

# **MONTHLY REPORT**

**JULY 2024** 

#### **Unit Price and FUM**

Indicative Unit Price	\$1.3581^	FUM Size	\$22.3 Million
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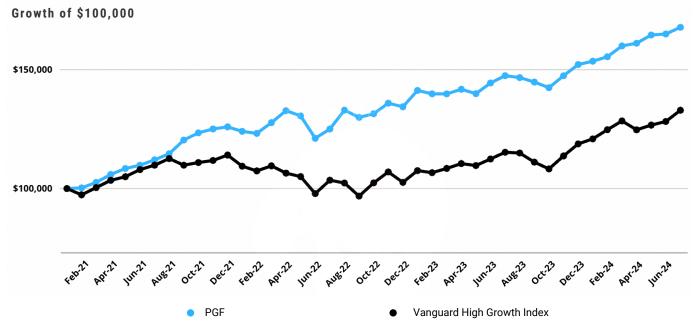
Indicative unit price is quoted on an cum-distribution basis until FY24 tax return is lodged. Past distributions paid: FY23: 9.61c, FY22 5.12c, FY21 8.91c.

#### Performance Table Net of Fees

As at 31 July 2024	PGF	Vanguard High Growth Index Fund	Difference
1 Month	1.70%	3.68%	-1.98%
3 Months	4.16%	6.59%	-2.44%
1 Year	13.78%	15.31%	-1.53%
3 Years p.a.	15.94%	6.72%	9.22%
Since Inception*	67.81%	33.48%	34.33%

# Monthly Performances Net of Fees

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Return %
2021	-	0.28	2.28	3.28	2.36	1.28	2.06	2.29	5.02	2.52	1.33	0.70	25.95
2022	-1.48	-0.68	3.80	4.10	-1.62	-7.21	3.21	6.80	-3.09	1.54	3.08	-1.12	6.72
2023	5.12	-1.01	-0.02	1.38	-1.30	3.21	2.13	-0.54	-1.28	-1.64	3.53	3.19	13.21
2024	0.93	1.22	2.94	0.69	2.16	0.26	1.70						10.29



\*Inception date is 8 February 2021. Vanguard High Growth Index Fund is chosen as PGF's benchmark for its representation of ASX and global equity market indices. ^The latest monthly unit prices and return figures are provided on an estimated basis only and may be subject to change.

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## **Top 10 Listed Equity Positions**

Stock Name	Portfolio Weight
Salter Brothers (ASX:SB2)	2.6%
S&P Biotech ETF (ASX:CURE/NYSE:XBI)	2.3%
Neuren Pharmaceuticals (ASX:NEU)	2.0%
Santos (ASX:STO)	2.0%
VanEck Gold Miners (ASX:GDX)	1.8%
Stanmore Resources (ASX:SMR)	1.2%
Whitehaven (ASX:WHC)	1.1%
Nick Scali (ASX:NCK)	1.0%
Charter Hall Group (ASX:CHC)	0.9%
Larvotto Resources (ASX:LRV)	0.9%

## **Exposure Allocation**

Stra	ategy Bucket Allocation	Portfolio Weight
#1	Cash and Fixed Interest	15.2%
	Placement + IPO (ECM)	21.9%
#2	High Conviction Stocks	37.5%
#3	Options Account	9.5%
	Managed Funds	7.7%
	Unlisted Investments	8.2%

## **Fund Analytics**

# of Positive Months	30/42 (71.4%)
Upside Capture	0.71
Downside Capture	0.13

## **Fund Commentary**

PGF's estimated return for July was +1.70%, compared to the Vanguard High Growth Index Fund's +3.68%. During the same period, the ASX 200 Accumulation Index rose +4.19%, and the MSCI World Ex-Australia Index increased by +4.08%. We are trailing the indices in a bull market, but as our investors know, we excel relative to the indices during sideways and down markets. Our upside capture since inception stands at 0.71, meaning in up months we capture 71% of the indices' returns, while our downside capture is only 0.13, meaning in down months we absorb just 13% of the indices' drawdowns.

This month, under our Bucket #1 strategy, PGF participated in 31 placements and 3 block trades, with the expectation of receiving free attaching options in 11 of these deals. The issuance of most of these options is pending, and we anticipate they will be allocated to the fund over the coming months. Deal flow volume was robust, and we were presented with plenty of opportunities to participate each day.

Major contributors to return were Ordell Minerals (ASX:ORD) +7.3%, West African Resources (ASX:WAF) +9.9%, Imricor (ASX:IMR) +16.2%, Turaco Gold (ASX:TGC) +25.6%, Larvotto Resources (ASX:LRV) +30.5% and Change Financial (ASX:CCA) +32.2%. We participated in the Larvotto placement at 10.5 cents as well as its Share Purchase Plan. After a site visit to the company's Hillgrove Project near Armidale, we were impressed by the management team and the extensive infrastructure left on-site by the previous developer. The Hillgrove Project is a high-grade antimony and gold project that requires significantly less capex to start production compared to companies with equivalent production levels. Antimony is listed as a critical mineral in many major economies and is used in semiconductors, alloys, and ammunition.

Larger detractors were Bellevue Gold (ASX:BGL) -11.6%, Greenhy2 (ASX:GHY) -28.9%, Mithril Resources (ASX:MTH) -30.0%, Southern Hemisphere (ASX:SUH) -32.5%, Power Minerals (ASX:PNN) -32.9% and Pan Asia Metals (ASX:PAM) -43.8%. Junior resource placement deals resulted in some poor returns, detracting from the portfolio's overall performance.

Longer-term positions in our Bucket #2 high conviction strategy performed well. Main contributors to return were Santos (ASX:STO) +4.4%, Stanmore Resources (ASX:SMR) +6.0%, S&P Biotech ETF (ASX:CURE/NYSE:XBI) +9.0%, Nick Scali (ASX:NCK) +13.6%, Pinnacle (ASX:PNI) +15.7%, Opthea (ASX:OPT) +23.1%, Hemnet (ST:HEM) +25.1%, Magnetic Resources (ASX:MAU) +25.1%, Zip Co (ASX:ZIP) +36.5% and BCAL Diagnostics (ASX:BDX) +59.6%

The single biggest detractor was Neuren Pharma (ASX:NEU), which declined by -8.5%. We have discussed Neuren numerous times before and understand well the reasons for its recent underperformance. We remain unconcerned about the short-term fluctuations as the underlying thesis remains as strong as ever.

#### Magellan Global Fund - ASX:MGF to ASX:MGOC

Magellan Global Fund (MGF) has been a top holding in PGF for much of the past year, reaching a peak allocation of 7.6%. Our journey with MGF began in June 2023, when we initiated our position at \$1.56. Our thesis was on the basis that Magellan would successfully eliminate MGF's persistent discount to Net Tangible Assets (NTA) by converting it into an open-ended structure, as they had successfully done with another of their listed vehicle in the past.

At the time of our initial purchase, MGF's NAV stood at \$1.89, allowing us to acquire shares at a significant 17% discount to their underlying value. We anticipated that if Magellan could resolve this discount, our investment would appreciate by approximately 21% purely from the narrowing of the gap between market price and NAV (\$1.89/\$1.56-1=21.2%). We believed that:

## 1. The discount to NTA will close

Investor dissatisfaction with MGF's persistent NAV discount was mounting, with pressure from prominent active shareholders requiring management to address this structural issue.

# 2. MGF was performing and stand to benefit from a market rally

MGF is heavily positioned in US large cap equities including the Magnificent 7 that PGF was underweight in. Our view back then was that US large caps will continue to perform well. Credit to Magellan as they have managed their portfolio very well in the past twelve months.

By July 2024, our thesis materialised when Magellan converted MGF into an ASX listed managed fund under the ticker MGOC. This conversion ensured that shares would trade at or near NAV, supported by market makers.

We subsequently divested our remaining MGOC parcels during late July and early August, at an average price of \$3.07 per share (equivalent to an MGF price of \$2.26 after adjusting for the conversion). Additionally, MGF distributed three dividends totalling \$0.11 over our holding period. Our initial investment of \$1.56 grew by 51.9% in just over a year thanks to both the closing of the NAV discount and strong global market return.

We have identified several new opportunities that we believe have the potential to replicate our success.

\$2.20
\$2.10 Sales
\$2.00
\$1.90
\$1.80
\$1.70 Further
\$1.60 Purchases
\$1.50 1-Jun-23 1-Jul-23 1-Aug-23 1-Sep-23 1-Oct-23 1-Nov-23 1-Dec-23 1-Jan-24 1-Feb-24 1-Mar-24 1-Apr-24 1-May-24 1-Jun-24 1-Jul-24

# Magellan Global Fund (MGF/MGOC Adjusted)

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Sources: ASX, PGF

## **Fund Information**

PGF was established in February 2021 with the goal of generating an above equity net return for its unitholders. It is designed as an absolute return fund with capital growth as the key focus, achieved by using an unconstrained approach via investing in a wide range of investable assets. Refer to fund Information Memorandum for more information.

# Portfolio Manager

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Responsible Manager Benjamin Peters, GDFP | ben@pgf.net.au **Fund Guideline** 

- Maximum Single Holding Size: 20% at Cost
- Maximum Unlisted Holdings: 30% at Cost
- Buy Sell Spreads: Nil
- Distribution Frequency: Annually
- Minimum Investment: \$100,000

#### **Application and Redemptions**

https://www.registrydirect.com.au/offer/phoenix-growth-fund/

# Website

https://www.pgf.net.au/

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