# 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. Our Portfolio comprises some of the best and fastest-growing companies in the world – companies that we believe are driving change across all industries globally, constructed on the basis of strict criteria at carefully determined valuations. Holdings include large capitalisation names like Apple and Google (Alphabet), 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\*

Global stock markets recovered somewhat in March as the worst-case scenario of the unprovoked war in Ukraine – meaning an escalation involving NATO troops, or worse – did not eventuate. Still, the Portfolio lost -3.0% of its value with higher oil prices and interest rates the major negative factors. This was underperformance of -1.8% against our benchmark MSCI All Countries World Index (Net) as expressed in Australian Dollars from Bloomberg (which was down - 1.2%). Since the Portfolio's inception in 2014, it has returned +17.9% p.a. net-of-fees, outperformance of +5.9% p.a.

We believe the market has started to recognise the value of quality companies – those with robust business models, pricing power, strong balance sheets and cash flows. We expect this trend to continue as the macroeconomic environment begins filtering through to company earnings.

We took advantage of the market lows in March to increase our weighting to equities by around 5%, purchasing a number of quality companies that had been on our watchlist but were previously precluded from the Portfolio on the basis of valuation.

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y p.a.	5y p.a.	Inception p.a.
Portfolio (gross-of-fees)	-2.87%	-14.77%	-6.15%	+2.83%	+20.19%	+21.40%	+20.80%
Benchmark	-1.16%	-8.13%	-2.85%	+9.01%	+11.70%	+12.09%	+12.01%
Outperformance (gross-of-fees)	-1.71%	-6.64%	-3.29%	-6.18%	+8.49%	+9.32%	+8.79%
Portfolio (net-of-fees)	-2.97%	-15.04%	-6.75%	+1.51%	+16.92%	+18.20%	+17.92%

\*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**

The positions we opened in March, including **Airbnb**, added +0.6% to the Portfolio's value, with a further +1.6% from companies that the Portfolio already held, including **Nvidia**, **John Deere** and **Amazon**. **Nvidia** briefed the market at its annual investor/industry day, highlighting a prospective total addressable market of US\$1 trillion across its traditional semiconductor business, automotive, Al enterprise software and more. **Amazon** was also strong as it announced a 20-for-one stock split and US\$10b buyback, both of which are viewed favourably as they encourage consideration by smaller individual retail investors. **Qualcomm**, the Portfolio's largest position, accounted for a majority of the detraction from return, as investors fretted about slowing demand for consumer electronics in the wake of economic pressures brought on by inflation and interest rate hikes. Severe lockdowns in China related to COVID also added to these fears.

These concerns are behind the broader fall in the share prices of other key semiconductor companies including **Taiwan Semiconductor Company** and **AMD**. We see some justification in this but would highlight that for a majority of our semiconductor holdings demand still far outstrips supply, which implies over the short-term that any reduction in consumer electronics demand is likely to be taken up by other verticals such as the internet of things, automotive and cloud. There are also limits to how far consumers can push out their hardware upgrades.

# **Key Facts**

Inception Date	30 June 2014	
Strategy FUM (AUD)	\$221 million	
Product Type	Managed Discretionary Account	
Product Sponsor	Mason Stevens Limited	
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI (net) (as expressed in AUD from 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	

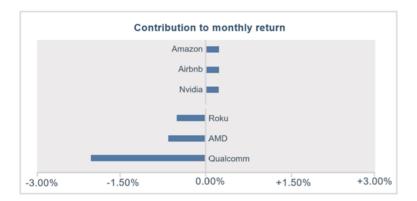
## Fees

Management Cost	1.00% p.a. (inc. GST) 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

Our two streaming companies, **Roku** and **Netflix**, rallied strongly toward the end of the month but still detracted -0.8% from the Portfolio's value. We maintain our conviction in Roku becoming an integral part of ad-supported television globally, however in the short-term the company has been impacted by supply chain issues on two fronts: its ability to add active accounts (as less TVs are being sold) and the monetisation of its userbase (less demand for advertisements as inventory issues persist). We believe both of these pressures should abate in the coming months.

The Australian dollar appreciated +3.0% over the month against the US dollar, which meant the value of the Portfolio's US dollar positions decreased. As at 31 March 2022, the Portfolio carried a foreign currency exposure of 98.5%.

### **Selected Contributors and Detractors**



### **Portfolio Construction**

At March month end, the Portfolio was 92.8% invested in 30 holdings with the balance in cash.

Top Holdings (in alphabetical order)			
Alphabet	Netflix		
Amazon	ON Semiconductor		
AMD	Qualcomm		
Apple	Roku		
Microsoft	Taiwan Semiconductor		

Capitalisation USD				
Mega Cap > \$100b	73.5%			
Large Cap \$50-100b	6.9%			
Mid Cap \$2-50b	12.4%			
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 as an analyst in global disruption investment more than 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 Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund, 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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