## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)



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## **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Australasian Growth 2 Fund returned -7.2% this month, bringing its 12-month return to 4.9%.

March was another challenging month for equity investors, with the Small and Mid-Cap indices falling 3.8%. The sell-off was driven by ongoing momentum unwinding in high-growth names and investor concerns around the economic impact of newly introduced U.S. tariffs. Defensive sectors, particularly gold, outperformed—gold stocks surged 13% as investors rotated into perceived safe havens.

The Fund benefitted from this rotation, with strong contributions from Genesis Minerals (+15.6%) and Gold Road Resources (+17.8%). Both companies rallied alongside the gold price, with Gold Road receiving a \$3.05/share indicative takeover offer from Gold Fields. The board rejected the bid, arguing it undervalued the long-term potential of the Gruyere mine.

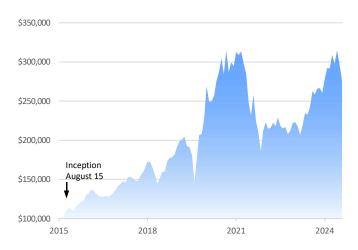
Conversely, high-growth names Pinnacle Investment Management (-22.5%) and Pro Medicus (-21.8%) were caught in the broader risk-off environment. Pinnacle's market-sensitive earnings profile and Pro Medicus' previous momentum-driven rally led to short-term corrections. However, we remain confident in both companies' fundamentals and long-term outlooks.

Cash levels remain at 14%, giving us flexibility to take advantage of future market dislocations. We continue to monitor macro risks closely but see opportunities emerging as high-quality businesses are marked down. Our focus remains firmly on identifying resilient, undervalued companies with strong earnings potential and sustainable business models. We believe this disciplined, long-term approach will be rewarded through the cycle.



## **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	Potentially Lower Returns  1 2 3 4 5 6 7  Lower Risk Higher Risk	



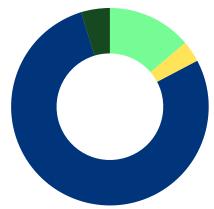
PERFORMANCE						
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Growth 2 Fund	-7.2%	4.9%	2.0%	13.4%	9.2%	11.1%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	-3.8%	1.2%	-0.8%	11.3%	4.8%	7.0%

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 and cash equivalents	13.8%
New Zealand Equities	3.5%
Australian Equities	78.0%
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

\$2.73

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

11.1% p.a.

after fees and before tax

**FUND STATIUS** 

CLOSED OPEN



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