

Monthly Report March 2018

Fund Objective

The Fund seeks long term capital growth by investing in global shares and excluding direct investments in entities involved in environmental destruction, intensive animal farming, tobacco, alcohol, armaments and gambling. The Fund aims to have exposures in companies that are cheap, of high quality and where momentum supports the investment thesis. The Fund can also hedge to manage risk.

Signatory of:

Principles for Responsible Investment

Investment returns

	1 Month	3 Months	CYTD	1 Year (p.a.)	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	ITD p.a.	
Morphic Global Opportunities Fund	0.72%	2.68%	2.68%	15.45%	7.67%	15.89%	17.15%	
Index ¹	-0.58%	0.99%	0.99%	14.22%	7.97%	16.12%	17.25%	

Portfolio review

The Fund rose 0.7% in March, outperforming global markets. Global markets fell 2.4% in USD terms, offsetting this the Australian dollar fell over 1%. For the first quarter, the Fund rose 2.7%, against a backdrop of volatile markets.

March saw the end of a see-sawing quarter. It began with a strong rally in January; a swift collapse of markets driven by the extinction of many volatility funds; a rally back; and then another fall on Trump's tariff war with China. Investors could be forgiven for pining for 2017 returns.

Emerging Markets were the best performing sector (+1.1% USD) for the quarter, which is unusual in risk-off periods, with Europe (-2.6%) the worst region. Retailing was the best sector (+8.9%) with Staples and Telecom (-6%) the worst.

The Fund's largest contributor for the month was the short position in Swiss freight forwarder, Panalpina. Panalpina reported worse than expected numbers for their final quarter result, leading to concerns that expectations of a turnaround in 2018/19 may not materialise.

The long position in Alstom was the second largest contributor. During the month, the company reported that agreement of merger terms with Siemens had progressed and closing of the deal this year remains on track. The stock continues to trade at a large discount to the merged entity's fair value.

The largest detractor was the Fund's long position in China Everbright (CEI). Towards the end of the month, news emerged about a government plan to restrict Private Public Partnership (PPP) financing deals in the future. CEI does not have exposure to PPP deals per se, though higher financing costs could affect the debt costs for future projects. We remain holders.

Outlook

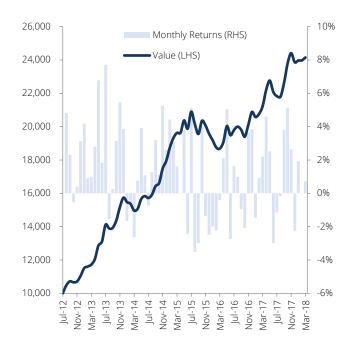
We have consistently held a somewhat more optimistic view towards the <u>2018 outlook</u> than others seem to hold, though the last month is testing that view.

If one steps back, it should be noted that earnings continue to be revised higher globally; indicators of economic growth are not consistent with falling earnings; and valuations outside the US are not demanding (Japan trades on 13.5x P/E). The behaviour of Emerging Markets making new highs relative to the US market is also not consistent with sustained risk-off.

Offsetting this, corporate credit spreads have widened this year and the cost of capital continues to rise with the Federal Reserve tightening. The manager is less concerned about the esoteric funding spreads being obsessed over.

As such the view of markets remains net-net positive at this stage. The Fund remains overweight Japan and Asia.

Performance of AUD \$10,000



Key Facts ^{2, 3}			
Launch Date	August 2 nd , 2012		
Minimum Initial Investment	AUD 10,000		
Pricing and Liquidity	Daily		
Distributions	January and July		
Management Fee ⁴	1.35%		
Performance Fee ⁵	15.375%		
Entry and Exit Fees	Zero		
Buy/Sell Spread	0.3% each side		
Unit Price	\$ 1.6951		
Funds Under Management – Fund (AUD) \$ 145r			
Funds Under Management – Strategy (AUD) \$202n			



Top 10 Active Positions

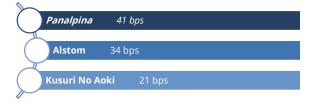
Stocks (<i>Shorts</i>)	Theme	Region	Position Weighting
Alstom	Global Rail	Europe	4.3%
China Everbright Intl	Environmental & Facilities	Asia Pacific	2.9%
Service Corp	US Deathcare	North America	2.6%
Open House	Japanese Homebuilders	Asia Pacific	2.3%
Macromill	Global Research	Asia Pacific	2.3%
Haseko	Japanese Homebuilders	Asia Pacific	2.0%
Western Alliance	US Quality Banks	North America	1.7%
DSV	Global Freighters	Europe	1.7%
Eagle Bancorp	US Quality Banks	North America	1.6%
Phillips Lighting	Electrical Equipment	Europe	1.6%

Risk Measures			
Net Exposure ⁶	102%		
Gross Exposure ⁷	127%		
VAR ⁸	1.08%		
Upside Capture ⁹	102%		
Downside Capture ⁹	84%		
Best Month	7.71%		
Worst Month	-3.52%		
Average Gain in Up Months	2.86%		
Average Loss in Down Months	-1.77%		
Annual Volatility	9.37%		
Index Volatility	9.47%		

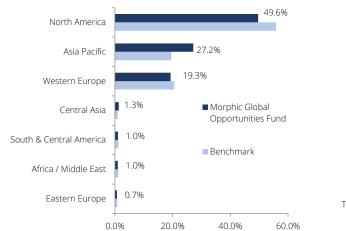
Hedge Positions	Risk Limit Utilisation (%) ¹⁰
Short AUD against JPY and USD	1.3%
Short Bonds	0.6%

-28 bps

Top three alpha contributors¹¹ (bps)



Equity Exposure Summary By region

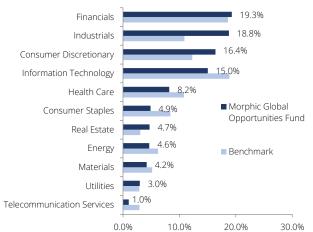


Cosmos Pharmaceutical

Top three alpha detractors¹¹ (bps)

China Everbright Intl

Equity Exposure Summary By sector



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