

## Market Update

Global equities continued their upward ascent with U.S equities climbing to all-time highs on the back of better-than-forecast earnings with over 80% of SP500 companies reporting exceeding expectations. Despite disappointing results from Alphabet, FANG+ stocks allowed the Nasdaq to outperform +4.7%.

However, it was European equities turn to shine, outperforming U.S counterparts as better economic data, along with 2019 EPS projections exceeding those of the U.S sent Eurostoxx 50 +4.90%. Banks and automakers led the gains with Dax +7.00%. Chinese equities significantly underperformed -1.50% on disappointing manufacturing data along with reports that the U.S. wants to leave some punitive tariffs in place to enforce a trade deal, which is in its final stages.

It was a King USD story as demand for US assets saw \$Index rising to the highest level in 2yrs underscoring the strength of the U.S economy vs the rest of the world as U.S 10 yr yields remained steady at 2.52%. Stronger than expected data out of Europe saw 10yr Bunds underperform rising 4bps above negative territory to 0.01%. The global phenomenon of tepid inflation was non more evident than in Australia, with 10 yr bonds outperforming with yields down 1.4bps to 1.78% as talks of rate cuts intensified.

Commodities were lower across the board as USD surged, but Oil picked up where it left off with Brent hitting \$75/bbl on disruption supplies, American sanctions on Iran while OPEC remains committed to keep a lid on output sent prices up another 5%. Iron Ore also bucked the trend rallying 14% due to supply disruptions from WA and Brazil.

# **Investment Manager Outlook Statement** Stuart McAuliffe, *Portfolio Manager.*

"After the severe global falls in Q4, the start of the new year offered sensible equities valuations once again. The Federal Reserve dramatically backed away from their aggressive rate rises and this rallied markets. In particular the UK and European equity markets offered good upside as they were at low bases with earnings at near recessionary levels. This equity rally has backed off a bit, except for China. The strength in equities in Q1 has also rallied commodities, in particular oil which was up 5% on the month. Onward and upward."

## **Current Values**

Application Price	\$1.0422
NAV Price	\$1.0406
Redemption Price	\$1.0390
Net Asset Value	\$2.549 mil

## Fund Statistics - April

Annualised return	n/a
Annualised volatility	0.05911
Sharpe ratio (risk free rate is AUD 3 month BB rate)	0.718908
Sortino ratio	13.561589
Positive Months (%)	67%

For an explanation of some of the performance metrics/fund statistics please refer to the retail fund page on JB Markets' website.

# Performance as at 30 April 2019

	Fund Performance
1 Month	3.25%
3 Months	n/a
4 Months	n/a
6 Months	n/a
9 Months	n/a
12 Months	n/a
Since inception (15 Feb 2019)	4.06%

Past trading performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns displayed are net of fees. Fees and other costs are exclusive of GST unless otherwise stated.

#### **Performance Chart**

Growth of \$50,000 investment since fund inception (distributions reinvested)



## **Fund Objective**

The Investment Manager will seek to provide investors with capital growth over the medium to long-term. The Fund will invest in a range of financial products that focus on global macroeconomics and, in holding both long and short positions, will seek absolute returns regardless of market direction. The Investment Manager's advantage lies in correct assessment of broad valuation measures, macroeconomic environment, sentiment and economic forecasting. The strategy aims to identify medium and long-term trends and trend shifts, but to also vary position size given short-term technical indicators including sentiment and momentum.

## **Fund Strategy**

The Fund will invest in a range of financial products that focus on global macroeconomics.

The goal is to provide investors with exposure to global markets, where returns are not necessarily correlated to traditional ASX equity markets (which is where many listed investment companies focus their investment activities).

In holding both long and short positions, the Fund will seek absolute returns – that is, returns regardless of market direction.

The Fund has a focus on an actively managed portfolio of exchange traded futures and options, trading where the Investment Manager believes that significant valuation discrepancies exist between current trading prices and the underlying intrinsic value of the asset class.

The Fund may also invest directly in equities listed in Australia and offshore on leading exchanges, and can hold relatively large cash exposures. Derivatives may be used to leverage the Fund.

The Fund seeks to maintain a diversity of investments in deeply liquid markets, with the goal of reducing risk and volatility (or the variability of returns).

# **Investment Manager**

John Bridgeman Limited (Investment Manager) has been appointed by the Responsible Entity for JB High Alpha Retail Fund to manage the Portfolio in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Investment Management Agreement and the PDS. The Investment Manager and its investment team have considerable experience in investment management across different geographies, sectors and industries. The Investment Manager operates a specialist investment management business, and is listed on the National Stock Exchange of Australia under the ticker "JBL".

# Portfolio Manager

Stuart McAuliffe, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of John Bridgeman Limited, has primary responsibility for the investment decisions of the Investment Manager. He is supported by a team of investment professionals who have skills and expertise across Australian and global markets.

Stuart has over 25 years' experience investing in global equity, bond, currency and commodity markets. He has pioneered innovative research into the correlation and causation between different global equity and currency markets over short, medium and long term time periods. As the senior executive responsible for investments, he uses a 'layered' approach combining multiple time frame fundamental analysis with short term technical trading patterns to maximise returns while managing risk.

#### **Fund Details**

Name	JB High Alpha Retail Fund
ARSN	ARSN 602 157 559
APIR Code	JBM7543AU
Responsible Entity	One Managed Investment Funds Limited ABN 47 117 400 987 AFSL 297042
Investment Manager	John Bridgeman Limited ABN 55 603 477 185 CAR 1008380
Key Portfolio Manager	Stuart McAuliffe
Administrator	Unity Fund Services Pty Ltd ABN 16 146 747 122
Custodian	One Managed Investment Funds Limited ABN 47 117 400 987 AFSL 297042
Registry provider	One Registry Services Pty Ltd ABN 69141757360
Auditor	Crowe Horwath Sydney
Broking	JB Markets Pty Ltd ABN 81 123 876 291 AFSL 323182
Fund inception date	15 Feb 2019
Entity	Open-ended Registered Managed Investment Trust
Units	All units rank equally with each other
Currency	Reported in Australian Dollars
Domicile	Australia
Minimum Investment amount	\$50,000
Minimum additional Investment	\$5,000
Investor Type	Retail and Wholesale clients.
	2.05% pa (including net GST) of the gross asset value of the Fund, charged monthly in arrears.
Management Fee	See Section 5 Fees and other costs of the PDS for details.
	23.575% (including net GST) of any positive Fund performance after Investment Management Fees and before Usual Expenses, subject to a High Water Mark.
Performance Fee	See Section 5 Fees and other costs of the PDS for details.
High water mark	Yes
Buy/Sell Spread	+0.15% and -0.15%
Distributions	Annually
Liquidity	Weekly Applications/ Fortnightly Withdrawals, see PDS for details

#### **RG240 Disclosure**

For the period up to 30 April 2019 covered by this Report there were no material changes to any of the following: The Fund's risk profile; the Fund's strategy; and key investment personnel related to the Fund.

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