# Market Update

Equity markets started the month on a positive note, supported by the de-escalation of the tension in the Middle East, the signing of the US-China phase-one trade deal and generally thanks to strong economic news. However, market sentiment shifted quickly towards the end of the month, following the coronavirus outbreak in China. Investors feared that the epidemic, which draws parallel to the SARS outbreak in 2003 might significantly weigh on the global economic outlook. News of the spreading coronavirus stoked global economic fears and affected stocks in a broad cross-section of industries, including energy, travel, airlines, and gaming. With more cases reported in the U.S. - and China's struggles to contain the outbreak - stocks trended lower at the end of the month. The selling accelerated on the final day of trading, pushing the Dow Industrials and S&P 500 into the red for January. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped one percent, while the Standard & Poor's 500 Index lost nearly 0.2 percent. The NASDAQ Composite, however, managed to post a gain of 1.99 percent.

Over in Europe, the FTSE 100 ended January down 3.40%, underperforming other European equity markets as strong British pound weighed on UK equities. Returns were mixed across geographic mandates in January. Despite the weak performance of the equity markets in the region, fund managers focusing on Asia ex-Japan were up 1.29%, outperforming their North American and European peers who were down 0.30% and 0.24%, respectively.

The Shenzhen and Shanghai benchmarks were down 8.45% and 7.72% on February 3, after the onshore markets reopened following the Chinese New Year holiday. The two market benchmarks partially recouped their losses over the following few days thanks to the liquidity injection introduced by the PBOC, as well as the tariff reduction on US imports.

#### **Investment Manager Outlook Statement**

Stuart McAuliffe, Portfolio Manager.

The Fund is holding a levered position in Chinese technology stocks based on:

- Valuation
- Up trend in tech stocks globally
- Likely outcome to US/China Trade war.

Stocks in Asia have pulled back a few percent from highs, but the outlook is positive going into 2020 and we expect a positive year given fiscal and monetary policy loosening as the USA goes into a Presidential election year, normally a positive economic event.

### **Current Values**

Application Price	\$0.8275
NAV Price	\$0.8263
Redemption Price	\$0.8251
Net Asset Value	\$3.913 mil

## **Fund Statistics - January**

Annualised return	-17.35%
Annualised volatility	0.11208
Sharpe ratio (risk free rate is AUD 3 month BB rate)	-0.354835
Sortino ratio	-0.419071
Positive Months (%)	42%
Monthly Standard Deviation	0.03235

For an explanation of some of the performance metrics/fund statistics please refer to

# Performance as at 31 January 2020

	Fund Performance
1 Month	-11.86%
3 Months	-18.55%
4 Months	-15.26%
6 Months	-19.33%
9 Months	-20.58%
12 Months	n/a
Since inception (15 Feb 2019)	-17.35%

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 31 January 2020 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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