## **PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)**



MICHELLE LOPEZ
Head of Australasian Equities and
Lead Portfolio Manager

## **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Australasian Growth 2 Fund returned 2.8% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 27.3%.

May was a mixed month for equity markets. We saw the unemployment rate rise from 3.9% to 4.1%, an easing in consumer confidence and inflation continuing to run ahead of the target range. This presents some headwinds for the consumer which has led to several downgrades across the small cap discretionary names, none of which we owned. The Small Ordinaries Index was down 0.1% in May, boosted by Small Resources which were +1.9%, with Industrials lagging.

Amongst the top contributors to performance for the Fund was Telix Pharmaceuticals (+20.2%) following the company's announcement of positive data from the ProstACT SELECT trial of TLX591, a therapy for the treatment of adult patients with prostate cancer. This is a positive sign for ProstAct GLOBAL Phase 3 trials, a wider study to be conducted in a different patient group, those with earlier stage disease who are to receive TLX-591 as either first- or second-line therapy.

Pinnacle Investment Management (+14.7%) rallied off the back of the announcement that they intend to establish a new affiliate led by former members of the Royal London global equities team. This is a highly rated investment team based in London and a strong endorsement of PNI's model and international opportunities.

Detracting from performance was James Hardie Industries (-14.9%), driven by underwhelming FY25 guidance provided at their FY24 result announcement. The key driver of the downgrade was a push out of the recovery in the renovate and remodel market into FY26. This market segment represents 60-65% of the company's North American volumes and a meaningful driver of earnings growth. We consider this to be a cyclical, rather than structural downgrade and believe the longer term fundamentals remain solid for JHX.

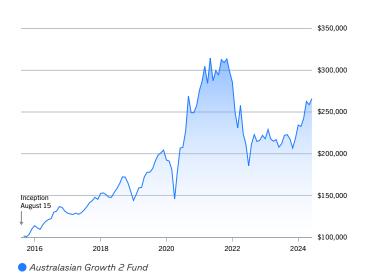
From a portfolio construction perspective, we continue to take advantage of market volatility to build positions in companies we believe to have both a near term catalyst and long term structural growth, with solid fundamentals and valuation upside.



**KENT WILLIAMS**Co-Portfolio Manager

## **CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE**

If you had invested \$100,000 at inception, the graph below shows what it would be worth today.



| FUND DETAILS                                |  |                               |  |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Recommended<br>minimum investment<br>period | 5 years  |                               |  |
| Objective                                   | Capital growth over a period exceeding five years.                         |                               |  |
| Description                                 | Invests predominantly in listed Australasian smaller and medium companies. |                               |  |
| Inception date                              | August 2015  |                               |  |
| Standard withdrawal period                  | 10 working days  |                               |  |
| Risk indicator                              | Potentially<br>Lower Returns   | Potentially<br>Higher Returns |  |

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Lower Risk

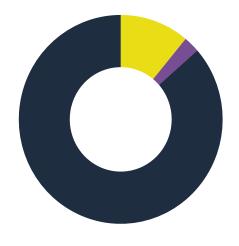
| PERFORMANCE                |            |       |                 |                 |                 |                            |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
|                            | 1<br>month | l yr  | 3 yrs<br>(p.a.) | 5 yrs<br>(p.a.) | 7 yrs<br>(p.a.) | Annualised since inception |
| Australasian Growth 2 Fund | 2.8%       | 27.3% | -2.7%           | 8.3%            | 10.8%           | 11.8%                      |
| MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>  | 0.0%       | 9.3%  | -0.1%           | 4.2%            | 6.9%            | 7.2%                       |

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P/ASX Mid Cap 50 & Small Ordinaries Daily 50/50 Blend Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

| INVESTMENT MIX               |       |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Cash (including Derivatives) | 10.0% |  |  |  |
| New Zealand Equities         | 2.3%  |  |  |  |
| Australian Equities          | 87.7% |  |  |  |
|                              |       |  |  |  |

Asset allocation is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the aggregate may not equal 100%.



## TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

**HUB24** Limited

Life360 Inc

Resmed Inc

Seven Group Holdings Ltd

Webjet Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

**UNIT PRICE** 

\$2.64

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

11.8% p.a.

after fees and before tax

**FUND STATUS** 

CLOSED OPEN



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