

Loftus Peak Global Change Portfolio

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Monthly Investor Letter
April 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 April, with concerns about Apple killing the iPhone X spooking the market generally. This weakening of confidence was noted by the Wall St Journal, which highlighted stock prices not rising despite EPS being up an average 23% from a year ago for more than 80% of the S&P500 companies that had reported thus far. These market conditions impacted performance, with the Portfolio returning +0.9%, -1.84% below the benchmark, which returned +2.74%.

Performance*

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	Inception p.a.
Portfolio (gross-of- fees)	+0.90%	-2.18%	+3.99%	+21.07%	+18.22%	+21.23%
Index	+2.74%	+0.99%	+5.14%	+13.15%	+9.07%	+13.03%
Outperformance (gross-of-fees)	-1.84%	-3.17%	-1.15%	+7.92%	+9.15%	+8.20%
Portfolio (net-of- fees)	+0.78%	-2.50%	+2.75%	+17.75%	+15.65%	+18.65%

Portfolio Contributors and Detractors

Some of our larger capitalization core holdings, such as **Baidu** and **Apple**, recovered in late April, having not performed well in March. **Baidu** had an impressive earnings announcement, with revenues and operating income showing a year-on-year increase of 31% and 128% respectively, and strong guidance as artificial intelligence starts to take centre stage.

Another core holding, **Amazon**, also performed well, on the back of strong earnings results, with a 92% quarterly increase in operating income. **Amazon's** strengths have been in its growing cloud services division, which now serves over 1 million businesses and organisations, including the likes of McDonalds, Netflix and Spotify.

*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 will differ 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

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	

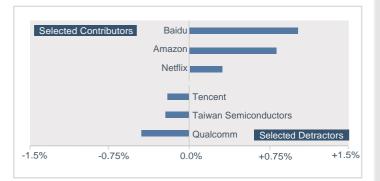
Fees

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	

Some of our semiconductor holdings (Qualcomm and Taiwan Semiconductors) underperformed. Qualcomm has had continued pricing issues with Apple, however, these are being slowly resolved, with Qualcomm's technology contributing a great deal to the performance of Apple's products. Qualcomm also suffered following the Chinese government decision to block its takeover bid for NXP, which provides the in-car infotainment systems, core to the next generation of autos. Taiwan Semiconductors underperformed due to weak guidance.

The Australian dollar depreciated -1.6% over the month against the US dollar, which is beneficial to our US denominated holdings. As at 30 April 2018, the Portfolio carried a foreign currency exposure of 99%.

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Portfolio Construction

The Portfolio is 97.6% 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	60.0%	
Amazon	8.7%	Large Cap \$50-100b	20.4%	
Baidu	7.9%	Mid Cap \$2-50b	14.8%	
Tencent	7.4%	ίνια Θαρ φ2-300	14.070	
Alibaba	7.3%	Small Cap < \$2b	2.4%	

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For the latest on investment in global change and disruption, see us in the Australian Financial Review, the Constant Investor, or the Sydney Morning Herald, or on Livewire or visit us at www.loftuspeak.com.au or email enquiry@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 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 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.