus on the rigorous analysis of individual stocks across geographic borders and seek to identify companies trading at significant discounts to Templeton's estimates of future earnings power, cash flow generation and/or asset value. As independent thinkers with strong conviction in their investment ideas, they take an unconstrained approach to finding value.

## QUARTERLY INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

## QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

Security selection in the financials sector contributed to relative fund performance for the quarter. Stock selection and an underweighting in the utilities sector, as well as security selection in the consumer staples sector, also enhanced results. Conversely, an overweighting and security selection in the energy sector detracted from performance. Stock selection in the information technology and telecommunication services sectors also weighed on results.

In the financials sector, shares of France-based Credit Agricole rose over the period as the company announced a fourth-quarter profit that exceeded consensus estimates due to strength in the firm's investment banking division. Investors were also encouraged by a decrease in the company's exposure to bad loans, especially in Russia and Greece.

Stock selection and an underweighting in the utilities sector enhanced results, while among consumer staples, the fund's investment in UK-based supermarket chain Tesco contributed to results. Shares rose in the first quarter as investors cheered the company's plan to close stores and dispose of real estate assets in an attempt to reverse the chain's sagging fortunes.

Although energy was an overall detractor at the sector level, the fund's investment in UK-based oil and gas services provider Petrofac enhanced relative returns. Shares surged after the company issued fiscal-year 2015 earnings forecasts above analyst expectations and issued a larger-than-expected divided for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### INVESTMENT OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Looking back on 2015's first quarter, we were encouraged to see some of our key contrarian positions begin to stabilise and perform. Looking back even further at the prodigious global equity market rally of the last six years, stocks have generally benefited from strong central bank support and what we regard as a distorted cost of capital. We do not know how or when this bull market will come to an end, though we believe the forthcoming attempt by the United States to begin normalising interest rates will likely be a telling indicator of just how challenging the process of stimulus withdrawal might be. While US equities look potentially vulnerable to us, given their broadly high valuations and many companies' historically extended profit margins, we would also keep an eye on emerging markets, where a nascent rise in US interest rates could significantly impact capital flows and the serviceability of new US dollar-denominated debt. After what we think has been a largely indiscriminate multi-year rally, in which performance has been driven more by a stock's perceived risk profile than the fundamentals of the underlying business, we look forward to the eventual return of market economics. We do not know how this process will unfold, but we do know that, historically, stock prices have usually converged with fundamental business values over time. As investors eventually become more selective and stock prices begin to more closely reflect the future cash flows of underlying businesses, we believe the portfolio remains favorably positioned for long-term value recognition.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS - TEMPLETON GLOBAL GROWTH FUND LTD (AS AT 31/03/15)

	TEMPLETON GLOBAL GROWTH FUND LTD	MSCI All Country World Free Index
Weighted Average Market Cap (AUD Million)	96,123	120,850
Number of Securities	114	2,469

## **Price to Earnings**

	Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd	MSCI All Country World Free Index
Weighted Average	17.9x	16.8x

## **Dividend Yield**

	Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd	MSCI All Country World Free Index
Weighted Average	2.5%	2.3%

#### **Price to Cash Flow**

	Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd	MSCI All Country World Free Index
Weighted Average	7.2x	9.7x

## **Price to Book Value**

	Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd	MSCI All Country World Free Index
Weighted Average	1.4x	2.2x

## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION - TEMPLETON GLOBAL GROWTH FUND LTD (AS AT 31/3/15)

## Top Ten Holdings<sup>5</sup>

SECURITY	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY GROUP
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS	South Korea	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment
MICROSOFT CORP	United States	Software & Services
AMGEN INC	United States	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences
COMCAST CORP	United States	Communications
SANOFI SA	France	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC	United Kingdom	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences
CHINA TELECOM CORP	China	Communications
ROCHE HOLDING AG	Switzerland	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences
NISSAN MOTOR CO	Japan	Automotive
ACTAVIS INC	United States	Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences

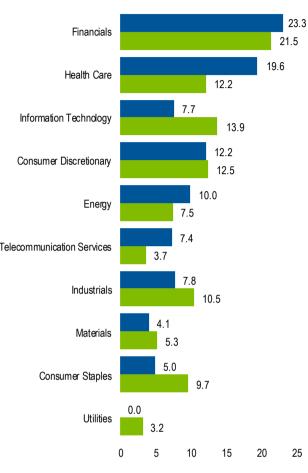
## **Country Allocation**

The Company's portfolio of listed investments was spread over the following countries as at 31 March 2015.

COUNTRY	%	COUNTRY	%
BELGIUM	0.4	NORWAY	1.1
BRAZIL	0.8	RUSSIA	0.9
CANADA	0.8	SINGAPORE	1.9
CHINA	5.0	SOUTH KOREA	5.4
FRANCE	10.1	SPAIN	0.6
GERMANY	5.8	SWEDEN	1.0
IRELAND	1.1	SWITZERLAND	3.0
ISRAEL	1.4	THAILAND	0.7
ITALY	2.2	TURKEY	0.6
JAPAN	7.0	UNITED KINGDOM	13.2
NETHERLANDS	4.8	UNITED STATES	32.2

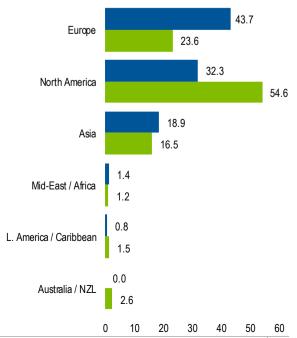
## Portfolio Sector Weighting vs. MSCI All Country World Index (%)

Percent of Equity Ranked by Fund Weighting



## Portfolio Regional Weighting vs. MSCI All Country World Index (%)

Percent of Equity Ranked by Fund Weighting



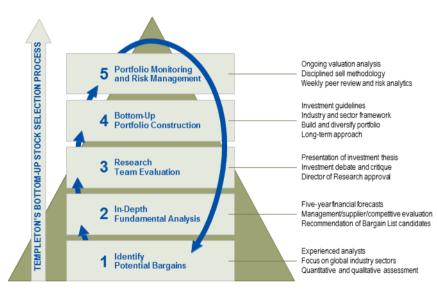
Templeton Global Growth Fund Ltd
MSCI All Country World Index

## QUARTERLY INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

#### **TEMPLETON INVESTMENT TEAM**

TEMPLETON GLOBAL EQUITY MANAGEMENT TEAM	Years with Firm	Years Experience
Norman Boersma, CFA, Chief Investment Officer	23	29
Heather Arnold, CFA, Director of Research	10	31
Cindy Sweeting, CFA, Director of Portfolio Management	18	31
Peter Wilmshurst, CFA, Portfolio Manager/Research Analyst	17	22
TEMPLETON GLOBAL EQUITY TEAM	Number of Members	Average Years Experience
Portfolio Managers/Analysts	24	23
Research Analysts	14	10

## TEMPLETON INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS



## Templeton's Investment Philosophy

Templeton's investment philosophy is built upon a disciplined, yet flexible, long-term approach to value-oriented global and international investing. This time-tested approach is based on three tenets:

#### Value

Templeton seeks companies that it believes are trading at a discount to what their research indicates the company may be worth.

#### **Patience**

Security prices can fluctuate more widely than underlying security values. In Templeton's opinion, market efficiencies should recognise and correct these security prices over time.

#### Bottom-Up

Templeton identifies value through rigorous fundamental analysis of a company's business to determine what we consider its economic worth based on projected future earnings, cash flow or asset value potential.

#### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION**

Benchmark: The MSCI AC World Free Index is the primary benchmark. The benchmark is used for comparative purposes only and is provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. The index is unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.

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## **Explanatory Notes:**

- 1. Periods of more than one year are annualised.
- 2. Returns are based on movement in the Company's net assets per share (after deducting investment management fees), before all taxes, with dividends reinvested and adjusted for share issues and buy-backs.
- 3. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI). All MSCI data is provided "as is." The Fund described herein is not sponsored or endorsed by MSCI. In no event shall MSCI, its affiliates or any MSCI data provider have any liability of any kind in connection with the MSCI data or the Fund described herein. Copying or redistributing the MSCI data is strictly prohibited.
- 4. Estimated tax on unrealised gains.
- 5. Top ten holdings represent the 10 largest equity holdings at the end of the quarter, and may not reflect the current or future portfolio holdings. This does not represent all of the securities purchased, sold, or recommended for advisory clients, and the reader should not assume that investments in the securities listed was or will be profitable. Holdings of the same issuer have been combined.

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