

# Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund

Global Change. Listed Investments. Daily Liquidity.

Monthly Investor Letter December 2016

The Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund invests in listed disruptive businesses globally. The Fund provides geographical and sectoral diversification which lowers the concentration risk inherent in the typical Australian portfolio, with its heavy skew toward banks, resources and the Australian dollar.

## **Review & Outlook**

The Fund manager estimated return gross\* of fees was +1.96%, which was -2.69% below the benchmark (MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index in Australian dollars). The benchmark returned +4.65% for the month.

The markets continued their post-Trump jig, with optimism around the likelihood of a better deal on taxes, as well as job creation in traditional industries like coal and car-making, which pushed many of the beatendown index companies like Exxon and GM into a solid rally. This re-rating seems well-judged by the markets, but is unlikely to translate into a sustainable improvement in these businesses - no amount of playing-field tilt will change the fact that they are generally less efficient than their newly-enabled disruptive competitors. This is the reason the Loftus Peak thematic has been outperforming over the past two years, which can be seen **in our managed discretionary account product** (which has a longer track record than this Fund, for which Loftus Peak has been Manager only since 15 Nov 2016).

The Australian dollar continued its depreciation against the US dollar, falling a further 2% this month and supporting the Fund's absolute return.

# Performance\*

	1m	3m	6m	1y	Зу	Inception
Portfolio (gross-of-fees)	+1.96%	-	-	-	-	+5.92%
Index	+4.65%	-	-	-	-	+8.21%
Outperformance (gross-of-fees)	-2.69%	-	-	-	-	-2.29%
Portfolio (net-of-fees)	+1.96%	-	-	-	-	+5.92%

\*Manager estimated returns. Index for the Fund is MSCI AC World Net Total Return Index in Australian dollars. All returns are shown to two decimal places. Returns for the periods more than one year are annualised. Total returns include realised and unrealised gains and losses plus income and are time weighted return that adjust for external cash flows. Valuations are computed and performance reported in Australian dollars. Gross-of-fees performance returns are presented before management and performance fees but after all trading expenses. Net-offees performance returns are presented after management and performance fees.

Key Facts		
Inception Date	15 November 2016	
Product Type	Registered Managed Investment Scheme domiciled in Australia	
Product Sponsor	Equity Trustees Limited	
Investment Universe	Listed Global Equities	
Benchmark	MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg)	
Number of Investments	15-35	
Minimum Cash Allocation	1%	
Maximum Cash Allocation	50%	
Suggested time frame	3-5 years	
Minimum Investment	AU\$5,000	
Liquidity	Daily	
Pricing Frequency	Daily	
Withdrawal Notice	Generally, notifications received before 2pm on a business day will be processed using the unit price effective for that day.	

Fees	
Distributions	Paid annually as at 30 June
Annual Management Costs	1.20% per annum (inc. GST)
Performance Related Fee	15% in excess of the hurdle return with a high watermark payable six monthly as at 30 June and 31 December each year

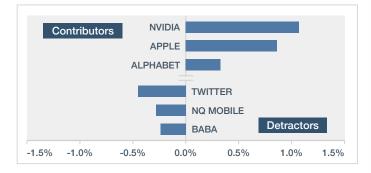
Unit Prices				
Date	31 December 2016			
Entry Price (in AUD)	1.1326			
Exit Price (in AUD)	1.1270			

# Portfolio Contributors and Detractors

Machine-learning group Nvidia was again strong, adding 1.07% to the value of the Fund, as markets began to fully appreciate the enormous head start the company has opened up over competitors. We like Nvidia not only for the technology but also for the new business opportunities it opens in driverless cars and data centres, the latter of which will be required in businesses from retail to border security.

Apple and Alphabet were also solid.

Negative contributions were recorded from Twitter, which is the subject of constant takeover rumours. The company's value lies in the trove of data around its users' interests, which should be an advertising bonanza that is unlocked over time. Alibaba was weak on sabre-rattling about China.



## **Portfolio Construction**

94% of the Fund is invested in 22 holdings which the manager considers likely outperformers.

Top Five Holdings				
Apple	12.6%			
Alphabet	7.5%			
Comcast	7.5%			
Amazon	7.5%			
Baidu	7.3%			

## Learn more

For the latest on investment in global change and disruption, search for us in the Australian Financial Review, the ConstantInvestor, or the Sydney Morning Herald, or on Livewire or visit us at www.loftuspeak.com.au or email alexpollak@loftuspeak.com.au

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## About Loftus Peak

Loftus Peak is a global fund manager with a focus on investing in listed disruptive businesses. Our team's extensive experience of successfully investing in disruptive businesses brings significant discipline to the investment process.

The Fund, which includes large capitalisation names like Apple, Google and Alibaba, is constructed on the basis of strict criteria, giving investors exposure to the some of the best and fastest-growing companies in the world, at carefully determined valuations. This kind of geographical and sectoral diversification lowers the concentration risk inherent in the typical Australian portfolio, with its heavy skew toward banks, resources and the Australian dollar.

We believe self-managed super funds, and investors generally, want a professionally-managed portfolio that gives them access to these important secular trends.

## The Team

The portfolio is managed by Alex Pollak and Anshu Sharma.



## Alex Pollak: CEO, CIO and Founder

With 25 years experience in disruptive business models gained during a career with Macquarie Bank, Alex heads one of the bestperforming teams in global listed disruptive business investment in Australia.

He was instrumental in bringing both Seek and Carsales.com.au to

the Australian stock market. His deep knowledge of investment and global change companies means you are ideally placed to benefit financially from the movements in technology which are daily changing the face of markets.



### Anshu Sharma: Portfolio Manager

Anshu started his career in global disruption investment almost a decade ago at TechInvest. This was followed by Portfolio Manager and TMT Analyst responsibilities for the Asia region at Eight Investment Partners.

Being mentored by the best in this space early on in his career

and having extensively travelled in Asia to meet hundreds of companies, Anshu brings a wealth of experience to investing globally.

He has an M.Comm from the University of New South Wales and a B.Comm (Hons) from Delhi University. He holds the CIPM® certificate and the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.