

HYPERION AUSTRALIAN GROWTH COMPANIES FUND JULY 2021

OBJECTIVE: LONG-TERM CAPITAL GROWTH AND INCOME BY INVESTING IN HIGH CALIBRE AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES PRIMARILY LISTED WITHIN THE S&P/ASX 300 INDEX AT THE TIME OF INVESTMENT.



High-conviction portfolio of quality Australian listed equities from a research driven, bottom-up investment philosophy

Our Philosophy

The highest proven quality businesses with the strongest competitive advantages and organic growth opportunities produce superior shareholder returns over the long-term.

Long term capital preservation is paramount.

We believe companies in our portfolio have:

- Predictable earnings
- Low debt
- High interest cover
- Sustainable competitive advantages
- High return on capital
- Strong free cash flow
- · Organic growth options
 - Experienced and proven management teams

Global Market Overview

Global equity markets experienced mixed results during July as the spread of the Delta COVID-19 variant dominated headlines. On the economic front, the IMF maintained its 2021 global growth forecast of 6% and upgraded its 2022 forecast to 4.9%, but warned of a widening divergence in the global economic recovery between advanced and developing economies. In the U.S., the S&P 500 returned +2.4%, second guarter GDP increased at an annualised rate of 6.5% in June, the Composite PMI fell to 59.7 in July, whilst the core Personal Consumption Expenditure Index, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, rose to annualised rate of 4.0% in June. The Federal Reserve maintained its target range for the federal funds rate at 0.00% to 0.25% and expects to maintain an accommodative stance on monetary policy until labour market conditions improve and inflation is expected to moderately exceed 2% for some time. In Europe, the Euro STOXX 50, German DAX and FTSE 100 returned +0.8%, +0.1% and +0.1%, respectively. During the month, the IHS Markit Eurozone Composite PMI increased to 60.2 in July, reflecting the highest reading since July 2000, whilst second quarter GDP increased at an annualised rate of 13.7% in June. The European Central Bank held its refinancing operations, marginal lending facility and deposit facility rates at 0.00%, 0.25% and -0.50%, respectively, and will continue to conduct net asset purchases under the pandemic emergency purchase programme worth €1,850b until at least the end of March 2022. In Australia, the ASX 300 returned +1.1%, the unemployment rate fell to 4.9% in June, and the Composite PMI fell to a 14-month low of 45.2 in July, as private sector output and demand across both the manufacturing and services sectors declined. Materials (+7.1%), Industrials (+4.1%), and Utilities (+1.6%) were the best performing S&P/ASX 300 Index sectors, whilst Information Technology (-6.4%), Energy (-2.4%), and Communication Services (-1.5%) were the worst performers. The U.S. dollar was broadly stronger against most G10 currencies during July, except against the Pound Sterling, Japanese Yen, and Swiss Franc.

Performance

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	7 Years (p.a.)	10 Years (p.a.)	15 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception* (p.a.)	Inception* ^
Portfolio – Net (%)	-2.0	2.9	32.6	19.6	13.6	13.8	14.8	11.3	12.9	882.6
Benchmark (%)¹	1.1	5.8	29.1	9.7	10.1	8.4	9.8	7.1	9.5	449.4
Relative Performance – Net (%)	-3.1	-2.9	3.5	9.9	3.4	5.4	5.0	4.2	3.4	433.2

^{1.} S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index. *Inception date: 30th September 2002. ^Total return. All p.a. returns are annualised. Returns are net of applicable fees, costs and taxes.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Data as at 31st July 2021. Due to rounding, excess performance figures may not equate perfectly to the difference between Hyperion Australian Growth Companies Performance and the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index Performance.





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PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS UPDATE

HUB24 Limited (HUB-AU)

Primary Exchange ASX
GICS Sector Financials
Market Cap (AU\$m) 1,644



HUB24 Limited (HUB24) released a flow update for the fourth quarter ended 30 June 2021. The company reported a record total net inflow for the quarter of \$3.9b, comprised of \$2.2b from the HUB24 platform, \$1.4b from the completion of the ClearView transition, and \$0.3b from Xplore Wealth. During FY21, HUB24 also delivered record annual inflows totalling \$8.9b. This marks growth of 80% from the prior corresponding period. The business attributed these strong inflows to HUB24's focus on providing innovative solutions as a market-leading platform. Strategic Insights 2021 data reported HUB24's market share within the Australian platform market had increased to 3.9%. The PARS Funds Under Administration ("FUA") increased over the quarter to \$17.2b, as the Ord Minnett PARS and Xplore segments showed growth in FUA and accounts. HUB24 noted the separation of PARS from Ord Minnett systems to HUB24 is on track for completion by the end of Q2 FY22. Given the significant expansion seen throughout FY21, HUB24 highlighted its efforts to support future growth by expanding its team and infrastructure with an update to be provided during the FY21 result in August. The business saw continued recognition as a favoured product for advisors, achieving first for Overall Satisfaction in the 2021 Wealth Insights Platform Service Level Report. HUB24 was also ranked Best Platform Overall and Best Platform Managed Accounts Functionality for the fifth year in a row by the Investment Trends 2020 Platform Benchmarking and Competitive Analysis Report.

Netwealth Group Limited (NWL-AU)

Primary Exchange ASX
GICS Sector Financials
Market Cap (AU\$m) 3,813



Netwealth Group Limited (Netwealth) released a market update for the fourth quarter ended 30 June 2021, reporting Funds Under Administration (FUA) of \$47.1b, an increase of \$5.3b or 13% for the quarter. On an annual basis, FUA increased by \$15.6b or 50%. Additionally, the company's Funds Under Management (FUM) increased by \$1.2b or 12% to \$11.7b during the quarter. Annually, FUM has grown by \$4.7b or 61%. Netwealth's platform member accounts also achieved strong growth during the quarter, increasing by 5,311 accounts or 6% to 97,319 member accounts. Based on the latest Strategic Insights quarterly platform market update, Netwealth increased its market share to 4.6% as at March 2021, achieving net inflows of \$3.0b during the quarter, making it the 6th largest platform in Australia. In addition, the Investment Trends June 2021 Planner Technology Report continues to rank Netwealth as the number one ranked in the industry for overall satisfaction for a ninth year in a row, and in May 2021 its Netwealth Super Accelerator product won the Chant West Best Advised Product of the Year for the fourth year in a row.

IDP Education Limited (IEL-AU)

Primary Exchange ASX
GICS Sector Consumer Discretionary
Market Cap (AU\$m) 7,852



IDP Education Limited (IDP) announced the acquisition of British Council's Indian IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Operations in July 2021, with the transaction expected to be completed in August 2021. The Indian IELTS market is the largest globally by volume, experiencing average annual growth of 21% from 2010 to 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Annual price growth was 4.5% on average during this same period. This market has proved resilient in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic with testing volumes in Q1 CY21 rebounding 20% higher than Q1 CY20 levels, which were impeded by the first Indian COVID-19 infection wave. IDP will have 100% market share of IELTS testing in India through the removal of British Council as a competitor in this key, long-term growth market. As owners of the IELTS test, along with Cambridge English, IDP and British Council operate parallel in the pan-Indian IELTS market and effectively compete against each other as distributors of the IELTS tests. The acquisition offers synergies for IDP through the combination of the businesses. Run-rate synergies of AU\$6m to AU\$8m are expected within the first two years. The Indian IELTS market is well-understood by IDP due to its existing presence. A network of complementary computer delivered test venues will be acquired alongside 4 offices, 74 test locations, and 165 full-time equivalent employees from British Council's operations. The transaction is also expected to simplify the distribution arrangement to the benefit of test takers. The acquisition, worth £130m (A\$238m), will be funded using IDP's existing cash and debt facilities, enabling the business to retain a favourable balance sheet following the transaction. Management highlighted it remains poised to take advantage of IDP's strong foundation as the sector recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Top 5 Holdings

	Portfolio (%)	Benchmark (%)
Afterpay Ltd	11.4	1.1
Xero Ltd	10.4	0.8
Resmed Inc.	10.3	0.6
CSL Ltd	8.4	6.1
Fisher & Paykel Ltd	6.3	0.2

Top 5 Contributors (rolling 12 months)

Contributors	Price change (%)	Avg Weight (%)	Contribution to return (%)
Xero Ltd	56.0	10.0	5.6
Afterpay Ltd	41.0	10.2	5.1
Wisetech Global Ltd	49.1	7.6	3.8
Domino's Pizza Ltd	57.8	6.4	3.7
James Hardie Industries	57.9	6.7	3.5
Detractors			
Nanosonics Ltd	3.7	1.6	-0.2
Fisher & Paykel Ltd	-9.5	7.5	-1.1

All data as at 31st July 2021

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Market Capitalisation

	Pf (%)	Bm (%)	Act. (%)	# Stocks
S&P/ASX 1-20	28.3	57.6	-29.3	4
S&P/ASX 21-50	20.5	16.9	3.6	3
S&P/ASX 51-100	40.1	13.4	26.7	9
S&P/ASX 101-300	5.1	12.1	-7.0	6
Cash	6.0		6.0	
Total	100.0	100.0		22

Portfolio weights may not equate to 100.0% due to rounding.

Sector Allocation

	Portfolio (%)	Benchmark (%)
Communication Services	10.5	4.1
Consumer Discretionary	7.0	8.2
Financials	8.4	28.6
Health Care	30.1	10.1
Industrials	2.2	6.8
Information Technology	29.7	41
Materials	6.1	21.6
Cash	6.0	

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Fund Characteristics

Universe	S&P/ASX 300
Launch	Managed by Hyperion since September 2002, launched October 1996
Fees	MER 0.95%
Distribution	AUD 86.6742 CPU at 30 June 2021 AUD 0.4324 CPU at 31 March 2021 AUD 0.7676 CPU at 30 September 2020 AUD 51.4675 CPU at 30 June 2020
Fund Size	\$2,191.4 million
APIR Code	BNT0003AU

The Fund's PDS contains more complete information on risks and fees



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