

ASX:WQG Fund Update: 30 April 2025

## **Key Fund Details**

NTA Before Tax<sup>1</sup>

A\$1.837

NTA After Tax and Before Tax on Unrealised Gains

A\$1.668

NTA After Tax<sup>1</sup>

A\$1.644

Month End Closing Share Price

A\$1.645

Fully Franked
Annual Dividend<sup>2</sup>

A7.25c

Company Name Investment Adviser Inception Date Stock Universe

Number of Stocks Management Fee<sup>3</sup> Performance Fee<sup>3,4</sup>

Administration Fee<sup>3</sup> Hedging

Typical Cash Allocation

Benchmark<sup>5</sup>

WCM Global Growth Limited WCM Investment Management

21 June 2017

Global (ex-Australia)

20 - 40 1.25% p.a. 10% 0.10% p.a.

Unhedged 0% - 7%

MSCI All Country World Index (ex-

Australia)

**Notes:** 1. NTA is calculated after all fees and expenses and incorporates all company assets including WQG's operating bank account. NTA per share is based on WQG's issued capital 226,337,141 shares as at the date of this report. NTA Before Tax has been reduced by cash payments of income tax liabilities where applicable 2. Dividends paid in the 12-month period to the date of this report are rounded to two decimal places. 3. Fees are inclusive of GST and less RITC. 4. Performance Fee is 10% (ex-GST) of the Portfolio's outperformance relative to the benchmark after the Management Fee and subject to high water mark. Maximum fee is capped at 0.75% of the closing market value of the Portfolio in each financial year. 5. With gross dividends reinvested reported in Australian dollars and unhedged.

#### Performance<sup>1</sup>

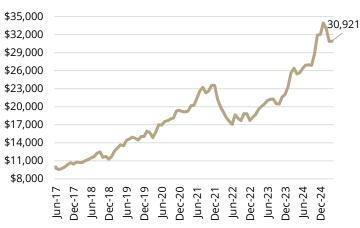
Company <sup>1</sup>							Strategy <sup>5</sup>	
	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception <sup>4</sup>	10 Years	Inception <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio	0.22%	-8.93%	21.47%	19.35%	14.45%	15.45%	15.48%	14.16%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	-1.54%	-5.65%	14.02%	14.77%	14.06%	12.51%	11.49%	9.88%
Value Added³	1.76%	-3.28%	7.45%	4.58%	0.39%	2.94%	3.99%	4.28%

**Notes:** Periods greater than 1 year are annualised. 1. Portfolio return is in AUD and calculated before expenses and after investment management and performance fees are paid. Performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and income. 2. Benchmark for the Company is MSCI All Country World Index (ex-Australia). Benchmark for WCM Quality Global Growth Strategy Composite (the Strategy) is MSCI All Country World Index. 3. Value Add equals Portfolio or Strategy performance minus applicable Benchmark performance. 4. Company inception date is 21 June 2017. 5. The Company has the same Investment Adviser and investment team, the same investment principles, philosophy, strategy and execution of approach as those used for the Strategy however, it should be noted that due to certain factors including, but not limited to, differences in cash flows, management and performance fees, expenses, performance calculation methods, and portfolio sizes and composition, there may be variances between the investment returns demonstrated by each of these portfolios and the Strategy in the future. As the Company has only been in operation for a relatively short period of time, this table makes reference to the Strategy to provide a better understanding of how the team has managed this strategy over a longer period. Performance is net of fees and includes the reinvestment of dividends and income. 6. Strategy inception date is 31 March 2008.

## **Top 10 Portfolio Holdings**

Company	Weight %
AppLovin	7.11
3i Group	5.29
Saab	4.37
Amazon.com	4.24
Sea	3.82
Taiwan Semiconductor	3.47
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	3.08
Microsoft	3.03
Visa	2.98
ICICI Bank	2.70
Total	40.09

## Portfolio Value of A\$10K Invested<sup>1</sup>



**Notes:** 1. Calculations are based on the portfolio return in AUD and calculated before expenses and after investment management and performance fees. Portfolio value includes the reinvestment of dividends and income. Source: AGP International Management Pty Ltd.

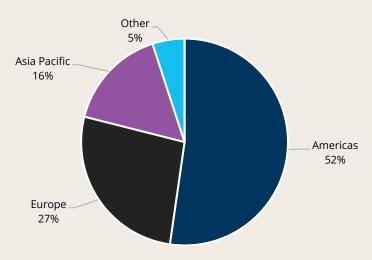


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#### **Sector Breakdown**

Sector	Weight %		
Financials	21.94		
Information Technology	20.77		
Industrials	16.62		
Health Care	11.74		
Communication Services	8.20		
Consumer Discretionary	7.60		
Materials	6.26		
Consumer Staples	1.84		
Cash	5.03		
Total	100.00		

# **Regional Market Allocation**



#### **Portfolio Update**

The portfolio delivered a return of 0.22% during the month, outperforming the MSCI All Country World Index (ex-Australia) (the **Benchmark**) return of -1.54%. The portfolio has delivered returns in excess of the Benchmark over one month, one, three and five years and since inception.

Despite experiencing extreme intra-month volatility, global equity markets recorded a modest rise in April in local currency terms. The volatility centred around US President Trump's announcement of reciprocal tariffs on 2 April 2025. Following this announcement, the US equity market recorded its worst two-day performance since 2022 and the broader global equity market benchmarks declined by more than 10%. In response to these market moves, the US President subsequently paused the implementation of the tariffs for 90 days (except for those imposed on China), triggering a sharp market rebound. While the impact of new tariffs is yet to be reflected in actual economic data, forward-looking manufacturing and consumer confidence indicators are pointing towards a weaker growth outlook in the US and Europe. At a country and regional level, US equities underperformed international (non-US) for a fifth consecutive month and emerging beat developed markets. In terms of sectors, the best performers included Media, Consumer Staples and Utilities. Energy was the weakest of the major sectors and was a strong contributor to the underperformance of value relative to growth.

The portfolio's outperformance relative to its Benchmark index was primarily due to stock selection, with the major positive contributions coming from holdings in the Industrials, Financials and Communication sectors. The largest detracting sectors from a stock selection perspective were Consumer Discretionary and Consumer Staples. In terms of sector allocation, the most positive and negative contributions came from the zero exposure to Energy stocks and above benchmark position in Health Care respectively. At the end of the March quarter, the portfolio owned positions in six Health Care companies: AstraZeneca, Illumina, McKesson, Novo Nordisk, UnitedHealth Group and Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

Since its inception, the WCM Quality Global Growth Strategy has had a significant exposure to US-domiciled companies. This exposure is not due to some long-held, top-down driven preference the WCM investment team has for the US. It is solely due to the team finding more companies in the US than elsewhere that fit its expanding economic moat plus aligned corporate culture criteria. In contrast and for the opposite reason - i.e. the relative dearth of companies with expanding moats (competitive advantage) plus aligned corporate cultures - the portfolio has historically had minimal exposure to Japan.

However, one Japanese company that meets WCM's selection criteria is Nintendo, which was added to the portfolio in the December 2024 quarter. Nintendo is an iconic brand globally with notable, long-standing IP franchises including Mario, Zelda and Donkey Kong, as well as a deep history of developing and selling unique gaming hardware like the motion-controlled Wii and portable Switch (and upcoming Switch 2) consoles. Its core revenue streams include sales of this dedicated hardware and software (including first-party game titles and royalties from third-party games from its marketplace). The company's moat comes from its intellectual property, innovation capabilities and consumer loyalty fostering a strong brand allegiance. Culturally, Nintendo has increased collaboration and focus, evidenced by integrating the gaming development teams, which create the necessary foundation for the continuous stream of first party game introductions.

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