

# Polaris Global Equity Fund

## Macquarie Professional Series

Monthly report – 30 September 2023

### Investment objective

Aims to achieve a long-term total return (before fees and expenses) that exceeds the MSCI World ex Australia Index, in \$A unhedged with net dividends reinvested (Benchmark).

### Key information

Fund details	
APIR code	MAQ0838AU
Inception date	10 October 2014
Investment manager	Polaris Capital Management, LLC (Boston, US)
Fund size	\$239.4m
Distribution frequency	Semi-annually
Management fee*	1.28% pa
Minimum investment (Direct)	\$5,000
Unit prices and spreads	<a href="https://macquarie.com.au/unit_prices">macquarie.com.au/unit_prices</a>

\*Read the Product Disclosure Statement for more details on fees and costs.

### Fund performance to 30 September 2023

	Total Fund return (gross)	Total Fund return (net)	Benchmark return	Total excess return (net)
<b>1 month (%)</b>	-2.32	-2.43	-4.01	1.58
<b>3 months (%)</b>	0.79	0.47	-0.43	0.90
<b>1 year (%)</b>	20.65	19.14	21.64	-2.50
<b>3 years (% pa)</b>	14.93	13.48	11.92	1.56
<b>5 years (% pa)</b>	6.61	5.26	9.80	-4.54
<b>7 years (% pa)</b>	9.31	7.93	12.10	-4.17
<b>Since inception (% pa)</b>	10.60	9.21	12.18	-2.97

#### Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Total returns are calculated based on changes in net asset values and assumes the reinvestment of distributions.

Total net Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of fees and expenses. Due to individual circumstances, your net returns may differ from the net returns quoted above.

### Top 10 stocks

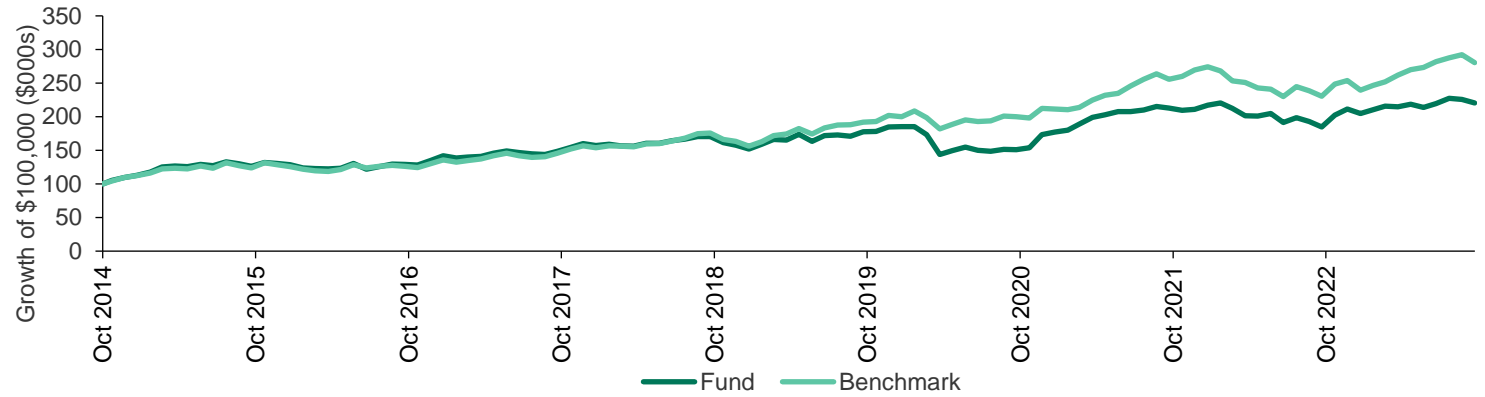
Stock	Sector	Industry	Holding (%)
Allison Transmission Holdings	Industrials	Machinery	1.90
Publicis Groupe SA	Communication Services	Media	1.66
Williams Cos Inc	Energy	Oil Gas & Consumable Fuels	1.61
Marathon Petroleum Corp	Energy	Oil Gas & Consumable Fuels	1.57
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	Software	1.54
JPMorgan Chase & Co	Financials	Banks	1.48
Munich Re Group	Financials	Insurance	1.46
Methanex Corp	Materials	Chemicals	1.44
SK Hynix Inc	Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	1.42
Kia Corporation	Consumer Discretionary	Automobiles	1.41
<b>Total number of stocks</b>			<b>90</b>

# Polaris Global Equity Fund

## Macquarie Professional Series

Monthly report – 30 September 2023

### Growth of \$100,000 since inception

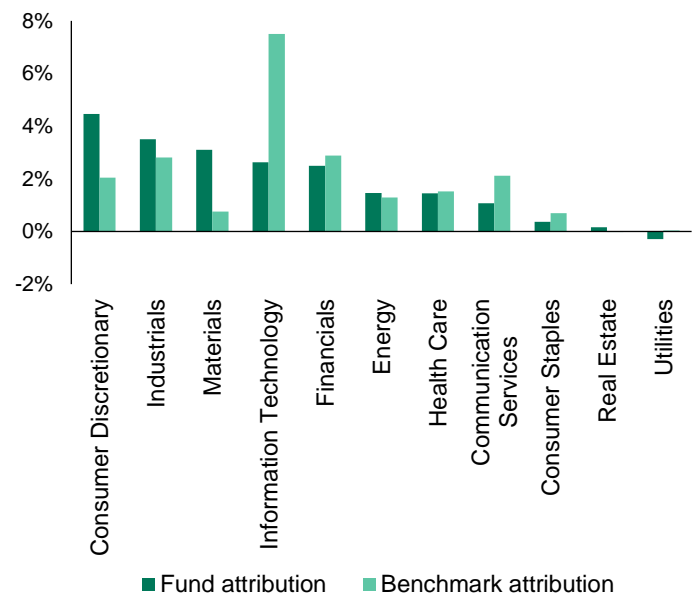


Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Data as at 30 September 2023.

### Sector weights

Sector	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
Financials	20.59	14.61
Consumer Discretionary	14.06	10.98
Industrials	13.31	10.92
Materials	9.92	3.67
Health Care	9.38	12.90
Information Technology	9.11	22.13
Communication Services	6.50	7.43
Energy	5.56	5.19
Consumer Staples	3.92	7.25
Real Estate	1.05	2.27
Utilities	0.79	2.64
Cash	5.78	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

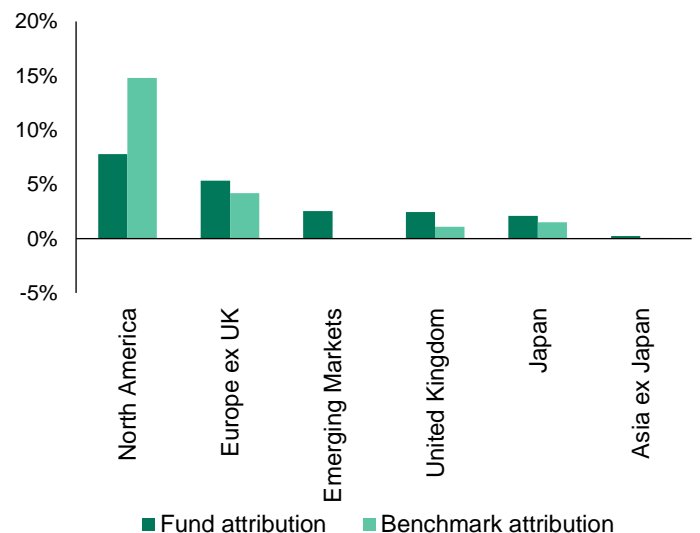
### Sector attribution (12 months to date)



### Region weights

Region	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
North America	49.67	74.39
Europe ex UK	21.66	13.94
Japan	7.84	6.34
Emerging Markets	7.76	0.00
United Kingdom	6.15	4.24
Asia ex Japan	1.14	1.09
Cash	5.78	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### Region attribution (12 months to date)

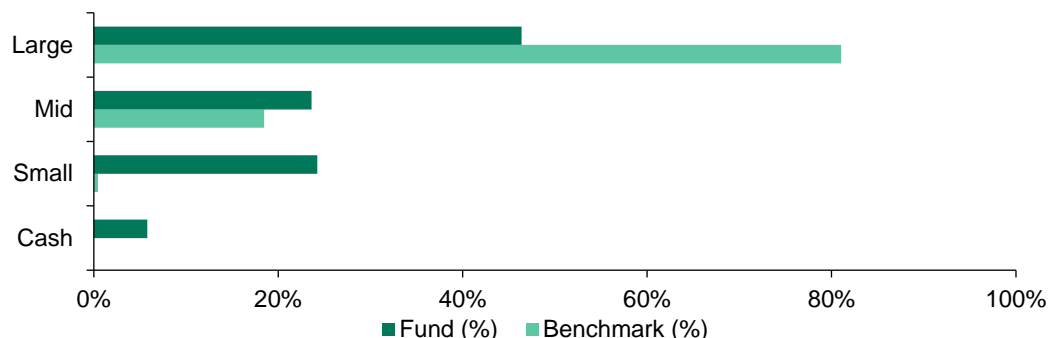


# Polaris Global Equity Fund

## Macquarie Professional Series

Monthly report – 30 September 2023

### Market capitalisation



### Performance summary

- The Fund returned -2.43%, net of fees, in September 2023, compared with a return for the Benchmark of -4.01%, with the US Federal Reserve signalling the possibility of further interest rate increases and maintaining “high levels for longer”.
- Energy was the only sector to contribute to Benchmark performance for the month, with all other sectors detracting in unhedged terms. For the Fund, the largest relative sector contributors were holdings in Consumer Discretionary, such as eBay, and an overweight to the Health Care sector. Relative detractors included holdings in Financials, including AIA Group, and a lack of exposure to the energy sector.
- Takeda Pharmaceutical was among the top individual contributors to performance in September. The company has been supported by positive developments in its pipeline including positive topline results from a Phase 2b study for its treatment of active psoriatic arthritis. The share price was up modestly in local currency terms, which, against choppy equity markets, resulted in outperformance.
- NextEra Energy was among the top individual detractors from performance in September. Following the announcement of the sale of Florida City Gas to Chesapeake Utilities for \$923 million (USD), NextEra Energy Partners, LP, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, announced that it was lowering the limited partner distribution per unit growth rate to 5-8% through to 2026 versus previous guidance of 12-15%. The change was mainly driven by tight financial conditions that put pressure on the growth prospects of NextEra Energy Partners. Following the announcements, NextEra Energy's stock price fell around 20% over 4 days. Mirova believe that the investment case of NextEra Energy is still valid in spite of the short-term challenges. NextEra Energy continues to be very well positioned to pursue the growth opportunities in both the unregulated renewable energy and regulated utility business in Florida. NextEra Energy has a strong track record on execution over more than a decade and a solid balance sheet. Its valuation has become very attractive after its recent selloff.

# Polaris Global Equity Fund

## Macquarie Professional Series

Monthly report – 30 September 2023

---

**For more information speak to your financial adviser, call us on 1800 814 523, email [mam.clientservice@macquarie.com](mailto:mam.clientservice@macquarie.com) or visit [macquarieim.com](http://macquarieim.com)**

### Important information

Weights and attribution breakdown for sector, stocks, region and market capitalisation is sourced from Macquarie and FactSet.

Macquarie Investment Management Australia Limited ABN 55 092 552 611 AFS Licence 238321 is the issuer of units in, and responsible entity of the Fund.

The information in this report is provided for general information purposes only and is not, and should not be construed as, an advertisement, an invitation, an offer, a solicitation of an offer or a recommendation to participate in any investment strategy or take any other action, including to buy or sell any product offered by any member of the Macquarie Group. The above information is not personal advice and does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any person. The Fund is designed for investors who are seeking capital growth, are intending to use the Fund as a satellite within a portfolio, have a medium to long-term investment timeframe, have a high or very high risk/return profile and require the ability to have daily access to capital. Please review the Target Market Determination available at [macquarieim.com/TMD](http://macquarieim.com/TMD) and consider if the Fund may be suitable for you. Investors should consider the offer document of the Fund in deciding whether to acquire or continue to hold units in the Fund. The offer document is available by contacting us on 1800 814 523. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Future results are impossible to predict. In preparing this document, reliance may have been placed, without independent verification, on the accuracy and completeness of information available from external sources. This report may also include opinions, estimates and other forward-looking statements which are, by their very nature, subject to various risks and uncertainties. Actual events or results may differ materially, positively or negatively, from those reflected or contemplated in such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements constitute the investment manager's judgement as at the date of preparation of this report and are subject to change without notice. To the maximum extent permitted by law, no member of the Macquarie Group nor its directors, employees or agents accept any liability for any loss arising from the use of this document, its contents or otherwise arising in connection with it.

Other than Macquarie Bank Limited ABN 46 008 583 542 ("Macquarie Bank"), any Macquarie Group entity noted in this material is not an authorised deposit-taking institution for the purposes of the Banking Act 1959 (Commonwealth of Australia). The obligations of these other Macquarie Group entities do not represent deposits or other liabilities of Macquarie Bank. Macquarie Bank does not guarantee or otherwise provide assurance in respect of the obligations of these other Macquarie Group entities. In addition, if this document relates to an investment, (a) the investor is subject to investment risk including possible delays in repayment and loss of income and principal invested and (b) none of Macquarie Bank or any other Macquarie Group entity guarantees any particular rate of return on or the performance of the investment, nor do they guarantee repayment of capital in respect of the investment.

PRRP-PGEF-ANZ