

## 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 30 September 2023	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	12 Mths	Since Inception p.a.*
Sintra Global Fund Performance <sup>1</sup>	-2.32%	-0.99%	2.75%	13.74%	9.71%

<sup>1</sup>Net of fees

\* Inception date: 1 July 2022

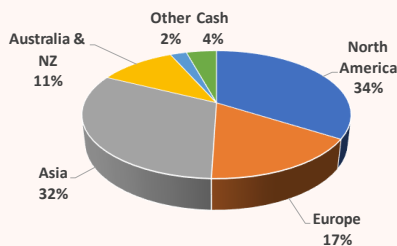
## Core Portfolio Holdings

Alphabetical Order

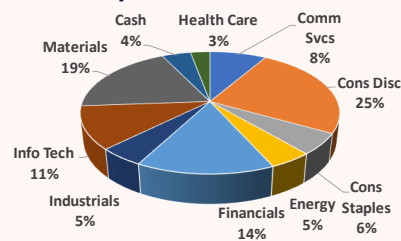
Alphabet	Freeport
Aristocrat	Nike
Costco	Seven Group
Deckers	Universal Music
Flutter	Visa

## Geographic Exposure

by Revenue Source



## Sector Exposure



## Market Commentary

Global markets retreated in September as investors fretted over the prospect of higher interest rates for longer with US equities bearing the brunt of the selling (Nasdaq -5.1%, S&P 500 -4.6%). US 10-year bond yields rose 49bps to 4.57%, their highest level in more than a decade driven by a combination of a stronger economic backdrop and excess supply. The US government continues to spend with reckless abandon, funded by the ongoing issuance of bonds. However, the Federal Reserve are no longer buying, and neither are the Chinese, creating a significant supply/demand imbalance. Equity markets are in the process of adjusting to this new normal. The clear implication is that the days of free money are long gone. Periods of excess volatility are common and our preference for companies with strong balance sheets and untapped pricing power remains as resolute as ever. As such we have taken this opportunity to increase our holdings of **Microsoft, Amazon** and **Visa**.

The oil price rally continued in September. Reduced supply from OPEC/Russia, geopolitical tension and increased demand due to better than expected economic activity should see prices stay elevated. Consumers will feel the effects at the bowser with the impact on household budgets similar to a rise in interest rates...and helping the Fed in the process.

The AUD depreciated by 0.8% versus the USD for the month. The Sintra Global Fund is currently hedged 73% back to the AUD, partially benefitting from September's fall.

## Key Portfolio Contributors

**Costco (+3%):** Reported solid Q4 FY23 results that exceeded expectations as margins and foot traffic expanded. Costco is a best-in-class retailer with a membership base of 71m and growing, supported by new store openings and a renewal rate of over 90%. Expectations of an imminent increase in membership fees will drive profitability further. Costco's value proposition is unique and remains a core holding for the fund.

**Visa (-6%):** Retreated following company proposal to convert non-tradeable Class B shares issued to US financial institutions at IPO into freely tradeable Class A shares. If approved, this will likely result in a short-term overhang as the lockups expire. On the positive side, it removes any long-term uncertainty associated with the Class B stock and there is no change to underlying company fundamentals of revenue and EPS Growth of 10%+ and 15%+ respectively.

## Why Sintra?

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

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