



# Australasian Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 31 January 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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## FUND COMMENTARY

The Australasian Growth 2 Fund returned 5.9% this month, bringing its 12-month return to 35.3%.

Australian equities had a strong month, with the Small Ordinaries rising 4.6%, pushing the market to a new high. Gains were part of a global risk-on rally. Corporate news flow was relatively quiet, as many companies were in blackout ahead of February's reporting season. Despite some softer trading updates from retailers and quarterly production figures from miners, overall sentiment remained positive.

Key contributors to performance included Hub24 (+15.6%) and Genesis Minerals (+28.9%). Hub24 benefitted from another record quarter of inflows (\$5.5bn in 2Q25), bringing total platform FUA to \$98.9bn. The future pipeline remains strong, with 40 new distribution agreements signed and a 14% increase in new advisers. While its FY26 FUA target of \$115–123bn was maintained, we see upside potential given strong flows and market returns. We believe Hub24 will continue delivering compounding earnings growth, supported by structural industry tailwinds and strong execution.

Genesis, a gold producer, benefitted from rising gold prices but, more importantly, from a strong quarterly result, with production up 58% quarter-on-quarter. Costs remained well managed, generating \$50m in free cash flow - nearly double market expectations. We view Genesis as a high-quality operator in the small-cap gold space.

On the flip side, one of the Fund's key detractors this month was Infratil (-11.0%). Whilst there was no company specific news, the share price decline may reflect President Trump's unsupportive views of the renewable energy industry, which may impact the lucrative tax incentives their asset Longroad benefits from. In addition, DeepSeek's AI model release caused ripples through the entire AI value chain, including data centers, impacting investors' view on CDC. Whilst we acknowledge political risk on the Longroad side, and have factored this in, we believe the demand for data centre capacity remains unabated.

With reporting season ahead, we hold ~10% cash to capitalize on volatility and mispricing opportunities.

## CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



## FUND DETAILS

Recommended minimum investment 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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>Potentially Lower Returns</span> <span>Potentially Higher Returns</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 10px;"> <span>1</span> <span>2</span> <span>3</span> <span>4</span> <span>5</span> <span style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">6</span> <span>7</span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; font-size: small;"> <span>Lower Risk</span> <span>Higher Risk</span> </div>



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## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Growth 2 Fund	5.9%	35.3%	7.9%	10.4%	10.8%	12.9%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	5.0%	18.2%	4.3%	5.4%	5.1%	7.9%

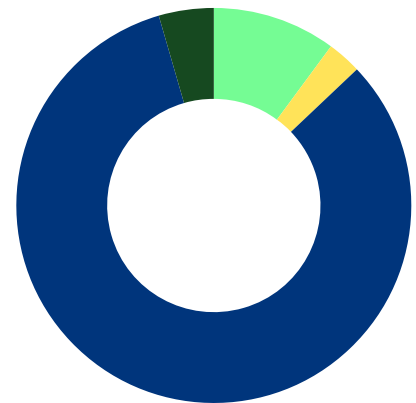
Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

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)	10.1%
New Zealand Equities	2.8%
Australian Equities	82.6%
Listed Property	4.5%

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



## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

HUB24 Limited
Life360 Inc
Pinnacle Investment Management Group Ltd
Resmed Inc
SGH Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

## UNIT PRICE

\$3.13

## ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

12.9% p.a.

after fees and before tax

## FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN



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