

## Australasian Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 28 February 2025

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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FUND COMMENTARY

The Australasian Growth 2 Fund returned -5.8% this month, bringing its 12-month return to 22.6%.

February was a busy month as companies reported results for the six months ending December 2024. This year's reporting season was particularly volatile, with significant share price fluctuations. Market positioning played a key role in determining both direction and magnitude. Generally, stabilising cyclicals and heavily shorted companies that delivered acceptable results performed well. Vindicated shorts suffered, while crowded trades had to exceed expectations to be rewarded as investors rotated into new opportunities.

Key contributors to performance included SGH Limited (+8.5%) and Imdex (+15.5%). SGH benefited from a strong Boral result, which exceeded margin expectations, and Westrac, which continued to capitalise on a fleet replacement cycle. We see continued valuation support and upside to earnings in the medium term. Imdex delivered an in-line result, but the market focused on improving outlook commentary. The company now expects exploration activity to resume growth in FY26, positioning itself well for an eventual recovery.

Key detractors included Wisetech (-27.3%) and Pinnacle Investment Management (-10.3%). Pinnacle's decline was likely due to profit-taking and broader market caution, with no change to our investment thesis. Wisetech faced governance concerns, including founder Richard White's misconduct allegations and a subsequent leadership shakeup. While its business outlook remains strong with upcoming product launches, we are reassessing our thesis due to governance uncertainties.

Despite the fund's growth mandate, the recent pullback was not unexpected. However, it was smaller than that of the broader small-mid cap growth segment, highlighting our portfolio construction strategy. We have exited lower-conviction positions and are prepared to deploy capital opportunistically amid ongoing share price volatility.

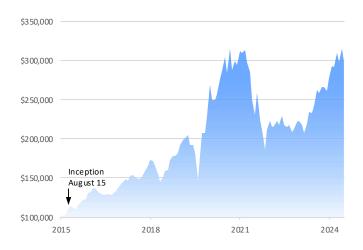
We've come away from reporting season confident in our process and optimistic about the portfolio's outlook.



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, before tax.



FUND DETAILS			
Recommen ded 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	Potentially Lower Returns Higher Returns 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Lower Risk Higher Risk		



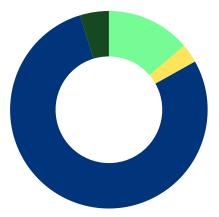
## PERFORMANCE

	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Growth 2 Fund	-5.8%	22.6%	8.5%	10.3%	10.0%	12.1%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	-3.6%	10.2%	2.4%	6.4%	4.7%	7.5%

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)	13.8%
New Zealand Equities	3.1%
Australian Equities	78.5%
Listed Property	4.7%



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

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS (EXCLUDING CASH)

AUB Group Limited

HUB24 Limited

Life360 Inc

Pinnacle Investment Management Group Ltd

SGH Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

UNIT PRICE

\$2.94

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

**12.1%** p.a.

FUND STATIUS





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