

# Quarterly Fund Report: as at 31 December 2023

### Fund 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 2023 the Fund performance after fees was as follows:

|   | THREE<br>MONTHS | SIX<br>MONTHS | ONE<br>YEAR | TWO<br>YEARS | THREE<br>YEARS | FIVE<br>YEARS | SINCE<br>FEBRUARY<br>2012 <sup>2</sup> |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| Third Link Growth Fund                      | +6.8%           | +7.5%         | +11.9%      | -4.3% pa     | +3.2 pa        | +8.1% pa      | +10.1% pa                              |
| S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation index <sup>1</sup> | +8.4%           | +7.5%         | +12.1%      | +5.0% pa     | +9.0% pa       | +10.3% pa     | +9.4% pa                               |
| Fund performance relative to its benchmark  | -1.6%           | 0.0%          | -0.2%       | -9.3% pa     | -5.8% pa       | -2.2% pa      | +0.7% 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.

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

# Fund size as at 31 December 2023

\$178.3m

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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> The Fund was registered on 12 March 2008, commenced operations on 18 April 2008, and commenced investing on 1 June 2008 as a multi-sector growth fund. In February 2012 the Fund's investment strategy changed from multi-sector growth to Australian equities.



#### Underlying investments 1

| General Frank Macindoe (Koda Capital) IMA 26.8 Hamish Blanche (Netherfield) IMA 2.5 Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund 9.0 DNR Capital Australian Equities High Conviction Fund 7.2 ECP Growth Companies Fund 5.4 Greencape Wholesale High Conviction Fund 4.5 Katana Australian Equity Fund 6.6 L1 Capital Catalyst Fund 5.6 Auscap Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund 9.2  Small Caps 1851 Emerging Companies Fund 6.2 Eiger Capital Small Companies Fund 6.2 Eiger Capital Australian Small Companies Fund 6.0 Ophir High Conviction Fund 2.8 Pengana Emerging Companies Fund 3.1  CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS² First Sentier Premium Cash Enhanced Fund 0.0 Custodial account & other 1.8 TOTAL 100.0 |  | %     |
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| Ophir High Conviction Fund         2.8           Pengana Emerging Companies Fund         3.1           21.4         98.2           CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS²           First Sentier Premium Cash Enhanced Fund         0.0           Custodial account & other         1.8           1.8         1.8   | Eiger Capital Small Companies Fund                   | 3.3   |
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| 21.4   | Ophir High Conviction Fund                           | 2.8   |
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| Custodial account & other 1.8  | CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS <sup>2</sup>                 |       |
| 1.8  | First Sentier Premium Cash Enhanced Fund             | 0.0   |
|  | Custodial account & other                            | 1.8   |
| TOTAL 100.0  |  | 1.8   |
|  | 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 \$0.0600 per unit for the six months ending 31 December 23. The Fund also redeemed out of the Paradice Mid Cap Fund during the quarter and made a new investment in the Auscap Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund, a Fund which commenced on 1 December 2023.

#### 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 \$372k to our Third Link charities for the quarter ended 31 December 2023. Since the inception of the Fund in April 2008 up until 31 December 2023 donations to charities have been \$20.57m 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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 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Investment in 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 cash-equivalents may be higher than the figures shown above.