# Market Update

For much of the month there was a positive flow on the global economy, notwithstanding 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.

The optimism related to the gradual reopening of the economies around the world, unprecedented actions of fiscal stimulus and central bank support for the financial system. After some initial weakness in equity prices early in the month, the US stock market closed out the month with a gain of about 5%.

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

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.

After a good run in April and May, markets should 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 much 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.

#### **Fund Update**

The offer document of the Fund has been withdrawn from use effective 26 June 2020.

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

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.

## **Current Values**

Application Price	\$0.5950
NAV Price	\$0.5941
Redemption Price	\$0.5932
Net Asset Value	\$1.993 mil

## **Fund Statistics – May**

Annualised return	-33.19%
Annualised volatility	0.11208
Sharpe ratio (risk free rate is AUD 3 month BB rate)	-0.602720
Sortino ratio	-0.683116
Positive Months (%)	31%
Monthly Standard Deviation	0.03235
Return Since Inception	-40.58%

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 31 May 2020

	Fund Performance
1 Month	-6.92%
3 Months	-21.13%
4 Months	-28.10%
6 Months	-37.50%
g Months	-42.67%
12 Months	-42.07%
Since inception (15 Feb 2019) – Annualised	-33.19%

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 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%
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Distributions	Annually

#### **RG240 Disclosure**

For the period up to 31 May 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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