Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund

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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 Australian Securities Exchange listed Fund **(ASX code: LPGD)** 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 and included 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 AMD and Qualcomm. This approach to investment across a wide range of global industries 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 Fund closed out the month down -6.7% net-of-fees, which was underperformance of -3.1% against the benchmark MSCI All Countries World Index (net) as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg, one of the worst months on record for Fund returns. For the year to September, the Fund is down -21.6%, with underperformance of -10.6% against the benchmark. Half the Fund's poor result came on the last two trading days of September, with a -3.7% sell-down caused by a major run on the trillion-pound liability-driven investment sector in the UK, essentially a panic in the bond market by large funds managing defined benefit retirement plans.

Of course, the major factor for the month has been the continuing talk of higher interest rates in the US as a mechanism to tamp down inflation (which has started to fall on most measures). As a policy decision, we believe this is the correct course – the world has seen big increases in costs across food, fuel, fertiliser, oil, travel and rents to name just a few of the big ones, and it does not take a lot of imagination to see that such steep price rises then feed into higher wage claims as workers seek to get ahead of the next hike by locking in a lift in salaries.

However, there is more to investment than just interest rate movements. The basis of the Loftus Peak Fund is the selection of a group of key companies across thematics which will continue to drive disruptive business models, and which will do so for some time. So it is that we do not invest in oil companies, because on a tenyear basis there is likely to be less oil used globally as electric cars go mainstream. Another thematic is networks, which underpins individualised connectivity through broadband, to perform a variety of different functions including banking, shopping, messaging and navigating.

Of course, many companies, such as Coca-Cola and Ford have hundreds of millions of customers around the world on any given day. But their customers are not individually addressable. Never before in history have so many companies had these billions of customers with which they have been able to communicate and bill individually.

	1m	3m	6m	1y	Зу p.a.	5у p.a.	Inception p.a.
Loftus Peak (Net) ¹	-6.66%	-0.79%	-16.43%	-21.61%	+10.37%	+12.46%	+15.05%
Benchmark ²	-3.58%	+0.17%	-8.38%	-11.00%	+5.43%	+8.67%	+10.20%
Outperformance (Net) ³	-3.08%	-0.96%	-8.05%	-10.61%	+4.94%	+3.79%	+4.85%

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Source: Loftus Peak. MSCI

¹ Net-of-fees performance for the Loftus Peak Global Disruption Fund is based on end-of-month redemption prices after the deduction of fees and expenses and the reinvestment of all distributions.

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. ³ The benchmark for the Fund is the MSCI All Countries World Index (net) as expressed in AUD from Bloomberg.

³ Outperformance is shown as the Loftus Peak (Net) minus the benchmark.

Contributors and Detractors to Return

The best-performing stock for the month was **Netflix** which added +0.6% to the Fund return as investors came to the view that the new advertising tier will be accretive to overall earnings, leaving premium tier customers to enjoy unaffected content without advertising.



September 2022 Update

Key Facts				
Inception Date	15 November 2016			
ASX Code APIR Code	LPGD MMC0110AU			
Fund FUM (AUD)	\$162 million			
Strategy FUM (AUD)	\$173 million			
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)			
Carbon Intensity 1	53% less carbon intensive than benchmark:			
	tCOe/Mil USD			
	91.6 (LPGD)			
	193.3 (Benchmark)			
	No exposure to companies involved in fossil fuel extraction, generation and related products and services.			
No. of Investments	15-35			
Minimum Cash	1%			
Maximum Cash	50%			
Suggested time frame	3-5 years			
Minimum Investment ²	\$5,000			
Additional Investment via BPay	BPAY® Biller Code: 349845 Customer Reference Number (CRN): generated after initial application.			
	Please note that BPAY® is not available for purchasing units on the ASX.			
Pricing Frequency	Daily			
Withdrawal Notice	Generally, notice received by 2pm receives price effective for that business day.			

¹ Source: Sustainalytics as at 30 September 2022.

² No minimum investment for units purchased on the ASX

Fees	
Distributions	Paid annually as at 30 June
Annual Management Costs	1.20% per annum (inc. GST)
Performance	15% in excess of the hurdle return with a high watermark payable six monthly as at 30 June and 31 December each year
Unit Prices	

Date	30 September 2022
Entry Price (in AUD)	2.4249
Exit Price (in AUD)	2.4129

Enterprise cloud computing company Nutanix was one of the Fund's best performers in September after it reported better than expected second quarter earnings and provided strong revenue guidance to the market. The company has all but completed its transition to a subscription-based revenue model with over 90% of revenues in the second guarter coming from subscribers.

The big detractors were AMD (detracting -1.5%) with Qualcomm close, cutting -1.3% from Fund value. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company reduced Fund value by -0.7% on growing fears that China has imminent plans to take over the independent republic. Investors sold these and other semiconductor stocks on recessionary fears, failing to grasp the significant diversification and market share gains which those companies will enjoy over coming quarters as a result of changes in their business. Amazon, Microsoft, Apple, Roku and Alphabet (Google) all together cut just over -2% from the Fund value

The Australian dollar depreciated -6.2% over the month against the US dollar, which meant the value of the Fund's US dollar positions increased. As at 30 September 2022, the Fund carried a foreign currency exposure of 90.6%

Selected Contributors and Detractors



Portfolio Construction

At September month end, the Fund was 93.4% invested in 26 holdings with the balance in cash exposure. The Fund has a high exposure to large capitalisation names which are highly cash generative with strong balance sheets. Focusing on high quality companies helps the Fund to withstand difficult periods in the market and drive strong, long-term outcomes for the Fund.

Top 10 Holdings (in alphabetical order)			Capitalisation USD		
Alphabet	Netflix		Mega Cap >\$100b	63.2%	
Amazon	ON Semiconductor Qualcomm Roku		Large Cap \$50-100b	13.2%	
AMD			Mid Cap \$2-50b	17.0%	
Apple			Small Cap < \$2b	0.0%	
Microsoft	Taiwan Semiconductor				

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 investment management in Australia.

He was instrumental in bringing both Seek and Carsales.com to the Australian stock market. He has a deep understanding of the mechanisms through which disruption changes business models and the impact it has on company valuation.

Anshu Sharma

Portfolio Manager and Founder

Anshu started his career as an analyst in global disruption investment more than a decade ago. 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 financial services firms in Australia, including more than a decade at BT Funds Management.

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



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