







MORPHIC GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Monthly Report June 2020

## **Fund Objective**

The Fund seeks long term capital growth by investing in global shares and excluding direct investments in entities involved in environmental destruction, intensive animal farming, tobacco, alcohol, armaments and gambling. The Fund aims to have exposures in companies that are cheap, of high quality and where momentum supports the investment thesis. The Fund can also hedge to manage risk.

#### Investment returns\*

	1 Month	3 Months	CYTD	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	ITD (p.a.)
Morphic Global Opportunities Fund	-0.55%	4.50%	-1.33%	6.61%	6.12%	13.23%
Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.51%	5.98%	-4.28%	10.03%	8.82%	14.77%

<sup>\*</sup> Past Performance is not an indication of future performance.

#### **Ethical Investing in Focus**

The largest corporate fraud in Germany history, Wirecard, was uncovered this month with the ex-CEO arrested and nearly \$3bn of bank account money has found to be missing. Shamefully the German regulators had harassed and arrested short sellers and the Financial Times journalists who tried to bring this to light in the last 2 years.

We focus a lot on the "E" of ESG, in ethical investing, but the Governance matters a lot as well. One would hope that German regulators (and Auditors) focused more themselves rather than just blindly trusting management.

#### Portfolio review

The Fund fell 0.55% in June, underperforming global markets which fell 0.51% in AUD terms. Global equities rose 3.0% in USD terms, as markets continued their rebound from March lows, capping off the best second quarter since 2009 and despite increasing evidence of a "second wave" of COVID-19 infections. The rise in the AUD dampened returns.

Asia Ex Japan, which lagged significantly in the last month, led the rebound (+7.7%) as fears of US retaliation over Hong Kong were pushed aside. Europe (3.9%) had one of its best performances compared to the USA (2.1%), whilst Japan, which the fund is overweight, lagged (-0.1%)

One thing that didn't change was Technology (+9.4%) leadership, following on from the 7% in the month before as the market continues to seek out long duration growth stories. Energy was the worst performing sector (-0.5%), along with Utilities (-1.5%).

Reflective of the strong performance of the Technology sector for the month, Tencent, our largest holding, rose strongly over the month and was the largest contributor. Having sold off a little on results last month, the Fund added to the position and the stock rose as southbound Connect investors' from Mainland China added to their holdings in it.

The second largest contributor was our sector neutral pair in Japanese homebuilder stocks, Open House and lida. In May Open House reported excellent results, whilst lida cut dividends and guidance. The valuation dispersion was still not reflective of the differential earnings outlook, so June's performance went some way to rectifying this.

All the Fund's largest detractors were in the USA. Liveramp, which provides digital marketing solutions to businesses, was the largest detractor, giving back a lot of the gains of May where it rose strongly after earnings. Also detracting was Keysight Technologies, as the market become more concerned about loss of customers around its 5G testing for Chinese customers.

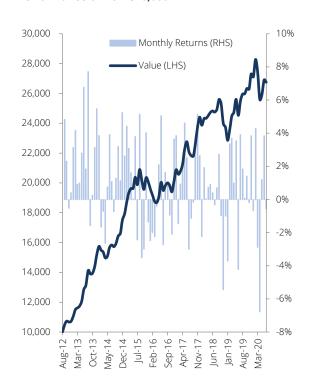
### Outlook

Somewhat remarkably given the increasingly bad COVID-19 news at the margin, the market remains stuck in a trading range. We had discussed the view that as long as the data keeps improving, the market will be OK. Whilst this is the case, at the margin, shutdowns in California, Florida and Texas appears to be impacting the high frequency data in June, with the lower frequency data (Purchasing Managers surveys and employment) remaining on track.

With this in mind, the Fund has increased cash levels at the margin towards the end of the month. This is consistent with our prior views that post July may see increasingly difficult waters for markets to navigate. That said it is with low conviction as the situation remains incredibly fluid.

The Fund is positioned more for "COVID-19 risk off" in stock positioning (via long Technology and Education and short Air Travel) even if the net exposure isn't as heavily positioned for that scenario as it was in March/April.

### Performance of AUD \$10,000



Key Facts <sup>2, 3</sup>	
Launch Date	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2012
Minimum Initial Investment	AUD 10,000
Pricing and Liquidity	Daily
Distributions	January and July
Management Fee <sup>4</sup>	1.05%
Performance Fee <sup>5</sup>	15%
Entry and Exit Fees	Zero
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25% each side
Unit Price	\$ 1.7680
Funds Under Management – Fund (AUD)	\$ 50m
Funds Under Management – Morphic (AUD) <sup>6</sup>	\$ 111m



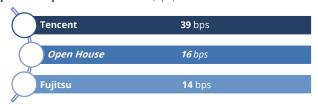
### **Top 10 Active Positions**

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Stocks ( <i>Shorts</i> )	Industry	Region	Position Weighting
Tencent	Information Technology	Asia Pacific	2.7%
Alstom	Industrials	Europe	2.0%
NEC Corp	Information Technology	Asia Pacific	1.8%
Cellnex	Telecom	Europe	1.8%
Fujitsu	Information Technology	Asia Pacific	1.7%
Keysight Technologies	Industrials	North America	1.5%
Service Corp	Consumer Staples	North America	1.4%
New Oriental Education	Consumer Services	North America	1.4%
Techtronic Industries	Information Technology	Asia Pacific	1.3%
NetEase Inc	Information Technology	Asia Pacific	1.3%

Risk Measures	
Net Exposure <sup>7</sup>	97%
Gross Exposure <sup>8</sup>	116%
VAR <sup>9</sup>	2.46%
Upside Capture <sup>10</sup>	93%
Downside Capture <sup>10</sup>	83%
Best Month	7.71%
Worst Month	-6.78%
Average Gain in Up Months	2.71%
Average Loss in Down Months	-2.04%
Annual Volatility	9.76%
Index Volatility	10.40%

Hedge Positions	Risk Limit Utilisation (%) <sup>11</sup>
None	

### Top three alpha contributors<sup>12</sup> (bps)



# Top three alpha detractors<sup>12</sup> (bps)



### **Equity Exposure Summary** By region



# **Equity Exposure Summary** By sector



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1 The Index is the MSCI All Countries World Daily Total Return Net Index (Bloomberg code NDUEACWF) in AUD; 2 ISIN AU60PER06735, APIR PER0673AU; 3 All fees shown are inclusive of GST; 4 The Manager may also recoup a maximum of 0.27% in expenses related to operating the Fund; 5 The Performance Fee is payable semi-annually in respect of the Fund's out-performance of the Index. Performance Fees are only payable when the Fund achieves positive absolute performance and is subject to a high water mark, 6 Total funds under management of Morphic Asset Management; 7 Includes Equities and Commodities - longs and shorts are netted; 8 Includes Equities and 10 year equivalent Credit and Bonds - longs and shorts are not netted; 9 VAR is Value at Risk based upon the 95th percentile with a 1 day holding period using a 1 year look back; 10 Based on gross returns since Fund's inception; 11 As a percentage of the Fund's Value at Risk (VaR) Limit; 12 Attribution; relative returns against the Index excluding the effect of hedges.

