## **VGI Partners Master Fund**

as at 31 October 2021

# **PARTNERS**

# Our philosophy

- Deep research → conviction → concentrated portfolio
- A long-term investment horizon provides a competitive advantage
- Avoid permanent loss of capital
- Absolute return targeting 10-15% p.a. through the cycle1
- > Staff invest alongside clients

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

13.3%

**Portfolio Compound Annual Return Since Inception (Net)** 

12.7%

**Portfolio Composition** 

No. of Long Investments

No. of Short Positions

13

Year to 30 June	Portfolio Return (Net) <sup>2</sup>	Net Exposure	
2009 (6 months)	2.3%	15%	
2010	8.3%	76%	
2011	18.4%	88%	
2012	5.4%	71%	
2013	27.5%	77%	
2014	9.4%	86%	
2015	38.1%	76%	
2016	13.0%	75%	
2017	5.9%	58%	
2018	20.2%	54%	
2019	13.1%	62%	
2020	(7.2%)	69%	
2021	24.7%	76%	
2022 (4 months)	(6.9%)	77%	
1 Month (October 2021)	2.3%	70%	
Since Inception (p.a.)	12.7%	70%	
Inception Date	20 J	20 January 2009	

Month End Exposures	
Long Equity Exposure	87%
Short Equity Exposure	(17%)
Net Equity Exposure	70%
Portfolio Currency Exposure	AUD 100%

#### Long Portfolio by Location of Exchange Listing<sup>3</sup>



- North America 60%
- UK/Europe 25%
- Asia 15%

## Long Portfolio by Sector<sup>3</sup>



- eCommerce & Internet 35%
- Information Technology 18%
- Exchanges & Financial Services 11%
- Luxury 9%
- Payments 8%
- Medtech 8%
- Gaming & Entertainment 7%
- Consumer Staples 4%

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Source: Citco Fund Services. Returns are unaudited.

The return objective is to achieve an average compound annual return of 10% to 15% (after all fees and expenses) over a period of more than five years.

Portfolio Return (Net) is shown after all applicable fees and expenses.

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

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Top Ten Long Investments: 70% of Portfolio

amazon

15%

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

**@** CME Group

8%

Exchanges & Financial Services CME Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CME)

RICHEMONT

7%

Luxury

Cie Financière Richemont SA (SWX: CFR)



7%

Payments

Mastercard Inc. (NYSE: MA)



7%

Information Technology SAP SE (ETR: SAP)



7%

Medtech

**Olympus Corporation (TYO: 7733)** 



6%

eCommerce & Internet Pinterest Inc. (NYSE: PINS)

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6%

Information Technology Qualtrics International Inc. (NASDAQ: XM)



4%

Gaming & Entertainment Française des Jeux (EPA: FDJ)



3%

Consumer Staples

Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd (TYO: 2267)

#### Commentary

The portfolio's return (net of all fees and expenses) for the month of October was +2.3%. The portfolio's Long Investments added +3.1% to performance for the month and the Short portfolio, currently comprising 13 Short Positions, detracted -0.8% from performance. The portfolio has 100% Australian Dollar exposure (equities are fully hedged to the AUD and excess cash is held in AUD) and therefore currency fluctuations did not directly impact the return in October.

Key contributors to the return were Cie Financière Richemont +1.0%, CME Group +1.0% and SAP +0.5%.

Richemont experienced a rebound on the back of easing concerns regarding luxury spend in China and also performed well in sympathy with other luxury players (e.g. LVMH and Hermès) following strong earnings reports.

CME has benefited from higher interest rate futures trading volumes as a result of the recent volatility in bond yields.

Detractors included Pinterest -1.0% and Mastercard -0.4%.

Pinterest experienced a volatile month, with the stock rallying almost 20% on the back of speculation of a takeover by PayPal, but then falling when PayPal denied any acquisition "at this time". Negative sentiment also spread to Pinterest in October when other digital advertising companies reported weak 3Q results (due to Apple's IDFA changes and advertisers reducing spend because of supply chain disruptions).

We note Pinterest's 3Q result was released in early November. This showed its advertisers have similarly been affected by supply chain disruptions and Pinterest also saw pressure on its user growth (as numbers continued to normalise post COVID lockdowns ending). Pleasingly, however, its revenues and earnings continue to grow strongly.

Three small Long Investments were exited in October.
Three new Short Positions were initiated and four closed.

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