## **Market Update**

After the most aggressive equity market sell-off ever witnessed, April saw one of the most impressive market recoveries on record. Global equities rallied 9%, building upon the gains of late March, and have now recovered half of the February-March losses. Several factors have helped boost sentiment:

- In general, the spread of COVID-19 not been as bad as was feared in the middle of March and so-called infection curves have been flattening.
- There has been an increasing focus on reopening the economy, particularly in the US.
- Central bank liquidity injections have boosted portfolio flows into risk assets. For example, the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) balance sheet has increased by \$2.3trn since March and some of the corresponding increase in cash has flowed into financial assets.
- A marked improvement in the functioning of the corporate bond market, on the back of central bank bond purchases and an unprecedented commitment on the part of the Fed to purchase the bonds of companies which have been downgraded to below investment grade as a result of the crisis.
- As markets continued to push higher in the second half of the month some investors who had become cautious in March and were keen to recoup losses began to chase the market higher. A fear of missing out (FOMO) increasingly characterised many investors' mindsets.

For much of the month these factors more than offset the very negative new flow on the global economy, widespread cuts and cancellations of dividends and an unprecedented collapse in the price of Brent Crude oil. First-quarter US GDP fell 4.8% but the true picture for the quarter is much worse.

Looking ahead to the second quarter, the weakness in growth will be significantly worse, as the full impact of the lockdown is felt and estimates are for global growth to decline by roughly -22%, making the recession the worst seen since the Second World War.

Elsewhere, we are now only beginning to see the impact of this reduced economic activity on corporate earnings. In the US, with roughly a third of S&P500 companies reporting so far, earnings per share have fallen by an average of -19% on a year on year basis, with the biggest declines seen in consumer discretionary, materials and industrial companies. In contrast, the earnings of defensive sectors – healthcare, consumer staple, technology and utilities have held up much better and, for the first quarter, have typically grown in the low single figures year on year.

If we turn to analysts' estimates for a moment, US corporate earnings are expected to fall 20% this year and improve by 30% in 2021.

After a good run in April, markets will begin to focus once more on the macroeconomic data flow and corporate earnings delivery, both of which are likely to be a headwind in the months ahead. Looking further ahead, however, optimists would highlight that financial markets are adept at discounting the future. As a rule, equity markets tend to find a firm footing roughly one quarter before the end of a recession.

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

As markets look to be at a breaking point the fund continues to be underweight risk relative to our benchmarks. We expect the sharp and erratic moves to continue into May and await opportunities with better risk/reward to present themselves.

#### **Current Values**

Application Price	\$0.6393
NAV Price	\$0.6383
Redemption Price	\$0.6373
Net Asset Value	\$2.322 mil

## Fund Statistics - April

Annualised return	-31.08%
Annualised volatility	0.11208
Sharpe ratio (risk free rate is AUD 3 month BB rate)	-0.545450
Sortino ratio	-0.617321
Positive Months (%)	33%
Monthly Standard Deviation	0.03235
Return Since Inception	-36.16%

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 2020

	Fund Performance
1 Month	-2.03%
3 Months	-22.75%
4 Months	-31.91%
6 Months	-37.08%
g Months	-37.68%
12 Months	-38.65%
Since inception (15 Feb 2019) – Annualised	-31.08%

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)



JB High Alpha Retail Fund
Fund performance since inception, after fees

#### **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 69 141 757 360
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
	Weekly Applications/

#### **RG240 Disclosure**

For the period up to 30 April 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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