Wholesale Funds

PERPETUAL WHOLESALE SPLIT GROWTH FUND

February 2021

FUND FACTS

Investment objective: Aims to: achieve long-term capital growth through investment in a variable mix of Australian and international shares and other securities with lower risk than 100% exposure to either asset class; outperform a composite benchmark (before fees and taxes) comprising the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index and the MSCI World ex Australia Accumulation Index (AUD) reflecting Fund's allocation over 3-years.

FUND BENEFITS

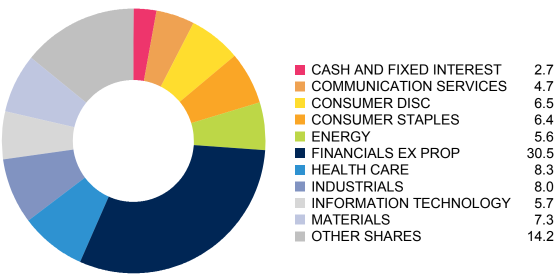
Provides investors with 100% exposure to long-term growth opportunities across Australian and international shares. The fund is run by high quality investment teams.

FUND RISKS

All investments carry risk and different strategies may carry different levels of risk. The relevant product disclosure statement or offer document for a fund should be considered before deciding whether to acquire or hold units in that fund. Your financial adviser can assist you in determining whether a fund is suited to your financial needs.

Benchmark:	S&P/ASX300 Accum. Index & MSCI World ex Australia Accum. Index (AUD)
Inception Date:	March 1999
Size of Portfolio:	$39.95 million as at 31 Dec 2020
APIR:	PER0066AU
Management Fee:	0.55%*
Investment style:	Active, fundamental, disciplined, value
Suggested minimum investment period:	Five years or longer

PORTFOLIO SECTORS



TOP 10 STOCK HOLDINGS

	% of Portfolio
Comcast Corporation Class A	1.3%
Seven & I Holdings Co., Ltd.	1.1%
SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc.	1.0%
Oracle Corporation	1.0%
Wells Fargo & Company	0.9%
Corteva Inc	0.9%
Linde plc	0.8%
U.S. Bancorp	0.8%
Exxon Mobil Corporation	0.7%
Coca-Cola European Partners Plc	0.7%

PERFORMANCE- periods ending 28 February 2021

	Fund	Historical[1] Performance	Benchmark	Excess
1 month	3.17	-	1.62	+1.56
3 months	2.57	-	1.05	+1.52
FYTD	-	14.47	12.53	+1.94
1 year	-	4.74	6.15	-1.41
2 year p.a.	-	6.53	10.23	-3.71
3 year p.a.	-	6.41	9.36	-2.94
4 year p.a.	-	7.72	10.18	-2.46
5 year p.a.	-	8.68	11.07	-2.38
7 year p.a.	-	7.89	10.17	-2.27
10 year p.a.	-	9.71	11.68	-1.97

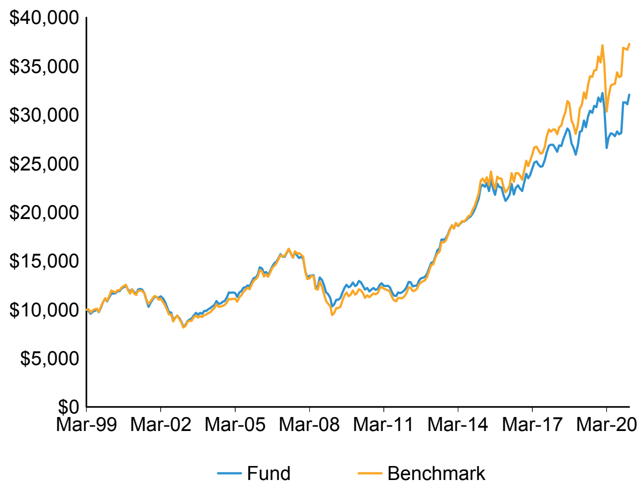
[1]Effective 1 December 2020 the Fund investment strategy has changed; including the investment objective, investment approach, benchmark and management fee of the Fund.

Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Returns may differ due to different tax treatments.

ASSET ALLOCATION

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Australian Equities	14.8%	15.0%
International Equities	82.4%	85.0%
Cash Equities	2.7%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

GROWTH OF $10,000 SINCE INCEPTION



*Information on Management Costs (including estimated indirect costs) is set out in the Fund's PDS.

MARKET COMMENTARY

With positive returns across all regions, global markets changed course in February. Markets appear to be fixated on the effectiveness and breadth of a roll-out of vaccines and positive news on both fronts have helped push equities higher, despite challenges with the roll-out in some regions such as continental Europe. Not only did continental Europe struggle with vaccine roll-outs, but it also had to deal with the need for Italy to form a new government. Mario Draghi, formerly the European Central Bank president, was elected and bolstered confidence that Italy can avoid snap elections. The European parliament provided the go-ahead for the Recovery and Resiliency Plan, adding further to the positive news. Globally, manufacturing PMIs remain firmly in expansion territory, but services PMIs remain sluggish within some regions such as the eurozone while being strong in the U.S., highlighting the impact of differing levels of lockdowns.

In local currency terms, Japan was the strongest performing market on positive sentiment around re-opening and vaccine roll-outs, and some believe that 2021 economic growth may be poised to come in well above consensus. The U.S. market performed strongly in the month; small-cap stocks once again stole the show, as the Russell 2000 Index was up more than 6% in February. Even more impressive was small-cap value stocks' performance, up more than 9% in the month and now up more than 15% year-to-date.

Globally, value stocks outpaced their growth peers by more than 4%, with the MSCI World Value Index up 4.7% and the MSCI World Growth Index up 0.4%. This trend was similar across all regions. The shift to value was aided not only by the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors' lagging performance but also by the strong returns across the more cyclical areas of the market, with the MSCI World Energy and Financials sectors up 15.7% and 10.0%, respectively. Rising oil prices and interest rates were the key drivers pushing these sectors higher. Conversely, defensive sectors fared poorly and were down in the month, with Utilities (-5.8%), Health Care (-2.7%), and Consumer Staples (-2.5%) meaningfully lagging the broad market.

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

SeaWorld Entertainment, Inc., a theme park operator, was up nearly 80% (JPY) in February on the back of positive fundamental improvements in the business. The company's cost-cutting measures during the pandemic provide for strong profit growth going forward. Additionally, as of February, season pass sales for 2021 are only down 6% year-over-year from February 2020, highlighting that 2021 may return to normal sales levels with reduced costs.
AMERCO, a moving and storage business, reported a blowout quarter in February. Revenue was up 28% (10% ahead of consensus) and EBITDAR was up 78%. Earnings per share were ahead of consensus by 32%. Further, moving and storage revenues were up strongly in the quarter.

Exelon Corp. is a utility services company. Despite posting positive results in February, Utilities stocks lagged the broader market in the month given the risk-on environment. Further, with record-cold weather in the south, including Texas, concerns around cost increases to deal with the widespread power outages in Texas, pressured the stock.
Altice USA, Inc. Class A is a cable/broadband operator. The company posted positive results in February with in-line guidance. There was some weakness reported within broadband revenue and, after a strong performance coming into February, the stock price failed to keep pace with the broader market in the month.

OUTLOOK

February saw a strong reversal in trends; not only were the markets up, but there was clear leadership in value stocks. Markets continue to appear fixated on whether global economies can successfully roll out the approved vaccines in a timely manner and markets seem to trade around positive/negative news about these announcements. An underlying unknown is how much a return to normal is priced into the market, which continues to trade near all-time highs. We fully recognize that a disappointment on vaccines could cause a pull-back in the markets but, as long-term investors, we believe that, given the amount of government and monetary stimulus that has built up in the system (with more likely to come in the case of the U.S.), spending power is significant and will allow for a strong economic recovery once economies are allowed to reopen. We also recognize that this may all be for naught if a variant of COVID-19 takes hold for which vaccines are rendered ineffective. However, we continue to apply our time-tested value process by assessing company fundamentals, buying those companies that appear to have a pathway to increased valuations over the longer term despite short-term noise. We believe our portfolio, well balanced between cyclicals and defensives, remains appropriate in the current market environment.

Cash levels have not been calculated on a look-through basis. The underlying investments of the fund will also have a proportion of their assets invested in liquid assets.

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