

Global Equity

Investment Objective

- MSCI All Country World Index ex Australia + 2.5% per annum after all fees and expenses on a rolling five-year basis
- Capital and income growth to exceed MSCI ACWI and inflation
- To achieve lower volatility than the MSCI All Country World Index ex Australia

Investment Firm

Established in 2010, Dundas Global Investors ("Dundas") is an independent Investment Management firm based in Edinburgh that manages a single investment strategy, global equities.

Dundas can best be categorised as Defensive Growth, with a focus on companies with strong and sustainable returns on equity and a growing dividend stream.

Key Advantages

- Pro-active management of both components of total return (capital and dividends)
- Fee minimisation and alignment of incentives
- Lower cost base
- Enhanced research that capitalises on technology

Investment Style

Dundas invests for capital and income growth. The team uses fundamental, bottom-up research to find companies capable of real long-term wealth generation that will lead to sustainable capital and dividend growth. While dividends are an important part of the investment proposition, Dundas places greater emphasis on future income streams as opposed to current payout ratios. The resulting portfolio is globally diversified, has an average holding period of more than five years, with satisfactory upside and good downside capture statistics.

Characteristics

Unit Price (NAV)	AUD\$3.3036
Fund Size (AUD)	AUD\$1,277.21M
Tax Losses Available (As at last distribution period)	AUD\$351.64M
Portfolio Inception Date	August 2012
Companies in Portfolio	Targeting 60-100 holdings
Investment Manager	Dundas Global Investors
Management Fee	0.50%
Buy/Sell Spread	15/15 (bps)
Portfolio Management Team	Russell Hogan – Managing Partner Alan McFarlane – Senior Partner James Curry – Partner Gavin Harvie – Partner David Keir – Analyst Amer Mahmood - Associate
Responsible Entity	K2 Asset Management
Custodian/Registry	State Street Australia Limited

Performance (%)

AUD return	1 mth	3 mths	1 yr	3 yr pa	5 yr pa	7 yr pa	Incep pa
Total (gross)	5.72	11.18	26.48	18.11	17.88	15.34	17.03
Total (net)	5.68	11.04	25.85	17.52	17.29	14.76	16.45
Relative*	1.20	2.22	(1.23)	4.05	3.38	1.82	1.09

Source: State Street Performance & Analytics Australia. Fund performance calculated using exit prices and shown on a total return basis (net dividends reinvested). Performance inception date is 31st August 2012. *Relative calculated as the difference between the Fund's gross (of fees) return and that of the MSCI All Country World Index ex Australia. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Portfolio Characteristics

No of Holdings	71
Dividend Yield	1.21%
Turnover* (last 12 months)	7.91%
Price/Earnings	34.7x
Price/Cash Flow	22.2x
Price/Book Value	5.9x
Beta (ex-ante)	0.84
Average market capitalisation	\$192.11bn
Median market capitalisation	\$63.50bn
Tracking error (1 year)	4.59

Sources: Dundas, Bloomberg. *Turnover calculated as ((Purchases + Sales)/2) / average assets.

Market Cap Exposure (% weight by capital)

Range	Fund
>US\$ 500bn	10.07
US\$ 100 - 500bn	31.94
US\$ 50 - 100bn	19.13
US\$ 10 - 50bn	30.48
US\$ 2 - 10bn	6.42

Sources: Dundas, Bloomberg.

Top Ten Holdings by Capital (% weight)

Stock	Fund	Active Weight*
Microsoft	2.78	(0.20)
ASML	2.66	2.21
Sonova	2.57	2.54
Lonza	2.49	2.41
Alphabet	2.25	1.12
Abbott Laboratories	2.15	1.84
Analog Devices	2.10	2.01
Accenture	2.10	1.82
W.W. Grainger	2.06	2.03
Taiwan Semiconductor ADR	2.05	1.25
TOTAL	23.22	17.03

Sources: Dundas, Bloomberg. *Active weight relative to the MSCI ACWI ex Australia.

Top Five Holdings by contribution to Dividend Yield (%)

Holding	Fund
Costco Wholesale*	5.44
Reckitt Benckiser	3.49
Home Depot	3.24
Taiwan Semiconductor ADR	3.15
Analog Devices	2.92
TOTAL	18.23

Sources: Dundas, Bloomberg. *Includes a special dividend.

Regional Allocation (%)

Country	Fund	Active Weight*
United States	50.78	(7.25)
Switzerland	8.85	5.98
France	8.72	5.82
Japan	5.62	(0.40)
United Kingdom	5.48	1.80
Denmark	3.60	2.93
Sweden	3.25	2.33
Emerging Markets	2.77	(10.18)
Netherlands	2.66	1.12
Germany	1.41	(1.00)
Hong Kong	1.16	0.06
Singapore	1.02	0.74
Spain	1.02	0.37
Norway	0.93	0.77
Canada	0.76	(2.25)

Sources: Dundas, Bloomberg. *Active Weight relative to the MSCI ACWI ex Australia.

Sector Exposure (%)

Sector	Fund	Active Weight*
Information Technology	30.87	8.64
Health Care	22.67	11.08
Financials	9.92	(3.79)
Consumer Staples	9.17	2.28
Consumer Discretionary	7.99	(4.86)
Industrials	6.55	(3.40)
Materials	5.63	0.99
Communication Services	5.24	(4.29)
Energy	-	(3.40)
Real Estate	-	(2.54)
Utilities	-	(2.65)
Cash	1.96	1.96

Sources: Dundas, Bloomberg. *Active Weight relative to the MSCI ACWI ex Australia.

Performance and Portfolio Comment – June 2021

Market overview

Measured by the ACWI ex Australia index in Australian Dollars, global equity markets rose 4.52% in June.

North America was the best performing major region gaining 5.89% with the US market up 6.04% while Canada gained 3.43%. Asia Pacific rose 3.00% with its largest markets all delivering gains: Taiwan had a better month (3.77%), followed by China (+3.49%) and Japan (+2.81%). Western Europe was the poorest performer (+1.78%) with gains from Denmark (+4.84%), Switzerland (+4.49%) and Netherlands (+3.51%) offset by marginal returns from UK (+0.12%) and Sweden (+0.29%).

Nine of the eleven sectors delivered positive returns in June, with I.T. (+9.31%) leading the market, making up for its poorer performance in May. Energy (+6.54%) was again one of the top performing sectors, followed by Health Care (+6.21%) and Consumer Discretionary (+5.86%). Communication Services rose 5.02% while Real Estate and Consumer Staples returned 4.62% and 2.63%, respectively. Laggards relative to the overall market with modest gains were Industrials (+1.89%) and Utilities (+0.18%). Materials (-0.88%) put in the worst performance followed by Financials (-0.22%).

Performance overview

Over the past 12 months, the Fund has delivered a total return gross of fees of 26.48% while the benchmark index gained 27.71%. For the second quarter the Fund delivered a return of 11.18% which translates to an excess return of 2.22%. In June the Fund rose 5.72%, ahead of the benchmark which posted a return of 4.52%.

Stock selection and sector allocation were both responsible for the Fund's positive relative performance during the month. The Fund's Health Care holdings were the biggest contributor and being overweight to the sector aided returns. Good performance from Materials stocks compared to the benchmark also contributed positively, as did the portfolio's underweight to Financials. Stock selection in Communication Services and having no exposure to Energy, one of the top performing market sectors, were the main detractors. By region, strong stock selection in Western Europe and Asia Pacific – particularly in Switzerland, France, and Japan – made the biggest positive contribution, while the Fund's US holdings detracted.

The top five stock contributors came from three sectors: Health Care, I.T. and Consumer Discretionary and were global pharma outsourced manufacturer **Lonza** (+13.61%), Japanese clinical diagnostics specialist **Sysmex** (+20.20%), US-listed e-commerce platform **eBay** (+18.90%), Swiss-listed hearing aid specialist **Sonova** (+10.21%) and digital payments giant **PayPal** (+15.58%). Tech giant **Apple** (+13.32%) was the main detractor in June due to the Fund's relative underweight compared to the benchmark. The next biggest detractors were Asian life insurer **Prudential** (-8.31%), industrial maintenance and repair supplier **W.W. Grainger** (-2.29%), global paint and coatings specialist **PPG Industries** (-2.60%), and insurance solutions provider **WR Berkley** (-0.76%).

Dividends

We continued to see positive dividend trends across the portfolio this month. **TSMC**, the world's largest chip foundry and service provider to technology customers such as Apple and Nvidia, increased their dividend 10%. Based on very strong demand growth that looks to be outpacing supply for the coming years, this pace of dividend growth will likely be sustained. **WR Berkley** a US specialty P&C insurance business that has innovated in products like cyber insurance continues to perform very well, announcing an 8.3% growth in the underlying dividend as well as a special dividend of 50c a share, broadly equivalent to the 52c annual dividend. **Open Text**, a Canadian enterprise software developer announced a 15% dividend increase, driven by strong cash flows from their portfolio of established franchises while remaining optimistic on their ability to continue to do deals. **FactSet Research Systems** increased their dividend 6.5%, despite being somewhat slower than we expected, the business remains incredibly strong with ample scope to sustainably grow the dividend greater than 10% p.a. It is likely that this moderation in dividend growth is due to volatility in capital markets, the key end market for their customers, as well as rising scope for M&A.

Portfolio changes

There were no full sales or new investments made during June.

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