

Prime Value Growth Fund

Fund Update – May 2018



- Developed countries' share markets posted small gains in May, in contrast to large falls in Emerging Markets
- The Australian share market performed better than most of its developed market peers. The Healthcare sector was a standout performer whilst Telstra fell heavily, exerting a considerable drag on the index
- The Fund posted another strong month, rising by 2.4%. The Fund's focus on investing in growing companies, and not the Index, is underlined by the performances of key holdings such as Bapcor, CSL and Reliance Worldwide

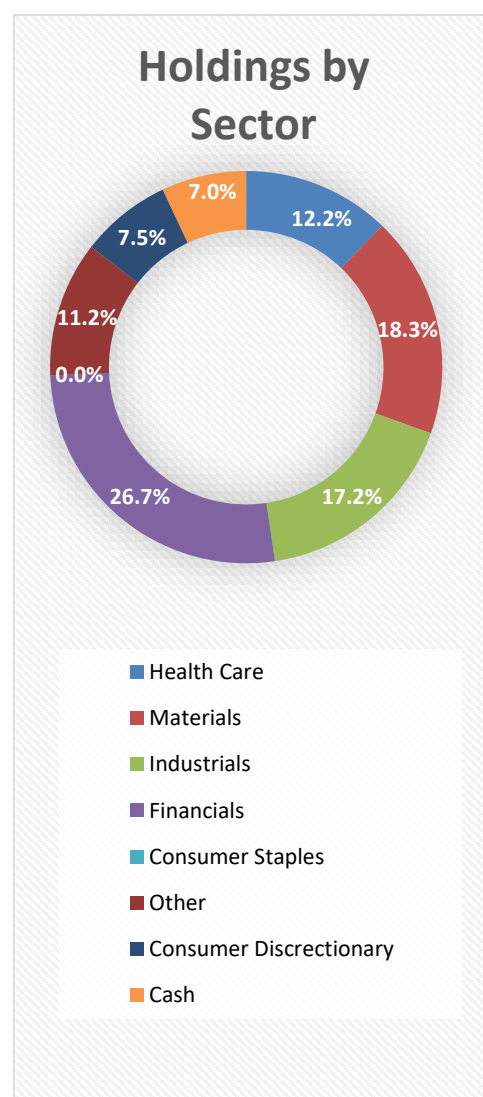
	Total Return*	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index	Value Add
Since Inception (p.a.)	11.7%	8.2%	3.5%
10 Years (p.a.)	3.7%	5.1%	(1.6%)
5 Years (p.a.)	5.8%	8.8%	(3.0%)
3 Years (p.a.)	3.1%	6.1%	(3.0%)
1 Year	10.9%	10.0%	0.9%
3 Months	2.4%	1.1%	1.3%
1 Month	2.4%	1.2%	1.2%

*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) standards. 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
BHP	Materials
CSL	Health Care
Westpac	Financials
Commonwealth Bank	Financials
ANZ Bank	Financials

The top five holdings make up approximately 34.5% of the portfolio

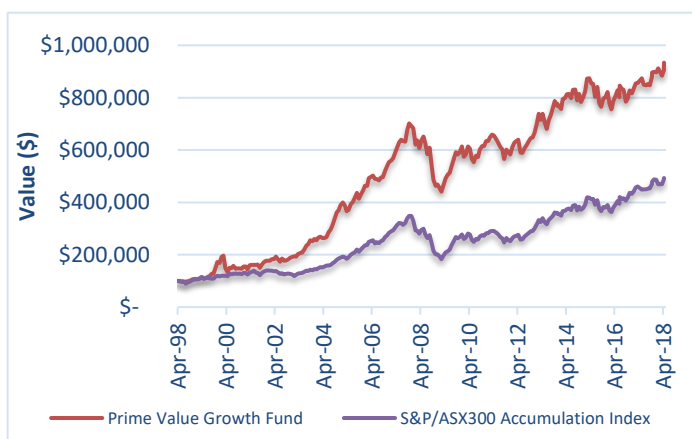
Feature	Fund facts
Portfolio Manager	ST Wong
Investment Objective	To provide superior medium to long term capital growth, with some income, by managing a portfolio of predominantly Australian equities listed on any recognised Australian Stock Exchange.
Benchmark	S&P/ ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Inception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



Market review

Most equity markets built on the stability seen in April to post small gains in May. Nevertheless, it was a volatile month, and was difficult for Emerging Markets (Index falling -3.8% for the month). Eurozone geopolitical pressures, Argentinian and Turkish economic issues and continued trade policy friction limited share markets gains with selling escalating as some of these issues came to attention. It was also notable that quickly as bond yields rose this year, on concerns of inflation rising, they fell as quickly due to some of the above macro concerns.

The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index rose 1.2% in May, better than most developed stock markets. The Healthcare (+5.6%) and Discretionary (+5.1%) sectors were the top performers, although Telecommunications fell 10.2%, exerting a considerable drag on the index. May marked the release of the federal budget, which confirmed the government's commitment to lower corporate and income taxes and increased infrastructure spend. Business indicators continue to paint an upbeat picture with the NAB conditions index rising 6 points to reach a new series high of +21. The Australian dollar was resilient, rising 0.5% to close out the month just below the US76c mark, buoyed by gains in commodity prices.



This graph shows how \$100,000 invested at the Fund's inception has increased to \$933,800 (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 \$493,000 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	\$ 2.5010	\$ 2.4915
Withdrawal price	\$ 2.4820	\$ 2.4727
Distribution (31/12/2017)	\$ 0.1000	\$ 0.1014
Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR)	1.435%* p.a.	1.23%* p.a.
Performance fee	20.5%**	20.5%**

* Unless otherwise stated, all fees quoted are inclusive of GST and less the relevant RITC
 ** Of performance (net of management fees and administration costs) above the agreed benchmark, subject to positive performance and a high water mark

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Fund review and strategy

The Fund rose 2.4% in May, outperforming the ASX300 Accumulation Index by 120 basis points.

For many investors, it's end-of-financial-year time. We often get asked: Is it time to take profits, hold cash, and wait for a correction before making further investments? Or perhaps markets have further to run? Our answer to this question rarely changes. Invest in companies, not in the market.

In our case, we look to invest in companies whose revenues and profits are rising as demand for the goods or services they provide, enabling them to gain new customers, sell more to existing customers, raise prices – or perhaps a combination of all three. This philosophy is evident in our holding in **Reliance Worldwide (RWC)**.

We invested in RWC at its IPO approximately 2 years ago. RWC is not a 'household' name in the traditional sense. RWC manufactures and sells plumbing parts—things that go behind the wall, and are rarely seen. The reason we own RWC is for the growth potential of its push-to-connect product. Faster and more efficient than the incumbent way of soldering together copper pipes, push-to-connect will form a greater part of plumbing practices. In May, RWC announced the acquisition of UK based plumbing fittings manufacturer, John Guest, for A\$1.2bn. It's a large acquisition but their strategic positives to be supportive of the acquisition such as new products and entry into new markets. This acquisition will test management's capabilities and depth, something we expect to be following closely.

We have identified several companies that fit RWC's mould. Their share prices are currently depressed because of short term or cyclical issues but in our view, their fundamentals are strong. We hope to capitalise on these opportunities in the near future and look forward to updating you with our progress.

Top Contributors (Absolute)	Sector
CSL	Healthcare
Reliance Worldwide	Industrials
BHP	Materials
Top Detractors (Absolute)	Sector
Link Administration	Information Technology
Treasury Wines	Consumer Staples
CBA	Financials

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

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