

# Loftus Peak Global Change Portfolio

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## SQM research

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 run of volatility continued into December, with the portfolio dropping -5.5%, which was -1.8% below the benchmark (MSCI All Countries World Index net in AUD). This included a day when the US indices surged 5% in a day, a range not seen since the global financial crisis, and an indicator not of how bad things are (they are not, even with the spectre of rising interest rates) but of how uncertain investors are. The situation is not helped by the president of the world's largest capitalist economy revising history and policy from one week to the next. This uncertainty has hurt the performance of some of the best companies in the world today (best because of cashflow generation built around durable business models) - especially Apple, Amazon, Tencent and Alibaba. Even with this, on our recommended five-year time holding period, we are broadly on track with the portfolio delivering +17.7% p.a. over 54 months, which is outperformance of +7.4% p.a.

#### **Performance\***

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	Inception p.a.
Portfolio (gross-of- fees)	-5.52%	-15.80%	-8.25%	+3.29%	+14.34%	+17.66%
Index	-3.69%	-10.37%	-4.49%	+0.47%	+7.83%	+10.27%
Outperformance (gross-of-fees)	-1.83%	-5.43%	-3.76%	+2.82%	+6.51%	+7.39%
Portfolio (net-of- fees)	-5.63%	-16.09%	-8.85%	+1.02%	+11.87%	+15.06%

\*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. All information provided in this Report is correct as at the date of this Report.

### **Portfolio Contributors and Detractors**

**Nvidia**, **Alibaba** and **Baidu** were the worst performers. We believe we understand how to value growth, and are firmly of the view that these companies are among the best and most prospective in the world today. Notwithstanding a misjudgment by **Nvidia** on channel sales, it is hard to see a world requiring fewer accelerators in data centres in five years, especially with the end of Moore's law. Similarly, **Alibaba's** hold on e-commerce in China is a rare opportunity.

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### 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	

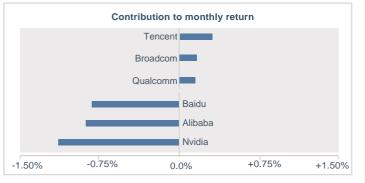
#### Fees

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		

**Tencent** performed better on expectations of the commencement of the approval process for its new games, while **Broadcom** was stronger as investors became more comfortable about its acquisition strategy.

The Australian dollar depreciated 3.42% over the month against the US dollar, which meant the value of our US dollar positions rose. As at 31 December 2018, the Portfolio carried a foreign currency exposure of 99%.

#### **Selected Contributors and Detractors**



#### **Portfolio Construction**

The Portfolio is 94% invested in 22 holdings which the manager considers likely outperformers. The balance is in cash.

Selected Top Holdings		Capitalisation USD		
Apple	7.6%	Mega Cap > \$100b	43.4%	
Tencent	7.5%	Large Cap \$50-100b	25.3%	
Alibaba	7.1%	Mid Cap \$2-50b	25.6%	
Nvidia	6.9%	Wild Cap \$2-500	23.0%	
Qualcomm	6.8%	Small Cap < \$2b	0.0%	

#### Learn more

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 Cuffelinks or visit us at www.loftuspeak.com.au or email enquiry@loftuspeak.com.au

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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 fastestgrowing 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 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.