

### INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

## Monthly Report December 2023

#### **DECEMBER COMMENTARY**

The Fund made 2.02% in December and has returned 40.6% since inception (6.9% annualised vs 12% (VGS)). The breakdown of the Funds return between the different strategies was as follows:-

Hedge Fund Clone strategy +0.8%
Global Asset Allocation strategy +2.4%
US Sector strategy +2.0%
AUDUSD Movement -3.2%
Net Movement +2.0%

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Full Year
2018		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.72%	-2.49%	-4.17%
2019	3.85%	4.98%	0.90%	4.13%	-3.32%	2.78%	1.63%	-1.42%	-2.02%	0.47%	7.89%	0.11%	21.26%
2020	6.20%	-3.90%	-3.05%	8.95%	5.92%	2.44%	3.47%	6.06%	-1.92%	-2.37%	3.35%	-1.33%	25.30%
2021	-1.11%	1.72%	-0.78%	4.01%	-1.86%	9.98%	2.02%	3.46%	-3.13%	3.13%	1.88%	-5.51%	13.70%
2022	-10.95%	-11.26%	-1.20%	-6.81%	0.43%	-2.23%	1.93%	0.84%	-1.50%	4.04%	-1.47%	-3.10%	-28.10%
2023	0.66%	1.58%	1.69%	2.09%	1.53%	2.44%	2.58%	1.94%	-3.48%	-0.20%	4.14%	2.02%	18.20%

December was another strong month, after a great November. Equity markets finished the year strongly, with a slowdown in inflation raising expectations of rate cuts in 2024. All of our strategies performed well, with the standout being the Global strategy, buoyed by its exposure to US Real Estate.

## **Hedge Fund Clone strategy (20% of portfolio)**

This strategy invests in stocks favoured by the World's leading Hedge Funds.

The clone strategy performed broadly in line with the market. The best performing stock for once was not a tech stock, but Goldman Sachs, up 13% for the month.

### Global Asset Allocation strategy (40% of portfolio)

This system invests in the 3 strongest Global Asset classes.

The strategy shifted at the end of November into Foreign Equities and US Real Estate, while keeping its exposure to US Equities. This proved to be fortunate timing, with Real Estate having a great month, up 8.9%. This outperformance led to the Global strategy being the best performing strategy for the month.

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## US Sector strategy (40% of portfolio)

This strategy invests in the 3 strongest sectors of the US market.

The sector strategy performed broadly in line with market in December.

No change in the portfolio going into January.

#### **Theoretical Portfolio**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Full Year
2018											-3.18%	-1.91%	-5.41%
2019	2.94%	4.31%	2.31%	2.03%	-1.61%	1.84%	3.02%	2.54%	0.73%	-0.86%	3.93%	-1.09%	21.80%
2020	5.12%	-3.73%	1.05%	1.33%	1.98%	-1.02%	2.94%	2.18%	-1.03%	-0.75%	2.59%	0.01%	10.90%
2021	1.13%	2.61%	2.14%	3.51%	1.33%	5.96%	2.49%	2.30%	-2.06%	2.08%	1.69%	1.51%	27.40%
2022	-0.72%	-4.15%	1.96%	2.04%	0.43%	-2.23%	1.93%	0.84%	-1.50%	4.04%	-1.47%	-3.10%	-2.20%
2023	0.66%	1.58%	1.69%	2.09%	1.53%	2.44%	2.58%	1.94%	-3.48%	-0.20%	4.14%	2.02%	18.20%

I am going to keep updating this table as a reminder of what our results would have looked like had we employed the current strategy from the beginning of the Fund's life. Annual return would have been 13.2% pa.

Whilst past returns are no guarantee of future results, these results are exactly what I was looking to achieve when starting the Fund – Slightly better than index returns, with less volatility and drawdown. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, and it is easy to look back and go "what if", but I do believe that we have taken the lessons doled out to us over the last few years, made the necessary adjustments, and are much stronger due to that going forward!



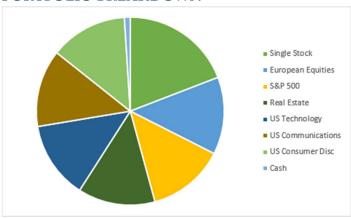
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### **FUND FACTS**

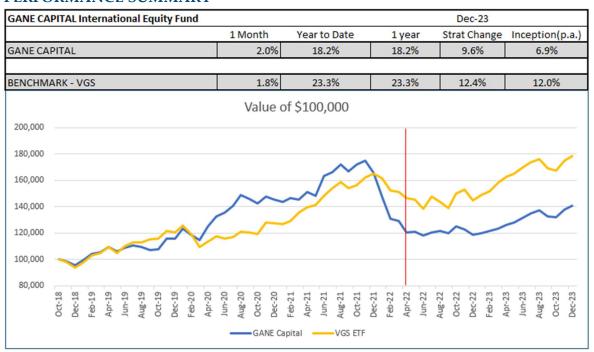
Inception	01 November 2018	Sharpe ratio	0.44*		
Fund Size	4.444mm	Sortino Ratio	0.63*		
Minimum Investment	AUD 50,000	Mid-Price	1.2105		
Management Fee	Nil	Best Month	9.98%		
Performance fee	15% of any returns above 6% pa	Worst Month	-11.26%		
Other Fees	Any direct costs + 0.4% Buy/Sell spread	Website	www.ganecapital.com		

<sup>\*</sup>ratios are calculated before Fees & Expenses and since May 2022 when the portfolio changed.

### PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN



### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



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