

## Introduction

The principal objective of the Sintra Global Fund is to grow investor wealth over the long-term while maintaining a capital preservation focus by investing in a portfolio of Australian and International securities.

As at 31 January 2023	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	12 Mths	Since Inception*
Sintra Global Fund Performance <sup>1</sup>	6.67%	5.61%	4.65%	-	6.40%

<sup>1</sup>Net of fees

\* Inception date: 1 July 2022

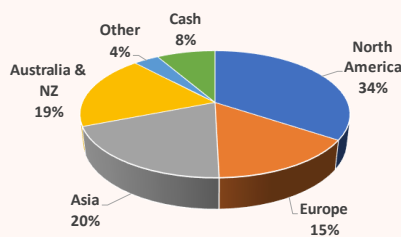
## Core Portfolio Holdings

Alphabetical Order

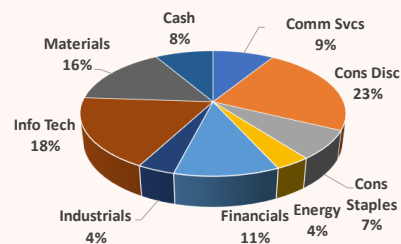
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## Geographic Exposure

by Revenue Source



## Sector Exposure



## Market Commentary

Global equities enjoyed a strong start to 2023 on expectations that inflation is moderating and interest rate hikes are nearing an end. The prospect of a soft landing for the economy gathered momentum while fears of significant corporate earnings downgrades dissipated. As Warren Buffet likes to say, "Never bet against America." The last two months are a great example of how investor sentiment can change rapidly. This is exactly why we prefer to block out the noise which only serves to increase volatility and instead focus on investing in companies with strong long-term growth prospects.

We maintain that no central banker has a desire to tip their domestic economy into recession through excessive interest rate rises. Despite the ongoing tough talk, it is politically unpalatable. US Presidents have a long history of exerting pressure on Fed governors. Despite Biden's public silence we can only guess what might be happening behind the scenes. Falling bond yields are also telling us that the Fed's bark will be much worse than its bite.

The AUD (+3.5%) provided a headwind for international investors. The Sintra Global Fund is currently hedged 70% back to the AUD, insulating the portfolio from a rising local currency.

## Key Portfolio Contributors

**Big Tech:** The Fund has been accumulating positions in Large-Cap Technology companies that substantially de-rated over the latter half of 2022. Businesses including Microsoft (+3%), Alphabet (+12%) and Adobe (+10%) all generate high returns on capital underpinned by fortress balance sheets. With aggressive cost cutting measures announced to maintain margins and currently trading on attractive valuation multiples we continue to add on any weakness.

## Stock in Focus – James Hardie

James Hardie is a leading supplier of fibre cement building solutions with operations in North America, Asia Pacific and Europe. The Fund initiated a position in late 2022, taking advantage of a greater than 50% share price decline to acquire a high-quality business during a cyclical downturn. Despite a challenging macro-economic backdrop, the outlook is improving as US mortgage rates fall and listed home building peers report better results than feared.

## Why Sintra?

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| <p><b>1</b></p> <p>Skilled portfolio managers with Combined 45+ years of equity market experience</p> | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Long-term track records of superior investment performance</p> | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>High conviction portfolio consisting of 20-30 companies</p> | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>One fund; One focus; Zero Conflicts</p> | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Genuine partnership approach - Principals invest alongside clients and on the same terms</p> |
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