



Global Positive Peace™ Growth Fund

MARCH 2021

PORTFOLIO NAV UNIT PRICE

31 March 2021	\$1.0700
31 December 2020	\$1.0648

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

	3 m	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	INCEPTION
GPPGF Portfolio [^]	0.5%	-	-	-	7.1%
MSCI World Index in AUD	5.6%	-	-	-	10.7%

[^] Source: EC Pohl & Co Private Equity.

Gross performance before impact of fees, taxes and charges. Past performance no predictor of future returns.

OBJECTIVE

To outperform the MSCI World Index in AUD by 2-4% over a rolling 5-year time frame.

STRATEGY

High-conviction portfolio of quality growth companies sourced globally where peaceful microeconomic foundations provide the optimal conditions for the economics of business to drive superior, long-term investment returns.

BENCHMARK

MSCI World Index in AUD

MANAGER

EC Pohl & Co Private Equity Pty Ltd

INCEPTION DATE

3 September 2020

MANAGEMENT FEE

1.0% p.a.

PERFORMANCE FEE

20.0% of the Outperformance of the benchmark.

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MARKET COMMENTARY

Despite the considerable ongoing uncertainty, global markets were stronger during the March quarter but volatility intra month and intra quarter was extremely high. With COVID seemingly less of an issue now, investor focus shifted to inflationary concerns and the impact on interest rates which in turn saw a large rotation from growth related stocks to value related stocks which impacted our portfolio return for the quarter.

In the US, hopes for progress against Covid-19 with the vaccine rollout, ongoing fiscal support, and the recent election of President Joe Biden has seen investors proceed with a sense of optimism for the new year. This quarter has seen some traditionally value-laggard stocks outperform, with the richly valued growth stocks fading. Companies that are tied to the US economy and dividend-paying stocks were amongst the best performers. Interestingly, the US market witnessed unusual, highly targeted trading activity, which saw unprecedented incidents such as the short squeeze involving GameStop. President Biden confirmed a fiscal stimulus package of \$1.9 billion and \$2.0 trillion infrastructure spending.

In Europe, equities posted strong gains during the quarter as optimism surrounding vaccines took hold. Europe has been one of the hardest hit regions from COVID, with continued outbreaks wreaking havoc on local economies. Rising Covid infections continue to impact services and tourism, however manufacturers have seen strong performance with the purchasing managers index (PMI) posting record highs. Key sectors during the quarter were those that are tied to an economic recovery, with consumer discretionary stocks performing well. Notably, with the rise of electronic vehicles (EVs), car makers such as Volkswagen are announcing ambitious EV plans. The FTSE posted +3.9%, the CAC +9.3%, the DAX +9.4% and the Euro Stoxx +10.3%.

Australia underperformed during the quarter and was impacted by the political uncertainties that have been created by the COVID pandemic. While Australia has proven to be very successful in managing the virus, ongoing inter-state lockdowns have created uncertainty on the performance of large sectors of the market especially education and tourism. Equity markets have witnessed the growth to value rotation, while battling through flat consumer confidence despite strong economic indicators. The ASX All Ordinaries posted +2.4% for the quarter, and the Small Ordinaries up +1.3%, respectively. The AUD had mixed performance during the quarter, posting -1.3% against the US Dollar (76.0 US cents), -2.1% against the Pound (55.1 pence), and +2.8% against the Euro (64.8 cents).

PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

SECTOR ALLOCATION	
Information Technology	39.1%
Telecommunications	16.8%
Health Care	12.1%
Consumer Staples	9.3%
Consumer Discretionary	8.3%
Cash	7.0%
Industrials	3.4%
Material	2.9%
Financials	1.4%

TOP HOLDINGS	
Apple Inc	5.6%
Alphabet Inc	5.1%
Facebook Inc	4.9%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	4.7%
WD 40 Company	4.7%
Microsoft Corporation	4.3%
Adobe Inc	3.5%
Visa Inc	3.3%
Cochlear Ltd	3.1%