



Australasian Growth 2 Fund

Monthly Update as at 30 September 2024

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FUND COMMENTARY

The Australasian Growth 2 Fund returned 5.4% during the month, bringing it to a 12-month return of 33.0%.

Australian equities rose 3% in September, with small caps up 4.4%, outperforming large caps. The market was supported by China's aggressive monetary stimulus announcements and the start of the Federal Reserve's easing cycle. Mining was the top-performing sector on the ASX, up 14%, benefiting from China's stimulus, though the 23% return of the MSCI China Index overshadowed this. While the market is positioned to gain from stronger Chinese demand, we remain cautious given China's structural challenges.

From a performance standpoint, high-growth, multi-year compounders like Wisetech (+16.1%) and Pro Medicus (+19.1%) continued to outperform. Although there were no specific updates from either company, both are well-positioned for sustained growth, given their industry-leading software solutions. Meanwhile, our smaller mining positions, including Mineral Resources (+30.3%) and Sandfire (+26.1%), also contributed to performance. Both companies are cyclical but well-managed with high-quality assets.

Energy exposures underperformed this month, particularly Karoon Energy (-6.7%), impacted by multiple shutdowns of its Gulf of Mexico asset, Who Dat, due to hurricanes Francine and Helene. Operations resumed safely by the end of the month. Our investment thesis for Karoon remains unchanged, with the company viewed as undervalued, supported by strong cash flow, a solid balance sheet, and future capital management opportunities.

Looking ahead, there are tentative signs of recovery in cyclical sectors, alongside potential rate cuts and fiscal stimulus, which may support further market gains. However, we expect continued volatility as the market navigates, slowing consumer demand, potential shifts in U.S. policy, and ongoing geopolitical risks.

CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE

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



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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	<p>Potentially Lower Returns</p> <p>Potentially Higher Returns</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>Lower Risk Higher Risk</p>

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PERFORMANCE

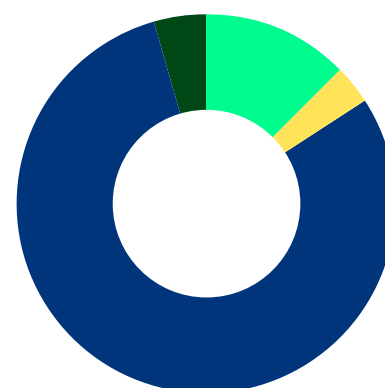
	1 month	1 yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Growth 2 Fund	5.4%	33.0%	-2.0%	7.9%	10.6%	12.5%
MARKET INDEX¹	4.3%	20.2%	0.5%	4.5%	6.4%	7.7%

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)	12.6%
New Zealand Equities	3.4%
Australian Equities	79.6%
Listed Property	4.4%



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
Pinnacle Investment Management Group Ltd
Seven Group Holdings Ltd
Wisetech Global Ltd

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

UNIT PRICE

\$2.90

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

12.5% p.a.

after fees and before tax

FUND STATUS

CLOSED

OPEN



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