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# **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

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# **FUND FACTS**

Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Inception Date	January 30, 2020
APIR	ETL0484AU
ARSN	613 118 522
Base Currency	AUD
Minimum Investment Amount	A\$25,000
Fund AUM	A\$572.9 Million
Management Expense Ratio	0.85%
Liquidity	Daily
Benchmark Index	MSCI ACWI Index
Investment Universe	2,000 largest global companies
# of Positions	Generally 40-60
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25%/0.20%

Registered for distribution in Australia and New Zealand

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# **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - AUD**

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QTD 2024	One Year	Three Years	Since Inception 30 Jan 2020
6.23%	13.79%	14.61%	11.50%
6.02%	13.14%	13.89%	10.76%
-1.96%	12.18%	13.77%	11.01%
4.09%	13.70%	13.43%	9.21%
	2024 6.23% 6.02% -1.96%	2024 Year   6.23% 13.79%   6.02% 13.14%   -1.96% 12.18%	QTD One Three   2024 Year Years   6.23% 13.79% 14.61%   6.02% 13.14% 13.89%   -1.96% 12.18% 13.77%

The above performance numbers are based on unaudited financial statements. The MSCI ACWI Index is used as a benchmark to indicate the investment environment existing during the time periods shown in this report. The MSCI ACWI Index is a free floatadjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance, including the U.S. and Canada and is net of withholding tax. The MSCI ACWI Index cannot be invested in directly. The Pzena Global Focused Value Fund return reflects month end valuations as at the last business day of each month and the Since Inception returns are annualised. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

\*Gross returns are displayed at Total Fund level. Net returns are displayed at Share Class level.

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS MSCI ACWI **Global Focused** Value Fund Index Price to Normal Earnings^ 8.0 14.1\* Price / Earnings (1-Year Forecast) 10.9x 17.9x Price / Book 1.2x 3.1x **Dividend Yield** 3.4 1.9 Median Market Cap (A\$B) \$39.3 \$21.5 Weighted Average Market Cap (A\$B) \$100.8 \$909.9 Active Share 96.5 Number of Stocks 52 2,558

Source: MSCI ACWI Index, Pzena Analysis

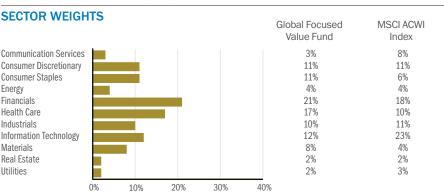
^Pzena's estimate of normal earnings.

\*Global Universe Median

#### **REGION CONCENTRATION**



Region weights adjusted for cash - may appear higher than actual.



Sector weights adjusted for cash - may appear higher than actual. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

# PZENA GLOBAL FOCUSED VALUE FUND (WHOLESALE)

PZENA Management

### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.	3.4%
CVS HEALTH CORPORATION	3.1%
DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION	3.1%
COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP	3.1%
DAIMLER TRUCK HOLDING AG	3.0%
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO. LTD.	2.9%
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LIMITED	2.8%
RANDSTAD NV	2.7%
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS INC. CLASS A	2.7%
BASF SE	2.6%
Total	29.4%

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

- Universe: 2,000 largest global companies
- Fundamental research conducted on companies considered the most undervalued based on price relative to normalized earnings
- Co-Portfolio Managers construct a portfolio of deeply undervalued businesses requiring unanimous consent



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## **PLATFORMS**

AMP North Asgard BT Panorama Hub24 Macquarie Wrap Mason Stevens Netwealth Powerwrap Praemium Xplore Wealth



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# **PORTFOLIO QUARTERLY COMMENTARY - Q1 2025**

During the quarter, global markets delivered mixed performance, which included many European indices climbing double-digit percentage points on the back of strong fiscal stimulus announcements and optimism surrounding a potential resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Positive sentiment also contributed to modest gains in emerging markets, driven by strength in Eastern European equities and shifting perspectives on China and Brazil. In contrast, the U.S. market lagged, primarily due to weakness in the information technology sector. This was triggered by DeepSeek's revelations, which raised questions about certain Al business models within the sector. The fund materially outperformed the broader index, benefiting from relative weakness in the IT sector, strength in Europe, and solid performance from select health care stocks. Health care and financials sectors were the top contributors, while consumer discretionary and information technology sectors were the largest detractors.

In Australian dollar terms the MSCI ACWI returned -2.0% for the quarter and its Value counterpart, 4.1%. The Fund outperformed the benchmark, returning 6.2%.

As mentioned, Healthcare was the strongest performing sector this quarter, with CVS Health and Baxter International among the top contributors. **CVS** rallied after revealing reduced losses in its Medicare Advantage business through improved star ratings, better pricing, and moderating patient utilization trends. Its pharmacy segment also delivered strong same-store sales, aided by the rollout of CostVantage, a pricing initiative that enhances transparency and reduces competitors' ability to cherry-pick business. Medical products company **Baxter** contributed positively as well, reporting a smaller-than-expected production impact from Hurricane Helene. This supported strong IV pump sales, particularly with the launch of its Novum IQ pump, and drove solid growth in its Pharma division through new product introductions and formulations. Chinese tech giant **Alibaba** also posted strong gains following the announcement by AliCloud regarding the launch of Qwen, its competitive large language model. This confirmed that Alibaba possesses the foundational capabilities to offer a competitive cloud platform.

**PVH**, owner of the Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein brands, was one of the largest detractors this quarter after being added to China's 'Unreliable Entity' list—the first non-military company to receive this designation. While there has

been no direct impact thus far, China accounts for approximately 6% of PVH's sales and 16% of profits. Auto part supplier **Magna** also detracted, reflecting ongoing softness in electric vehicle demand and uncertainty surrounding tariffs. Smartphone component supplier **Skyworks** declined further due to the loss of additional content on the iPhone 17. However, we believe some of these competitive losses may be temporary, especially as Apple transitions to its own modem. Skyworks also announced a \$2 billion share buyback authorization, demonstrating confidence in its long-term outlook.

We initiated a position in **Julius Baer**, a leading global wealth manager with a predominantly fee-based, cash-generative model and historically low credit exposure. The company is well-positioned to benefit from rising wealth in Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. A misstep in 2023 involving risky lending to Signa Group led to regulatory scrutiny and the departure of the CEO, creating an attractive buying opportunity. With those activities now exited and the firm refocused on its core strengths, we believe Julius Baer is poised to resume disciplined growth and accelerate capital returns to shareholders.

We also initiated a position in **Bank of Ireland Grou**p, one of Ireland's two leading banks, which together control approximately 60% of the country's deposit market. We believe the bank will benefit from recent consolidation in the Irish banking sector, as well as its highly accretive acquisition of KBC Bank's Irish mortgage portfolio, which has significantly expanded its market share. Trading at just 6x our normalized earnings estimate, and with a strong balance sheet and compelling capital return profile, Bank of Ireland is a valuable addition to the fund.

We also added to our positions in memory chip and smartphone manufacturer Samsung Electronics, Skyworks, and chemical producer Dow Inc., funded by trims of Wells Fargo, and Roche. We exited utility company Edison International due to a wider range of outcomes following the California wildfires, which raised concerns about the viability of the wildfire fund. We also sold out of Bank of America, NatWest, and Japanese regional bank Resona, on strength.

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