Australian Companies Fund



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Monthly Update

Fund commentary

Good performance was driven by our overweight positions in the domestic banks and improved investor sentiment in our biggest positions, NextDC and PMP, following good earnings releases.

ANZ (+5.5%), NAB (+5.5%) and Westpac (+6.3%) outperformed the broader market after announcing better than expected earnings updates in February. Continuing our banking theme internationally, Bank of America (+9.0%) was among the best performing stocks as US banks continued to benefit from better economic data.

Japara (-10.0%) was the worst performing stock in the portfolio as management downgraded full year EBITDA growth expectations from approximately 10% to between 7 – 10%.

NextDC's (+20%) results were in line with our expectations but the stock reacted very positively as they helped assuage

investor fears about irrational pricing in its market sector.

The Australian Foundation Investment Co's (AFIC's) convertible notes in the portfolio converted into shares at the end of the month. We had originally purchased these convertible notes as we saw an anomaly; namely that the notes were trading at substantial discount to the post-conversion valuation of the shares. Once we partially hedged out the equity risk using index put options, we locked in an arbitrage profit of roughly 10%.

Fund performance¹ (net of fees)	Inception Date	Exit Price (\$)	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	Since Inception pa	Since inception - total
Australian Companies Fund	1/2000	1.9255	3.4%	4.1%	8.5%	27.3%	9.9%	14.4%	10.8%	474.1%
S&P / ASX 200 Accumulation Index			2.3%	5.9%	7.2%	22.1%	6.5%	10.6%	8.1%	276.2%
Outperformance by the Fund			1.1%	-1.8%	1.3%	5.2%	3.4%	3.8%	2.7%	197.9%

Portfolio investments	Weighting		
Domestic Banks	17.8%		
International Banks	18.1%		
Non Bank Financials	12.5%		
Property	12.5%		
Industrials	7.9%		
Resources	0.0%		
Internet	14.4%		
Other	16.0%		
Long Position	99.2%		
Short Position	-2.4%		
Net Invested Equities	96.8%		
Credit Securities	17.5%		
Net invested position	114.3%		
Total holdings	21		

Current stock example	
ANZ	
Bank of America	
QBE Insurance	
Asia Pacific Data Centre	
PMP Limited	
N/A	
iCar	

Currency exposure*	
AUD & NZD**	88.4%
USD	6.8%
GBP	2.6%
EUR	2.2%
Total exposure	100.0%

^{*} Stated at market value. ** Represents net exposure to AUD and NZD. Actual NZD exposure is -0.1%.



PM Capital Limited, founded in 1998, is a globally-focussed fund manager that invests money on behalf of private clients, the clients of financial advisers and institutions. PM Capital's goal is to build long term wealth by investing in global markets with patience and conviction.

Investment philosophy

We aim to build long term wealth together with our co-investors by finding and exploiting investment anomalies. Using a focused, patient and considered approach to finding simple investment ideas produces the best environment for creating that long term wealth.

Our experience has shown us that while the market is largely efficient, it can, and regularly does, misprice a small proportion of companies. Our unique process is based on scanning the world for those companies (hence the radar in our logo), discovering the associated valuation anomalies and extracting value from them. We buy good businesses at a good price; businesses that we believe are being valued differently to their long term intrinsic value, but will return to their correct value over time.

Who manages the investment?

Uday Cheruvu is the Portfolio Manager, who has over 13 years' industry experience and is supported by a team of investment analysts. The investment team is led by founder and CIO Paul Moore who has over 30 years' experience in successfully managing investment funds.

We believe in being a patient investor, one that has conviction, one that finds opportunities where others can only see risk. We only invest in what we know, deeply, via our fundamental research.

Why the Australian **Companies Fund?**

Proven: The Fund's process has been shown to be effective, based on a

philosophy developed by Paul Moore, over 30 years. This has produced attractive long term capital growth.

Unrestricted: The concentration of the Australian equities market means many managers cannot add significant value. We have an authentic investment process where our exposure to industry sectors or market capitalisation is determined solely by our conviction in the risk/ reward opportunities that we identify within portfolio guidelines. No conviction = no investment.

Opportunistic and focused: The Fund is not built around a general market benchmark or index - it is highly focused based on our fundamental, bottom-up investment process. As a guide, the Fund holds around 15 - 25 deeply researched stocks that we believe give the best opportunity to produce strong long term returns.

Global Expertise and value add:

Through this portfolio construction method used by the Fund directly benefits from PM Capital's global investment research that underlies the award winning PM Capital Global Companies Fund. This works in two ways - the Fund can invest up to 20% of the portfolio in international opportunities identified by the investment team. The Portfolio Manager can also take the market anomalies found globally and use the insights to identify similar opportunities in the Australian market.

Co-investment: Our co-investors receive access to a unique subset of opportunities which they may otherwise find difficult to access. The management team have significant investments in the Fund – they invest for and with you.

Outperformance: The Fund has outperformed the relevant market index by 198% since inception. The Fund is managed from an Australian investor's perspective with consideration for tax and currency outcomes.

Key Company Details

Fund category

Australian equities

Investment style

Fundamental, bottom-up research intensive approach

Inception date

20 January 2000

Fund size

\$33.0 Million

Strategy size

\$33.0 Million

Number of stocks

As a quide, 15-25 stocks

Minimum direct investment

\$20,000

Recommended investment time

Seven years plus

Fees (pa)

Management fee: 1.09% Performance fee: 20% of net excess above RBA Cash Rate (subject to a high water mark).

Buy / sell spread

0.5% (Round trip)

Investor profile

The Fund may be appropriate for investors seeking capital appreciation over a seven plus year investment horizon

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1. Returns are calculated from exit price to exit price assuming the reinvestment of distributions for the period as stated and represent the combined income and capital return. The Index is the S&P / ASX 200 Accumulation Index. See www.asx.com.au for further information on the Index

Further Information

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