Pengana Global Small Companies Fund February 2017 Monthly Update



Fund Description

The Fund invests principally in small and mid-cap listed (or soon to be listed) global equities. Its investment objective is to obtain returns greater than the MSCI All Country World Index SMID Cap unhedged in Australian dollars ('Index') over rolling 3 year periods after fees. The Fund's investment manager, Lizard Investors LLC, uses a value-oriented investment approach that seeks to identify and invest in quality businesses that create significant value but are mispriced, overlooked, or out-of-favour. The investment manager believes that unique opportunities exist due to limited available research, corporate actions, or unfavourable investor perception.

Fund Features					
Portfolio Managers	Jonathan Moog, David Li, Leah Zell (CIO) Investment Manager		Lizard Investors LLC		
Identification Code(s)	ARSN 604 292 677 APIR PCL0022AU	Inception Date	1 April 2015		
Redemption Price at Month End	\$1.1003	Style	Fundamental		
Investors	Retail & Wholesale Clients	Minimum investment	\$25,000		
Benchmark Index	MSCI All Country World SMID Cap Index unhedged in AUD	Fund Pricing	Daily		
Management Fee	1.334% p.a. of the Class net asset value	Target Asset Allocation	Cash 0-20% Equities 80-100%		
Performance Fee	20.5% (including GST net of RITC) of performance above the benchmark*	Distribution Frequency	Twice yearly (June and February)		

^{*}Performance fee of 20.5% (including GST net of RITC) of any return of the Class greater than the return of the benchmark Index after deduction of the management fee and adjusted for applications, redemptions and distributions to investors, less any prior accrued negative performance fee amount carried forward.

Fund Commentary						
	Net Returns to 28 th February 2017 ¹					
	MTD	3 Months	FYTD	Trailing 12 Months	Since Inception p.a. ²	Since Inception Cumulative ²
Pengana Global Small Companies Fund	0.8%	3.2%	13.4%	16.6%	5.6%	11.1%
Benchmark	1.1%	3.0%	9.7%	15.0%	4.4%	8.5%

'Net performance figures are shown after all fees and expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance, the value of investments can go up and down.

The Fund generated a return of 0.8%1 in February 2017 compared to a 1.1% return for the MSCI AC World SMID Cap Index. The top five holdings were (in alphabetical order): boohoo.com Plc; EPS Holdings Inc., PRA Group Inc; Softcat Plc; and Wizz Air Holdings Plc. The largest positive contributors to February performance were: ams AG; Halogen Software, Inc.; NetScout Systems, Inc.; Pico Far East Holdings Limited; and Rami Levi Chain Stores Hashikma Marketing 2006 Ltd., while the largest detractors were: Broadleaf Co., Ltd.; CROOZ, Inc.; Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.; Ubiquiti Networks, Inc.; and Wizz Air Holdings Plc. As of the 28th of February, the Fund's top 10 holdings accounted for 32.4% of the Fund's assets, with no single name representing more than 4% of the Fund. Cash represented 17.4% of the Fund at month end. This was a short term holding due to an inflow into the Fund, the bulk of which we have subsequently invested.

Portfolio Highlights

The Fund was up 0.8% for the month, slightly underperforming the market. Halogen was again a positive contributor to performance. As we mentioned in our January letter, the company had begun exploring strategic alternatives and during February a buyout was announced. AMS reported solid improvement in operating results and issued a strong outlook for 2017. The stock reacted positively to the news. Ubiquiti results were slightly underwhelming, however their enterprise product continues to gain traction in the marketplace. Broadleaf issued weak 2017 expectations, despite the stock recovering a fair amount over the past few months. Wizz Air announced it would pursue aggressive growth at the expense of slight margin dilution. While the stock reacted negatively, we are pleased that the company is pursuing what we believe is a large opportunity in Eastern Europe.

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 $^{^2}$ Inception 1 $^{\rm st}$ April 2015.

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Portfolio Additions / Deletions

We added one position during the month and exited another. We are still actively trading the new investment, so won't disclose the name yet. The company operates within the auto retail space in the UK and we are excited about the business's long-term growth prospects. The stock has sold off almost 40% from its IPO for reasons we believe are short term and view the current price as a good entry point. During the month we also decided to exit Broadleaf in Japan. We have owned the position since the inception of the Fund and management has continued to fail to achieve both top line and margin expectations. We have accordingly lost confidence and took advantage of the strong share price performance over the last three months to exit the position. We view this investment as a mistake and always try to learn from our errors. We continue to be strong believers of the importance of capable management, especially in Japan. In this case, we got it wrong.

Portfolio Information

Top 5 Positions (in alphabetical order)		
boohoo.com Plc		
EPS Holdings, Inc.		
PRA Group Inc.		
Softcat Plc		
Wizz Air Holdings Plc		

Top Contributors	Top Detractors	
ams AG	Broadleaf Co., Ltd.	
Halogen Software, Inc.	CROOZ, Inc.	
NetScout Systems, Inc.	Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.	
Pico Far East Holdings Limited	Ubiquiti Networks, Inc.	
Rami Levi Chain Stores Hashikma Marketing 2006 Ltd.	Wizz Air Holdings Plc	

Fund Breakdown

Sector Allocation		Geographical Allocation	
Consumer Discretionary	20.7%	North America	24.6%
Information Technology	19.9%	Europe	22.3%
Industrials	15.5%	UK	11.4%
Financials	12.7%	Japan	7.2%
Consumer Staples	6.8%	Asia ex Japan	7.1%
Health Care	4.2%	Middle East/Africa	5.5%
Energy	2.8%	Latin America	4.5%
Cash	17.4%	Cash	17.4%
Total	100.0%	Total	100.0%



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