

# Third Link Growth Fund

# Quarterly Fund Report – as at 31 December 2018

## **Performance**

The Third Link Growth Fund (Fund) performance is measured after fees and is calculated by comparing unit prices over the relevant performance measurement period and assuming income distributions were reinvested.

For the various periods ending 31 December, 2018 the Fund performance after fees was as follows:

	Three months	Six months	One year	Two years	Three years	Five years	Since February 2012 <sup>2</sup>
Third Link Growth Fund	-9.5%	-8.1%	-2.7%	+6.0% pa	+6.1% pa	+8.6% pa	+11.8% pa
S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation index <sup>1</sup>	-8.4%	-7.0%	-3.1%	+4.2% pa	+6.7% pa	+5.6% pa	+8.8% pa
Fund performance relative to its benchmark	-1.1%	-1.1%	+0.4%	+1.8% pa	-0.6% pa	+3.0% pa	+3.0% pa

Figures greater than one year are expressed as annual compound returns. No allowance is made for tax. The benefits of franking credits from dividends received have not been included.

# Investment objective & benchmark

The objective of the Fund is to provide an investment in Australian listed shares with the aim of outperforming the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index after fees over rolling five year periods.

The Fund extensively invests with professional third party investment managers through structures such as managed investment funds, individually managed accounts, managed discretionary accounts, advisory accounts, listed investment companies, or similar such arrangements. Please refer to the Fund's website for a list of these.

All fees received by Third Link from managing the Fund's investments, net of expenses incurred, are donated to the charitable sector.

# Investment manager

Third Link Investment Managers Pty Ltd for which Chris Cuffe is the Founding Director & Portfolio Manager.

# **Distribution frequency**

Six monthly, as at end of December and June.

## Minimum investment

\$20,000, however the Fund is currently closed to new investors.

# Fund size as at 31 December 2018

\$155.46M

#### Website

www.thirdlink.com.au

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<sup>1</sup> The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index covers the largest 300 shares listed on the Australian market. Being an accumulation index, it measures changes in both the value and income of the shares.

<sup>2</sup> February 2012 reflects the date when the Fund's investment strategy changed from multi sector growth to Australian equities.



# Underlying investments<sup>1</sup>

	%			
AUSTRALIAN SHARES				
General:				
Frank Macindoe (Koda Capital) IMA	19.1			
Bennelong Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund	10.2			
Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund	8.8			
Ethical Partners Australian Share Fund	2.8			
Greencape wholesale High Conviction Fund	4.1			
Lazard Select Australian Equity Fund	6.6			
L1 Capital Australian Equites Fund	4.4			
Montgomery [Private] Fund	5.1			
Paradice Mid Cap Fund	7.8			
	69.1			
Small Caps:				
Aberdeen Australian Small Companies Fund	6.0			
Lennox Capital Australian Small Companies Fund	5.4			
Ophir High Conviction Fund	7.9			
Pengana Emerging Companies Fund	3.7			
	23.0			
	92.1			
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS <sup>2</sup>				
Colonial First State Cash Enhanced Fund	7.1			
Custodial account & other	0.8			
	7.9			
TOTAL	100.0			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The managers of the investments are listed on the Funds website.

# Key portfolio changes this quarter

 The Fund paid an income distribution of \$0.03 cents per unit for the period 1 July to 31 December, 2018

# Fees and expenses

There are no entry or exit fees payable by investors. The ongoing fees and expenses paid from the Fund are:

- an ongoing management fee of 1.4% p.a. of the gross asset value of the Fund, from which normal operating expenses are met; and
- abnormal operating expenses.

# **Donations made and charities supported**

All fees received by Third Link from managing the Fund's investments, net of expenses incurred, are donated to the charitable sector. The donations to the charitable sector do not dilute the investment returns.

We donated approximately \$480k to our Third Link charities for the quarter ended December 2018. Since inception of the Fund in April 2008 up until 31 December, 2018 the donations to charities have been around \$9.5m in total.

# **Acknowledgment of support**

Thanks to the extraordinary and generous support of a number of investment and service professionals who have agreed to waive some or all of the fees that would otherwise be due to them for services rendered, the expenses from running the Fund are kept to a minimum, resulting in a larger pool to donate to the charitable sector.

For a full list of the service providers, please refer to our website at www.thirdlink.com.au

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Investment in other managed investment funds are not shown on a look through basis. As a result, where an underlying managed investment fund holds cash or cash-equivalents, the Fund's total investment in cash or cashequivalents may be higher than the figures shown above.