Australian Companies Fund



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Monthly Update

Fund commentary

- iCar Asia rises, reflecting the underlying business performance rather than technical factors
- Nufarm continues to be affected by cyclical factors

The Fund rose amid gains by iCar and BigTanCan (+86% and +21%), more than offsetting the drag from financial stocks.

We had pointed out in prior updates that although iCar's reported results were well ahead of expectations, technical factors were causing the share price to be depressed. These technical factors, namely a significant shareholder selling down the shares due to mandate restriction, have abated and as a result the stock price action is beginning to reflect the improving outlook for the business.

Nufarm (-10%) reported its first half results during

the month and highlighted that it continues to face issues relating to poor Australian weather conditions. Management also reported it is facing supply constraints in China for key input chemicals used in the European business. This resulted in a worse than expected outlook for FY19. We think the factors affecting near term earnings are cyclical and thus increased our position in Nufarm post its results.

The S&P/ ASX 200 benchmark rose 0.7% for the month with the energy and financial sectors being the biggest drags on performance.

Fund performance ¹ (net of fees)	Inception Date	Exit Price (\$, cum)	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	Since Inception pa	Since inception - total
Australian Companies Fund	01-2000	1.8516	2.0%	8.9%	-4.3%	-0.6%	6.8%	5.9%	9.6%	12.2%	9.6%	485.9%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index			0.7%	10.9%	1.8%	12.1%	11.5%	7.4%	10.0%	10.4%	8.1%	346.7%
Outperformance by the Fund			1.3%	-2.0%	-6.1%	-12.7%	-4.7%	-1.5%	-0.4%	1.8%	1.5%	139.2%

Portfolio investments	Weighting
Domestic Banks	16.8%
International Banks	14.5%
Industrials	14.1%
Internet	14.0%
Non Bank Financials	13.8%
Property	7.5%
Technology	5.2%
Other	0.7%
Long Equities Position	86.6%
Short Equities Position	-1.0%
Net Invested Equities	85.6%

Current stock example	
ANZ	
Bank of America	
Brambles	
iCar	
EML	
Centuria Industrial	
NextDC	

Currency exposure*	
AUD	83.7%
EUR	9.0%
USD	7.3%
Total exposure	100.0%

*Stated at effective value.

M Capital

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 15 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 32 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?**

Focused: The Fund's process has been shown to be effective, based on a philosophy developed by Paul Moore, over 32 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 139% since inception. The Fund is managed from an Australian investor's perspective with consideration for tax and currency outcomes.

Note: Effective 1 December 2018 the payment of a performance fee was changed, becoming subject to the outperformance of both the RBA cash rate and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.

Key Fund Details

Fund category

Australian equities

Investment style

Fundamental, bottom-up research intensive approach

Inception date

20 January 2000

Fund size \$29.7 Million

Strategy size \$29.7 Million

Number of stocks As a guide, 15-25 stocks

Minimum direct investment

Recommended investment time Seven years plus

Fees (pa)

Mgmt fee: 1.09% Perf. fee: 20% (subject to a high water mark) of the excess above the greater of the RBA cash rate and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index

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.

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