

MONTHLY REPORT

April 2020 Factsheet



Fund Details

Name	JB High Alpha Fund
Entity	Open-ended Investment Unit Trust
Domicile	Australia
Key portfolio manager	Stuart McAuliffe
Investment Manager	John Bridgeman Limited
Broking & Clearing	JB Markets Pty Ltd/ Saxo Bank
Trustee	JB Markets Pty Ltd
Fund Inception Date	14 February 2017
Minimum Investment amount	\$50,000
Investor type	Wholesale clients
Units	All units will rank equally with each other
Currency	Reported in Australian Dollars
Management Fee	2.0% of net AUM
Performance Fee	23.0% of the increase in Fund's net asset value (NAV)
High water mark	Yes
Distributions	Nil
Withdrawals	Weekly
APIR code	JBM2867AU

Investment Manager

The JB High Alpha Fund has appointed John Bridgeman Limited to manage the Portfolio in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Management Services Agreement. The Manager and its investment team have considerable experience in investment management across different geographies, sectors and industries. The 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.

Performance as at 30 April 2020

	Fund	Barclay Hedge Fund Index	Outperformance
1 Month	-7.87%	5.35%	-13.22%
3 Months	-12.75%	-6.55%	-6.20%
6 Months	-32.94%	-4.17%	-28.77%
1 Year	-47.18%	-3.23%	-43.95%
Since inception (Feb 17)	-12.94%	6.70%	-19.64%

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 \$10,000 investment since fund inception



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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.
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Stocks continue to be supported by lower rates and the Fed's corporate bond buying program but from here it gets more interesting. The bullish view on equities will continue if rates bottom and economic growth bounces. The US Dollar may finally top out soon, sending other major currencies higher and driving commodity prices and emerging markets.

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

Statistics

Annualised return	-3.15%
Annualised volatility	27.89%
Sharpe ratio (risk free rate is AUD 3 month BB rate)	0.0
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Positive Months (%)	59%

Fund Objective

The Fund's objective is to provide investors with moderate to high portfolio appreciation over the medium to long-term through active management of the investment assets. 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 Fund will predominantly invest and trade in global futures markets worldwide, across categories such as share indices, interest rates, currencies and commodities. The Fund may also invest in listed equities and can hold relatively large cash exposures.

Fund Strategy

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. The strategy targets positive results over 12 month rolling periods. The Investment Manager's advantage lies in correct assessment of broad valuation measures, macroeconomic environment, sentiment and economic forecasting.

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