# **ECP Growth Companies Fund**



Fund report | July 2024

## Capital growth vs income .....



### Mid cap bias .....



# Investment style .....



# Key facts .....

#### Investment strategy

A high conviction, Australian equities portfolio designed to deliver alpha above benchmark

#### Investment objective

Outperform index by over 2-4% p.a. over 5 years

#### Benchmark index

S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

## Fund Manager

**ECP Asset Management** 

### Inception date

Jan 2020 (strategy commenced 2012)

#### Management fee

0.90% p.a.1

#### Performance fee

15.375% of benchmark outperformance<sup>1</sup>

#### Number of stocks

Typically 25-30

#### Ratings

Lonsec Highly Recommended Zenith Recommended Lonsec 5 Bees Sustainability Score

### **Platforms**

BT Panorama, Netwealth, Powerwrap, Praemium, Hub24, Macquarie, North, Mason Stevens

# Performance\*....

At month end	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	3 yr	5yr	Incep.*
ECP Growth Companies Fund	2.6%	3.0%	10.5%	17.8%	5.6%	8.8%	12.8%
S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index	4.1%	6.0%	7.3%	13.3%	7.1%	7.5%	9.9%
Outperformance	-1.5%	-3.0%	3.2%	4.5%	-1.5%	1.3%	2.9%

\*(%, returns greater than one year are per annum) | \*Inception of the ECP Growth Companies Fund for performance calculation purposes is 31 July 2012 (based on the underlying strategy ECPAM All Cap strategy returns).

# Performance comparison of \$10,000 since inception .......



# Monthly commentary ......

James Hardie Industries PLC (JHX) was a key contributor this month, despite no specific company news. JHX is the leading producer of fibre cement siding, commanding ~90% market share in the US. With a strong market position, pricing power, and high returns on capital, JHX is a standout in the building products sector. Despite some intermittent US housing market weakness, JHX's dominant position and innovative product range position it well for continued

ResMed Inc (RMD) outperformed despite no major news flow. The company reported a strong 4Q result in early July with the gross profit margin recovery story continuing to gain momentum. In a market where macro-economic factors remain uncertain, we think high quality medical device companies like ResMed are well placed to continue performing well.

Domino's Pizza Enterprises (DMP) detracted and has continued to underperform this year given poor trading conditions in France and Japan, most notably. Despite some green shoots in ANZ, Germany, and the Benelux regions, the sizeable earnings mix skewed toward the Japanese market weighs heavily on the company. While we have remained cautious during this time, we note the substantial outperformance over the pandemic and the general impact felt by many value-orientated QSRs in the current environment, and continue to monitor our position.



# Sector allocation.....

GICS sector	ECP %	Index %	+/- %
Communication Services	7.92	3.7	4.22
Consumer Discretionary	21.69	7.72	13.96
Consumer Staples	0.00	4.10	-4.10
Energy	0.00	4.55	-4.55
Financials	20.05	31.80	-11.74
Health Care	17.21	10.12	7.09
Industrials	1.64	6.92	-5.28
Information Technology	15.44	2.86	12.58
Materials	10.35	19.98	-9.63
Real Estate	0.00	6.82	-6.82
Utilities	0.00	1.41	-1.41
Cash	5.70	0.00	5.70
Total	100.0%	100.0%	_

# Why ECP?

















# Top 10 holdings .....

Company	Weight %
IDP Education Ltd	5.99
ResMed Inc	5.96
CSL Ltd	5.92
James Hardie Industries PLC	5.48
Block Inc	5.38
Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd	5.12
SEEK Ltd	5.03
Megaport Ltd	4.90
Rio Tinto Ltd	4.87
GQG Partners Inc	4.45

# Key contributors .....

Company	Weight %
James Hardie Industries PLC	5.43
ResMed Inc	5.68
Nuix Ltd	2.49

## Key detractors.....

Company	Weight %
Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd	5.28
Chrysos Corp Ltd	1.87
Megaport Ltd	3.49

## Portfolio metrics (5yr).....

Portfolio IRR	16.97
Beta	1.01
Downside Capture	0.97

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