

# Prime Value Growth Fund

## Fund Update – April 2016



- Stronger commodity prices buoyed by China's efforts to stimulate its economy led to a strong resource sector performance
- Banks benefitted as concerns on commodity-related bad debts eased
- The Fund underperformed the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index largely due to an underweight position in the resources sector

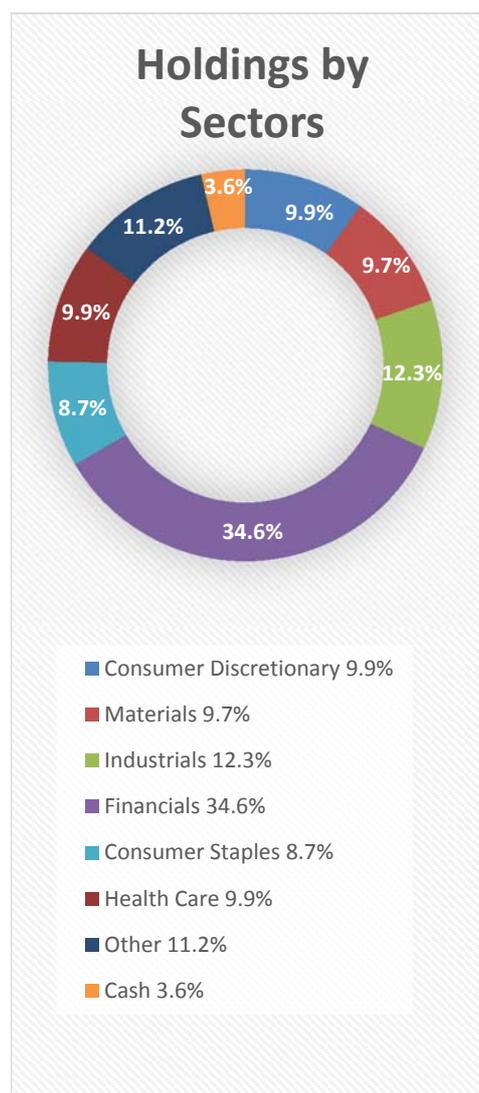
	Total Return*	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index	Relative Performance to Benchmark
Since inception (pa)	12.2%	7.9%	4.3%
10 Years (pa)	4.9%	4.4%	0.5%
5 Years (pa)	4.2%	6.2%	-2.0%
3 Years (pa)	3.0%	5.0%	-2.0%
1 Year (pa)	-5.6%	-4.7%	-0.9%
3 Months	3.7%	6.4%	-2.7%
1 Month	2.4%	3.3%	-0.9%

\*Fund returns are calculated net of management fees, assuming all distributions are re-invested. Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council (FSC). The returns are calculated before performance fees which are charged against individual accounts. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

Top five holdings	Sector
Commonwealth Bank Australia	Financials
Wesfarmers	Consumer Staples
BHP Billiton	Materials
NAB	Financials
Telstra	Telecommunications

\* The top five holdings make up approximately 28.9% of the portfolio

Feature	Fund facts
Portfolio Manager	ST Wong
Investment objective	To provide superior medium to long term capital growth, with some income, by managing a portfolio of predominantly Australian equities listed on any recognised Australian Stock Exchange.
Benchmark	S&P / ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Inception Date	10 April 1998
Cash limit	0 - 30%
Distribution	Half-yearly
Recommended investment period	3 + years
Annualised Return	12.2%
Research Rating	Lonsec - Investment Grade Zenith - Approved

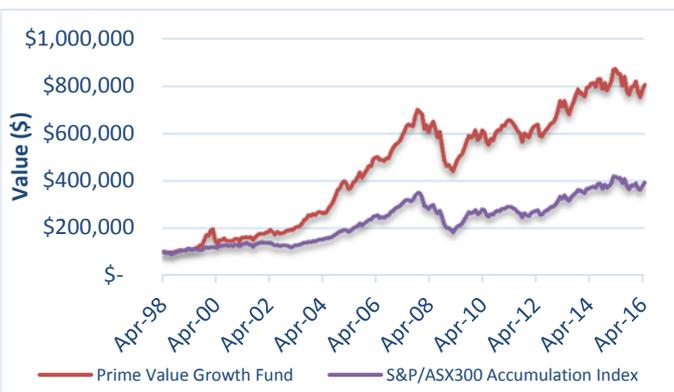


## Market review

Australian equities performed strongly in April gaining 3.3%, driven by the ongoing rebound in commodity prices. Mining stocks and to a lesser extent energy stocks significantly outperformed, with Fortescue (+33.7%), BHP (+22.7%), Rio Tinto (+20.8%) the best performing large cap stocks for the month. Iron ore surged 22.6% to US\$65.20 a tonne, while the price of oil (Brent) rose 21.5% to US\$48.13 a barrel, despite no agreement from major producers to limit supplies.

Having rallied to its highest level since mid-2015, weak first quarter inflation data saw the AUD finish the month lower at USD 0.7630 (down approximately 1%). The decline in the March quarter headline CPI and weak underlying inflation led the RBA to reduce interest rates by 25 basis points in early May.

The resource sectors were the standout performers in April, with Materials up 14.3% (mining & metals index up approximately 20%) and Energy up 7.5%. All other sectors posted modest gains, with the exception of Consumer Discretionary (-1.7%) and Utilities (-0.3%). Having significantly underperformed financial-year-to-date, mega caps (3.7%) and large caps (3.5%) outperformed both mid-caps (2.4%) and small-caps (3%) in April.



This graph shows how \$100,000 invested at the Fund's Inception has increased to \$806,210 (net of fees excluding performance fees). This compares very favourably with the return of the market, where a \$100,000 investment would have increased to \$392,290 over the same period. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits.

	Direct Investment (Class A)	Platform Investment (Class B)
APIR code	PVA0001AU	PVA0011AU
Minimum Investment	\$20,000	N/A
Issue price	\$2.7923	\$2.7803
Withdrawal price	\$2.7711	\$2.7593
Distribution (31/12/2015)	\$0.0750	\$0.0767
Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR)	1.435% pa	1.23% pa
Performance fee	20.5% <sup>1</sup>	20.5% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> of performance (net of management fees and administration costs) above the agreed benchmark, subject to positive performance and a high water mark

## Fund review & strategy

The Fund gained 2.4% in April (after fees) and has outperformed its performance benchmark during the financial-year-to-date slightly. In absolute terms, the Fund's major contributors to performance were BHP (+22.7%), RIO (+20.8%) and Wesfarmers (+3.2%). REA (-5.8%), Mantra (-18.3%) and CBA (-1.4%) were the three major detractors to performance.

REA Group's share price fell during the month on the back of recently listed real estate agency McGrath's significant profit downgrade. McGrath is a high profile franchise with a large market share in NSW property listings. The softer than-expected listing volumes in the North and North Western Sydney suburbs that led to McGrath's profit downgrade raised some concerns on REA. We believe REA's business model is sufficiently strong to withstand the ebbs and flows of real estate listings. REA commenced a shift toward paid depth listings several years ago that will both underpin a greater resilience for the business and enhance its leadership position in the on-line listing sector. It's a platform we expect REA to continue to build new business adjacencies. The Fund did not participate in the McGrath IPO.

Top contributors (absolute)	Sector
BHP Billiton	Materials
Rio Tinto	Materials
Wesfarmers	Consumer Staples

Top detractors (absolute)	Sector
REA Group	Consumer Discretionary
Mantra Group	Consumer Discretionary
Commonwealth Bank	Financials

## Platforms

Asgard, Ausmaq, Beacon, BT Wrap, First Wrap, Hub24, IOOF, Global One, Macquarie Wrap, Netwealth, Powerwrap Premium Choice, Symetry, Wealthtrac

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