

# Loftus Peak Global Change Portfolio

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Monthly Investor Letter March 2018

Traditional business models are being disrupted as connectivity, networks and the sharing economy impact all industries – retail, transport, energy and banking to name a few. Loftus Peak invests to generate returns from these major secular shifts. The Portfolio's 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.

# **Review & Outlook**

The Portfolio underperformed relative to its benchmark (MSCI All Countries World Index (net in AUD from Bloomberg) in March, as our portfolio holdings were hit by China's reaction to Donald Trump's decision to impose tariffs. We believe this is mostly rhetoric designed to play to Trump's base, and that the market is over-reacting. Nevertheless, it impacted our performance, which was down -4.6% gross-of-fees, and -3.8% below the benchmark, which returned -0.7%.

# **Performance\***

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	Inception p.a.
Portfolio (gross-of- fees)	-4.55%	+3.03%	+10.94%	+26.39%	+17.14%	+21.46%
Index	-0.73%	+0.73%	+6.90%	+14.33%	+7.83%	+12.52%
Outperformance (gross-of-fees)	-3.82%	+2.30%	+4.04%	+12.06%	+9.31%	+8.94%
Portfolio (net-of- fees)	-4.66%	+2.68%	+9.62%	+22.92%	+14.59%	+18.85%

# **Portfolio Contributors and Detractors**

Two of our smaller positions did well - social networking platform **Momo** reported its quarterly earnings in March, with a 54% increase in valueadded services year on year, as the company converted free users to paid subscribers. The app, which connects nearby users based on their interests had 99.1 million monthly active users as of December 2017. Elsewhere, **Silicon Motion**, which provides solutions for solid state drives (SSD) is benefitting from the shift toward SSD's as data centres/pc's expand (which is the reason we hold the company).

\*Manager estimated returns. The Portfolio Benchmark is the MSCI ACWI (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg). Portfolio Inception date is 30/06/14. 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. 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-of-fees performance returns are presented after management and performance fees. Returns are based on the theoretical performance of a portfolio which implemented the Model Portfolio based on simplifying assumptions and stock weightings. Actual individual returns of each client's portfolio wild liffer depending on factors such as date of initial investment, timing of transactions, contributions and withdrawals, fees and any customisations. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and may not be achieved in the future. Each client should also take into account their own taxation situations. All information provided in this Report is correct as at the date of this Report.

# **Key Facts**

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Inception Date	30 June 2014	
Product Type	Managed Discretionary Account	
Product Sponsor	Mason Stevens Limited	
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg)	
Number of Investments	10-35	
Minimum Cash Allocation	2%	
Maximum Cash Allocation	50%	
Maximum weighting per investment	20% at time of purchase	
Minimum Investment	AU\$50,000	
Liquidity	Daily	
Suggested Timeframe	3-5 years	

### Fees

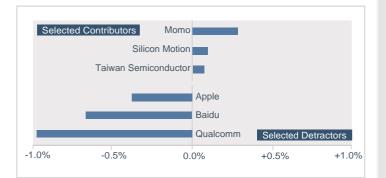
Management Cost	1.00% p.a. (inc. GST) calculated daily and charged monthly in arrears		
Administration and Custody Fee	0.275% p.a. calculated daily and charged monthly in arrears. A lower fee applies for Investments above \$1 million.		
Performance Fee	15% of excess returns over the benchmark return		
Transaction cost	0.55% of the value of the transaction		

However, our big cap names, **Baidu**, **Qualcomm** and **Apple** all performed poorly. **Qualcomm** was hit by the Trump administration decision to nix the **Broadcom** bid for national security reasons.

In truth, we are very happy to hold the company irrespective of any takeover – its position as a leader in 5G mobile means it will command solid revenue growth for some time. **Baidu** was caught in the China tariff story (as was **Alibaba**).

The Australian dollar depreciated -1.5% over the month against the US dollar, which is beneficial to our US denominated holdings. As at 29 March 2018, the Portfolio carried a total foreign currency exposure of 99% (inclusive of shareholdings).

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# **Portfolio Construction**

97.6% of the Portfolio is invested in 22 holdings which the manager considers likely outperformers. The balance is in cash.

Selected Top Holdings		Capitalisation USD		
Apple	9.2%	Mega Cap > \$100b	59.5%	
Amazon	7.8%	Large Cap \$50-100b	20.1%	
Tencent	7.6%	Mid Cap \$2-50b	15.7%	
Alibaba	7.4%	Wild Cap \$2-500	13.7%	
Qualcomm	7.3%	Small Cap < \$2b	2.3%	

### Learn more

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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 best- performing 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 technology Analyst responsibilities for the Asia region at Eight Investment Partners.

Being mentored by the best in

this space early on in his careerand 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.