

# Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund

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Traditional business models are being disrupted as connectivity, networks and the sharing economy impact all industries – retail, transport, communications, energy and banking to name a few. Loftus Peak generates investment return by focusing on these major secular shifts and how they will change the world in the next five to ten years. Loftus Peak's strategy complements other sharemarket investments, particularly in Australia where there is a heavy skew towards banks, resources and the Australian dollar.

# **Review and Performance**

Investors in the Fund had a solid January, with performance of +6.4%, which was outperformance of +2.7% over the benchmark MSCI All Countries World Index (net in \$A). However, the coronavirus took some of the shine off the numbers in the last week of the month, as China's containment effort involved shutting down the city of Wuhan to slow its spread. Markets have since remained volatile as the news coverage of this tragic event has panicked investors into selling great companies on short-term fears. Apart from raising cash to a little over 10%, we retained exposure to companies where we are confident of further upside.

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Fund (Net) <sup>1</sup>	+5.98%	+14.14%	+13.48%	+32.97%	+23.12%	+23.86%
Index <sup>2</sup>	+3.72%	+7.87%	+10.36%	+26.00%	+15.65%	+16.66%
Value Added (Net) <sup>3</sup>	+2.25%	+6.27%	+3.13%	+6.97%	+7.47%	+7.20%

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Source: Loftus Peak, MSCI

Investment return and the principal value fluctuate, so your units, when sold, may be worth more or less than the original cost. For further details, please refer to the Fund's product disclosure statement and reference guide.

#### **Fund Contributors and Detractors**

The biggest contributors to performance were **Amazon**, **Alphabet** (Google) **Microsoft** and of course **Tesla**, which despite being a small, non-core position managed to record a strong contribution to the Fund's return. We hold this company at a low weight because while it may be capable of strong price growth as a result of its commanding lead in electric vehicles and the fact that the world is moving toward electrification, it has been susceptible to poor execution.

**Apple** continues to show strength, with one-year returns now just under 100%. Historically, the market has treated Apple as a hardware company, but this is changing with its shift to services; the valuation is now reflecting this shift.

Key Facts			
Inception Date	15 November 2016		
APIR Code	MMC0110AU		
Product Type	Registered Managed Investment Scheme domiciled in Australia		
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited		
Investment Universe	Listed Global Equities		
Benchmark	MSCI All Countries World Index (net) (as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg)		
No. of Investments	15-35		
Minimum Cash	1%		
Maximum Cash	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		

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Unit Prices	
Date	31 January 2020
Entry Price (in AUD)	2.1139
Exit Price (in AUD)	2.1033

Net-of-fees performance is based on end-of-month redemption prices after the deduction of fees and expenses and the reinvestment of all distributions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2.</sup> The index for the Fund is the MSCI All Countries World Index (net) as expressed in AUD from Bloomherg

<sup>3.</sup> The Value Added is shown as the Fund (Net) minus the benchmark.

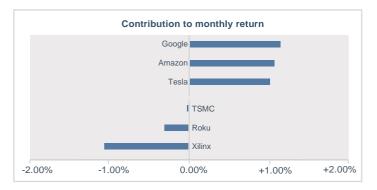
**Amazon** re-entered the trillion (US) dollar club (joining three other long-term holdings – Apple, Microsoft and Alphabet) following strong growth in its advertising business, which is growing at 50% compound, with similar growth in its cloud business.

**Microsoft** had a good month, culminating in the release of quarterly results which showed 100% of its increase in sales were captured in the company's gross margin.

**Xilinx** was the largest detractor, with quarterly results that were in line with the market's expectations, but guidance that was weaker. The company's revenue took a hit due to the ongoing Huawei ban by the US government, but we remain comfortable with our investment thesis on the company and consider its current share price as attractive.

The Australian dollar depreciated -4.3% over the month against the US dollar, which meant the value of the Fund's US dollar positions increased. As at 31 January 2020, the Fund carried a foreign currency exposure of 99%.

# **Selected Contributors and Detractors**



# **Portfolio Construction**

At month end, the Fund was 89% invested in 23 holdings with the balance in cash.

Selected Top Holdings		Capitalisation USD		
Xilinx	9.7%	Mega Cap > \$100b	52.2%	
Qualcomm	9.5%	Large Cap \$50-100b	12.1%	
Alphabet	9.1%	Mid Cap \$2-50b	24.7%	
Amazon	8.4%		= , ,	
Apple	6.5%	Small Cap < \$2b	0%	

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#### The Team

The portfolio is managed by Alex Pollak and Anshu Sharma.



# Alex Pollak 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.



## Rick Steele CEO

Drawing on more than 30 years in funds management and government Rick is the CEO of Loftus Peak. After a successful career in the Australian Treasury, Rick held senior positions at Prudential Assurance, Morgan Grenfell Australia, BT Funds Management, TechInvest and Eight Investment Partners.

Rick is also Chairman of CitizenBlue, an impact enterprise operating a container recycling service for its environmental members.

Rick has a MEc from the Australian National University, is a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and has completed the AICD Company Director's Course.

