

# **Alpha Global Opportunities Fund**

March 2016

#### **Alpha Global Opportunities - Snapshot**

Morningstar Category Australia OE Equity World Large Blend Time Period: 3/04/2007 to 31/03/2016

Inception Date 2/04/2007 180.0

# **Fund and Market Commentary**

The global equity market as measured by the MSCI World Index fell 0.99% over March while the Alpha Global Opportunities Fund lagged. Over the longer term the Fund has achieved competitive performance relative to its benchmark.

After the much hyped rate rise last year, the United States Federal Reserve (FED) has become more dovish on the backdrop of weakening economics, opting not to raise rates during the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting in March. Across the pond, the European Central Bank (ECB) has been busy expanding monetary policy, announcing an increase in their monthly asset purchases to 80 billion EUR. They also moved the deposit rate to negative 0.4% to encourage more bank lending.

US equity markets ended the month well in the black with the Dow Jones and S&P 500 indices up by 7.08% and by 6.60% respectively. European markets performed well in March, with Germany's DAX up 4.94% while Italy's MIB index rose 2.80% and the FTSE 100 lifted 1.28%. Asian markets were also well ahead with Japan's Nikkei 225 index rising 5.31%, while China's Shanghai Composite was up 11.75%.

The Australian dollar (AUD) had an impressive increase over March in line with stronger commodity prices ending the month at 0.7657 United States (US) cents.

Considering the prospects for assets beyond short-term noise and volatility, our preference is to take a longer term approach to the markets. This does not mean we are not actively managing the Fund. To the contrary, the structure of our Fund is always reflective of our most current assessment of market risk. In structuring the fund, Alpha Fund Managers seek to select high quality managers and blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

# Top 10 Holdings - March 2016

Time Period: Since Incention to 31/03/2016

Stock Name	Country	Sector
Microsoft Corporation	United States	Technology
Intel Corp	United States	Technology
Lowe's Companies Inc.	United States	Consumer Cyclical
Irish Continental Group	Ireland	Industrials
Wells Fargo & Co	United States	Financial Services
Visa Inc Class A	United States	Financial Services
RPC Group PLC	United Kingdom	Consumer Cyclical
Yum Brands Inc	United States	Consumer Cyclical
IBM Corp	United States	Technology
PayPal Holdings Inc	United States	Technology

#### **Risk Matrix**

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	Alpha Global Opportunities	MSCI World Ex Australia
Alpha	0.57	0.00
Std Dev	11.10	12.26
Sharpe Ratio	0.11	0.09

0.14

## **Investment Growth (net of fees) versus Benchmark**

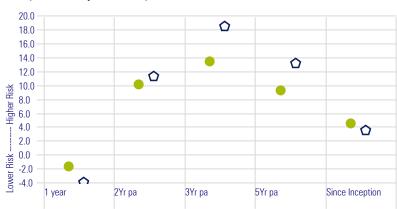


#### **Returns (net of fees) versus Benchmark**

As of Date: 31/03/2016 Data Point: Return

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	Month	Quarter	6 Mth	1Yr	2Yr pa	3Yr pa	5Yr pa	Since Inception
Alpha Global Opportunities	-1.11	-3.85	-0.99	-1.57	10.30	13.63	9.34	4.61
MSCI World Ex Australia NR A	AUD -0.99	-5.81	-4.19	-3.90	11.39	18.68	13.27	3.58

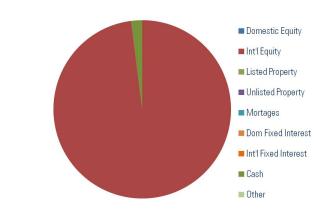
#### Risk (i.e. Volatility of Returns) versus Benchmark



Alpha Global Opportunities
 MSCI World Ex Australia NR AUD

#### **Asset Allocation**

0.12



#### **Investment Objective**

The Alpha Global Opportunities Fund seeks to outperform the MSCI World ex Australia index consistently. The Fund will invest in a diverse range of globally listed securities as well as taking advantage of active country and asset allocation.

Alpha Fund Managers seek to achieve the stated investment objective by the blending of a small number of high conviction investment managers, each with a different investment process, in a complementary manner so as to produce consistent outperformance with risk similar or less than the fund's benchmark.

Fund Style: Actively Managed Diversified Global Equity Portfolio

## **Current Manager Line-up**

**Magellan** aims to find outstanding companies at attractive prices that have a strong competitive advantage and the ability to re-invest capital into the business at high incremental returns. This strategy is integrated with an in-depth macroeconomic understanding in order to manage risk. The Fund's portfolio comprises 20 to 40 investments offering diversification to ensure the Fund is not overly correlated to a single company, industry or macroeconomic risk.

Manager Style: Global High Conviction Value

**Polaris** Capital Management has one of the longest track records of any firm in operation with over 25 years investing in global equity markets. The manager employs a deep value strategy using fundamental bottom-up stock selection with the flexibility to invest in companies across developed and emerging markets. Typical investments generate strong sustainable free cash flows while having conservative balance sheets.

Manager Style: Global Deep Value

**Alliance Bernstein** has grown significantly since its genesis in 1967 with offices in 22 countries, 3,490 employees and managing \$485 billion in assets. AB has a comprehensive range of research, portfolio-management, wealth-management and client-service offices around the world, reflecting its global capabilities and the needs of its clients. AB's global teams collaborate across asset classes and investment strategies in order to spark new thinking and deliver superior outcomes for clients. *Manager Style: Global Diversified Equity with a Focus on Real Earnings and Risk Management* 

**Wellington Management** offers comprehensive investment management capabilities that span nearly all segments of the global capital markets. Their investment solutions, tailored to the unique return and risk objectives of institutional clients in more than 50 countries, draw on a robust body of proprietary research and a collaborative culture that encourages independent thought and healthy debate. Since its humble beginnings in 1928, the business has grown to include 12 offices worldwide, catering for over 2100 clients managing \$936 billion in assets.

Manager Style: Global High Conviction with Stable Earnings Focus

#### **About Alpha Fund Managers**

Alpha Fund Managers' investment philosophy is based on the premise that there are particular investment managers that have the ability to consistently generate "alpha" over the medium to long-term and through all financial market cycles irrespective of any style bias (growth vs. value, large cap vs. small cap, etc.). "Alpha" in this context is defined as an investment manager's unique ability to select a portfolio of securities that differs from and outperforms its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. In other words, it is an investment manager's ability to beat the index. Alpha Fund Managers' investment process is based on a balanced approach to quantitative and qualitative research and analysis techniques to assess and select the underlying investment managers in each Alpha Fund Series fund. Alpha Fund Managers seek to add value by selecting investment managers demonstrating high-level of investment conviction, unique investment processes and proven record in managing risk and generating long-term "alpha" over full market cycles. Alpha Fund Managers then blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

Investment	<b>Details</b>
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APIR Code	ETL0094AU
Ticker	15579
Net Assets (\$Mil)	57
Month End Price Date	31/03/2016
Month End Price	0.8669

#### **Purchase Information**

Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Minimum Balance:	\$25,000
Minimum Additional Investment/Withdrawal	\$10,000
Buy-sell Spread	0.35%
Income Distribution	Half Yearly
Valuation/Unit Pricing	Daily
Management Fee	1.50%
Performance Fee	Applicable - refer to PDS on Website

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