# Loftus Peak Global Change Portfolio

Investing | Future Focused



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Founded in 2014, Loftus Peak is a global fund manager with a focus on investment in listed disruptive businesses. Our extensive experience means we bring significant discipline to the process. Holdings include large capitalisation names like Apple, Alphabet (Google) and Alibaba, as well as many others that we expect to be household names in the future, such as Roku and Qualcomm. This approach to investment across a wide range of industries globally lowers the concentration risk inherent in the typical Australian portfolio, with its heavy skew toward banks, resources and the Australian dollar.

# Review and Performance\*

The last month of 2021 ended with a whimper. Net-of-fees performance of -1.1% for the month and outperformance of -2.6% relative to the benchmark, the MSCI All Countries World Index in Australian dollars (which was up +1.5%). Since the Portfolio's inception in 2014, it has returned +21.2% net-of-fees p.a., outperformance of +7.5% p.a. The strong absolute result was achieved against the backdrop of the even stronger COVID-19 "re-opening trade". Looking to the year ahead, we remain particularly confident in the Portfolio's exposures to 5G and Internet of Things, cloud computing, digital advertising as well as the semiconductors underpinning these disruptive changes; we will continue to position our clients to benefit from these long-term secular trends.

|                                | 1m     | 3m      | 6m     | 1y      | 3y<br>p.a. | 5y<br>p.a. | Inception p.a. |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Portfolio<br>(gross-of-fees)   | -1.03% | +10.11% | +7.37% | +23.03% | +34.61%    | +26.60%    | +24.18%        |
| Benchmark                      | +1.50% | +5.74%  | +8.74% | +25.33% | +19.08%    | +14.21%    | +13.71%        |
| Outperformance (gross-of-fees) | -2.52% | +4.38%  | -1.37% | -2.30%  | +15.54%    | +12.40%    | +10.47%        |
| Portfolio<br>(net-of-fees)     | -1.13% | +9.76%  | +6.68% | +21.45% | +30.96%    | +23.26%    | +21.17%        |

\*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 periods of 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.

# **Contributors and Detractors to Return**

**Apple** was a solid performer for the month, adding +0.3 percentage points to return, on the back of growing certainty that the company will launch a fully autonomous car (without a steering wheel or pedals) most likely in 2025. Codenamed "Titan", it has been on the drawing board since 2014. Apple has recently purchased a test site in Arizona for US\$125m and briefed assembly partner Foxconn (among others, including Toyota and Hyundai, possibly to handle the manufacture).

**ON Semiconductor** and **Volkswagen** together contributed +0.5 percentage points. ON Semiconductor was added recently because of its role in providing the components for conversion of power from DC to AC/DC for use with wind and solar energy, as well as in electric cars. Volkswagen has been underperforming generally, which is not unexpected given the Tesla/Rivian hype, but we believe the company will ultimately emerge as the scale player in electric cars, meaning the production of around 10 million electric vehicles a year across its family of brands including Skoda, SEAT, Audi and Porsche, among others.

**Qualcomm** did little in December following a massive +6.6 percentage point contribution to the Portfolio's return in the previous month. We believe the company is in a very strong position. It has for years been developing increasingly powerful chips while at the same time reducing their energy requirements – highly desirable characteristics for 'edge' computing. Examples include advanced driver assistance applications, and virtual and augmented reality (which will find use in work situations, just as the first mass-produced computers became enterprise productivity tools), and much more.

# **Key Facts**

| Inception Date                   | 30 June 2014   |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Strategy FUM (AUD)               | \$260 million  |  |  |
| Product Type                     | Managed Discretionary<br>Account                           |  |  |
| Product Sponsor                  | Mason Stevens Limited                                      |  |  |
| Benchmark                        | MSCI ACWI (net) (as<br>expressed in AUD from<br>Bloomberg) |  |  |
| No. of Investments               | 10-35  |  |  |
| Minimum Cash Allocation          | 2%   |  |  |
| Maximum Cash Allocation          | 50%  |  |  |
| Maximum weighting per investment | 20% at time of purchase                                    |  |  |
| Minimum Investment               | AU\$150,000  |  |  |
| Liquidity                        | Daily  |  |  |
| Suggested timeframe              | 3-5 years  |  |  |

## Fees

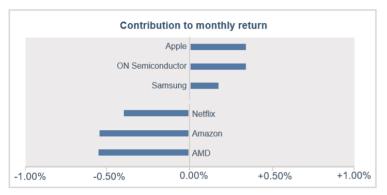
| Management Cost                   | 1.00% p.a. (inc. GST)<br>calculated daily and charged<br>monthly in arrears   |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Administration and<br>Custody Fee | 0.275% p.a. calculated daily and charged monthly in arrears. A lower fee applies for investments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

**Netflix** and **AMD** were both weaker for the month, cutting a combined -0.9 percentage point from return. Netflix has been weaker of late, in part because of the "re-opening trade", but we would remind investors that the company is significantly outspending competitors in terms of streamed content, generating positive free cash flow on an annual basis, and has initiated a share buyback program. Meanwhile its competitors are bleeding red ink on their streaming services. Note: **AMD** was not a top 5 contributor for the Portfolio in 2021 like it was for the Fund.

The Portfolio's position in **Roku** performed better in December, as its dispute with **Google (Alphabet)** regarding carriage of the YouTube app was resolved. In addition to the issues with Roku, Google had another important loss against Disney. The company has toyed with the possibility of controlling mainstream TV content and the advertising which funds it, without much success. In truth, its considerable talents lay elsewhere.

The Australian dollar appreciated +1.9% over the month against the US dollar, which meant the value of the Portfolio's US dollar positions decreased. As at 31 December 2021, the Portfolio carried a foreign currency exposure of 99.6%.

# **Selected Contributors and Detractors**



### **Portfolio Construction**

At December month end, the Portfolio was 94% invested in 28 holdings with the balance in cash.

| Top Holdings |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Qualcomm     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amazon       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alphabet     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Microsoft    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Apple        |  |  |  |  |  |

| Capitalisation USD      |       |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Mega Cap > \$100b       | 72.0% |  |  |  |
| Large Cap \$50-<br>100b | 6.5%  |  |  |  |
| Mid Cap \$2-50b         | 15.5% |  |  |  |
| Small Cap < \$2b        | 0.0%  |  |  |  |

## The Team



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 to the Australian stock market. He has a deep knowledge of investment and global change companies.



Anshu Sharma Portfolio Manager and Founder

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.



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 in a number of funds management firms in Australia, including BT Funds Management.

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

## How can investors access Loftus Peak's global equity disruption capability?

Investors may access Loftus Peak's global equity disruption capability in two ways:

- For all investors, the <u>Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund</u>, which is a unit trust; or
- For sophisticated investors, the Loftus Peak Global Change Portfolio, which is a managed discretionary account.

While offered by way of two different legal structures, the two products are managed according to the same underlying investment objective and carry similar portfolio holdings. The main difference between the two products is that the Fund has a greater capacity to hedge market and currency exposure.

If you are uncertain as to which product is appropriate for you, we suggest you speak with your financial adviser or contact us directly at enquiry@loftuspeak.com.au.

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