

Our philosophy

- Deep research → conviction→ concentrated portfolio
- A long-term investment horizon provides a competitive advantage
- > Avoid permanent loss of capital
- VGI staff invest alongside VG1 shareholders

Key Details

ASX Code Share Price Post-Tax NTA 1 VG1 \$1.755 \$2.02

1 Month Portfolio Return (Net of Fees and Expenses)2

3.1%

Dividends

Targeting 5.0c each six months

Investment Guidelines

No. of Long Investments Typically 10 to 25, currently 32 No. of Short Positions
Typically 10 to 35,
currently 16

Listing Date	28 September 2017
Portfolio Value	\$621 million
Portfolio Currency Exposure	Fully hedged to AUD

Return ²	Portfolio Return (Net)
1 Month	3.1%
3 Months	5.4%
6 Months	1.0%
1 Year	11.6%
Since Inception (p.a.)	3.0%

Month End Exposures	
Long Equity Exposure	105%
Short Equity Exposure	(13%)
Net Equity Exposure	91%

Long Portfolio by Location of Exchange Listing³



- North America 49%
- UK/Europe 26%
- Asia 24%

Long Portfolio by Sector³



- Energy 23%
- eCommerce & Internet 22%
- Industrials 18%
- Gaming & Entertainment 12%
- Health Care 10%
- Consumer Staples 8%
- Exchanges & Financial Services 4%
- Information Technology 2%
- Payments 2%

Source: Citco Fund Services (Net Tangible Assets (NTA)), Bloomberg (Share Price). NTA figures are unaudited.

- ¹ 'Post-Tax NTA' is calculated after tax on realised gains/losses, deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities, but before allowing for deferred tax liabilities/deferred tax assets on unrealised gains/losses. As at 31 January 2024, NTA after including deferred tax liabilities/deferred tax assets on unrealised gains/losses was \$2.07 per share, which includes \$0.07 per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.
- share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

 2 Portfolio Return (Net) is shown after all applicable fees and expenses and is defined as the movement in pre-tax NTA, adjusting for payments owed to/from taxation authorities from earlier periods, plus dividends. All data has been adjusted for VG1's capital raising in 2019. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

3 Asia includes ASX-listed securities. Sectors have been internally defined. Exposures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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VGI PARTNERS Global Investments

Top Ten Long Investment Weights: 52% of VG1 Portfolio

7%

eCommerce & Internet
Amazon.com Inc. (NASDAQ: AMZN)

6%

Energy
NexGen Energy Ltd (TO: NXE)

6%

Industrials

Teck Resources Limited (NYSE: TECK)

5%

Gaming & Entertainment

The Walt Disney Company (NYSE: DIS)

5%

Energy Shell PLC (LON: SHEL)

5%

eCommerce & Internet
Meta Platforms Inc. (NYSE: META)

4%

Consumer Staples Kenvue Inc. (NYSE: KVUE)

4%

eCommerce & Internet Rightmove plc (LON: RMV)

4%Active Position
Not Disclosed

 $4\,\%$ Industrials Rheinmetall AG (ETR: RHM)

Commentary

The portfolio's net return for the month of January was +3.1%². Global equity markets generated mixed performance in January, with continued leadership from a narrow band of mega cap US technology stocks. The Fund maintains significant exposure to Amazon and Meta Platforms but has a small short in Tesla.

In our view, the likelihood of the US Federal Reserve lowering US cash rates in the 2H of 2024 is increasing, with all measures of inflation cooling and heading back towards trend.

Concurrently, measures of US GDP and consumer spending are appearing to remain resilient, as does employment, increasing the chances of a 'soft landing' for the US economy.

Japan continues to be one of the best performing equity markets globally and the Fund's largest Asian exposure.

The improving global macroeconomic outlook, combined with our view that inflation and interest rates have peaked for the cycle, and resilient corporate earnings, has led us to increase the net exposure of the portfolio over the last three months, mainly via adding to investments in the fundamentally cheap global mining and energy sectors.

The biggest change to the portfolio in January was the increase in NexGen, a Canadian listed Uranium miner that we believe will be the lowest cost producer in the world. The stock is up 38% since we started buying in October 2023 but we continue to add.

There has been a material change in the long-term pricing fundamentals of U308 as the world looks to be embracing Nuclear Power as part of the clean energy transition. Around 60 new nuclear reactors are currently under construction globally, while supply has been interrupted due to production issues in the world's leading uranium supplier Kazakhstan.

We also increased our position in the UK's leading real estate portal Rightmove (RMV) to around 4% of VG1's portfolio. RMV is the dominant player in online UK real estate advertising and we took advantage of a recent pullback in RMV shares that was triggered by what we consider to be overstated fears of new entrants in the sector.

To partially fund the portfolio purchases we continue to reduce our exposure to CME Group. With interest rates peaking, bond market volatility reducing, and CME approaching what we consider a full valuation, we see better opportunities to deploy capital.

February sees widespread quarterly profit and outlook reporting from our portfolio companies. Clearly this is important for near-term performance, and we will comment in more detail on our portfolio companies' earnings and outlooks in next month's update.

Buy-back: Approximately 7.3 million VG1 shares were bought at an average price of \$1.72 during January.

Dividend: As part of its 1H24 results in February, VG1 announced a 5c fully franked interim dividend, with an ex-dividend date of 14 February and payment date of 18 March. This is in line with VG1's policy to target a dividend of at least 5c per share on a six-monthly basis, franked to the fullest extent possible.

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