

PENGANA AXIOM INTERNATIONAL FUND HEDGED

DESCRIPTION

The Pengana Axiom International Fund (Hedged) invests in companies that are dynamically growing and changing for the better, more rapidly than generally expected and where the positive changes are not yet reflected in expectations or valuation.

The Global Equity Strategy seeks dynamic growth by concentrating its investments in global developed markets, and may also invest in companies located in emerging markets.

The investment manager is Axiom Investors, a Connecticut-based global equity fund manager formed in 1998 with over US\$19billion in assets under Management.

PERFORMANCE TABLE

NET PERFORMANCE FOR PERIODS ENDING 30 Apr 2026¹

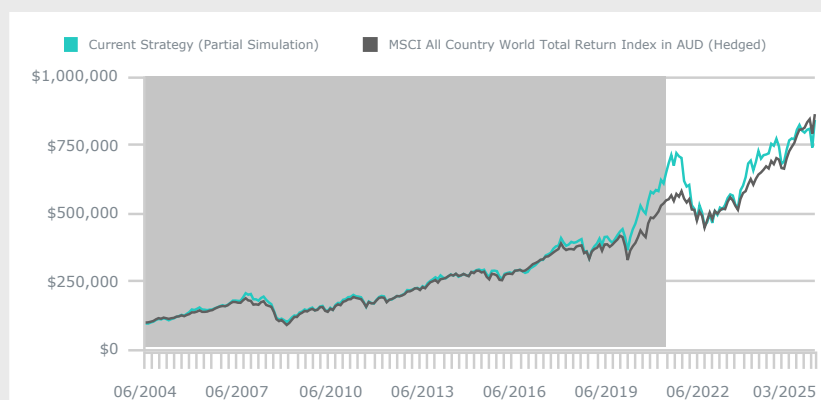
Pengana Axiom International Fund (Hedged)¹

The Class was established in 1 July 2017. From June 2021 Axiom was appointed as the investment manager for the Fund.

	1M	1Y	2Y	3Y	Since Axiom Appointed June 2021	5Y	Since Fund Inception July 2017 ³	Since Strategy Inception July 2004 ⁴
Fund: APIR (HHA0002AU)^{2,3} Managed by Axiom from June 2021	13.7%	22.2%	13.2%	17.8%	6.8%	6.7%	9.2%	
Current Strategy (Partial Simulation)⁵ Axiom Global Equity Strategy						6.3%	11.3%	10.2%
Index (Hedged)⁶	9.1%	30.2%	19.6%	18.7%	10.2%	10.4%	11.5%	10.4%

PERFORMANCE CHART

NET PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION²



TOP HOLDINGS (ALPHABETICALLY)

Alphabet Inc. Class A	Communication Services
Amazon.com, Inc.	Consumer Discretionary
ASML Holding NV	Information Technology
Broadcom Inc.	Information Technology
Fujikura Ltd	Industrials
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Financials
Morgan Stanley	Financials
NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology
Siemens Energy AG	Industrials
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Spons	Information Technology

SECTOR BREAKDOWN

Consumer Discretionary	8.6%
Consumer Staples	1.9%
Financials	11.8%
Health Care	6%
Industrials	22.6%
Information Technology	34.6%
Real Estate	2.1%
Communication Services	9.1%
Cash	3.2%

CAPITALISATION BREAKDOWN

In between 10bn - 50bn USD	9.1%
In between 50bn - 150bn USD	16.1%
In between 150bn - 500bn USD	21%
Above 500bn USD	50.6%
Cash	3.2%

REGION BREAKDOWN

North America	61%
Europe ex-UK	15%
Emerging Markets	7.3%
Japan	7.8%
UK	2.7%
Asia Pacific ex-Japan	3.1%
Cash	3.2%

STATISTICAL DATA

VOLATILITY⁸ 15.7%

NUMBER OF STOCKS 40

BETA⁹ 1.1

APRIL REPORT

COMMENTARY

- The Fund returned 13.7% in April, outperforming the MSCI All Country World Total Return Index (net, AUD), which rose 9.1%. Easing geopolitical tensions drove a broad recovery in risk appetite, with industrials and communication services holdings contributing as Generative AI adoption trends strengthened.
- The portfolio's forward earnings revisions accelerated further and remained well ahead of the benchmark, with 88% of holdings receiving upgrades, a recent relative high. Earnings growth continues to outpace the index, while valuation remains attractive relative to the improving growth.
- Key contributors included **Siemens Energy**, on strong results and a raised outlook, **Fujikura**, where optical demand remained robust, and **Alphabet**, on a strong earnings report. Detractors included **AstraZeneca**, **TJX Companies**, and **Hershey**. The Fund initiated **Johnson & Johnson**, **Advantest**, **ABB**, and **United Therapeutics**, exiting four less dynamic positions in health care and materials.

Market Review

Global equity markets rebounded in April as easing geopolitical tensions drove a broad recovery in risk appetite across regions and sectors. Generative AI exposed names led the advance, supported by strengthening evidence of accelerating enterprise and consumer adoption and improving returns on investment. The Fund's currency hedge contributed during the month, insulating hedged investors from a stronger Australian dollar and translating foreign-currency exposures into lower Australian-dollar terms.

In the US, equities advanced as the easing in geopolitical risk drew investors back into growth and technology names. Activity indicators remained resilient, with manufacturing new orders improving and employment trends firming, though inflation pressures intensified as energy costs fed through to industry survey prices paid. Nationwide gasoline prices reached their highest levels since 2022. Communication services and technology stocks were notably strong, supported by upbeat earnings from large platform names and continued momentum in datacenter related demand.

In Europe, the recovery was more uneven, given the region's heavy dependence on commodity imports. Business surveys and consumer confidence deteriorated further, with German business expectations weakening and UK manufacturing order trends softening. Inflation continued to accelerate on commodity pressures, weighing on the consumer and on activity-sensitive sectors.

In China, equity markets reflected continued divergence between external and domestic drivers. Export activity and industrial production remained firm, while domestic conditions lagged, given ongoing weakness in property investment, declining sales, and subdued consumer activity.

Portfolio Commentary

The Fund outperformed the benchmark in April. Industrials and communication services were the largest contributing sectors, while health care and real estate were modest detractors. The portfolio's largest overweights remained industrials and information technology, with financials and consumer staples the largest non-exclusionary underweights.

Siemens Energy, the German provider of gas turbines and grid infrastructure, was the leading contributor following strong results and a raised full-year outlook for revenue, margins, and free cash flow, with turbine orders running

well ahead of expectations. **Fujikura**, the Japanese manufacturer of optical fibre and connector products, also performed strongly as industry data and peer earnings supported the thesis, with demand running well ahead of supply. **Alphabet** rounded out the leading contributors on a strong earnings report, with search growth accelerating and cloud revenue ahead of consensus on recent large customer deal signings.

Conversely, **AstraZeneca** lagged as health care broadly underperformed during the market rebound, given its defensive characteristics, although management commentary on upcoming trial results remained encouraging. **TJX Companies** and **Hershey** also underperformed as high US gasoline prices weighed on consumer sentiment, though both retain limited demand elasticity, and incoming retail sales data continues to indicate upside.

The largest additions were to **Howmet Aerospace**, **Amazon**, and **Teradyne** (a US semiconductor testing equipment supplier), reflecting strong aerospace after-market demand, accelerating AWS revenue from new datacenter capacity, and rising chip equipment spending as testing times lengthen. The largest reductions were to **ASML** (the Dutch lithography supplier), redeployed into other semiconductor holdings; **Spotify**, on softening sentiment around Generative AI disruption risk; and **Nvidia**, which reached its mandated position size limit. The Fund initiated four new positions aligned with structural growth themes. **Johnson & Johnson** was added on accelerating growth in oncology and immunology and a strengthening pipeline. **Advantest**, the Japanese leader in semiconductor testing alongside **Teradyne**, was initiated given the duopolistic industry structure and lengthening testing requirements from Generative AI server ecosystems. **ABB**, the Swiss leader in building electrification and automation, was added on accelerating order trends linked to global datacenter investment. **United Therapeutics**, the US-based biopharmaceutical company focused on rare cardiopulmonary conditions, was initiated following positive trial results in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. These were funded alongside exits of **UCB**, **Danaher**, **Intuitive Surgical**, and **Heidelberg Materials**.

The portfolio's underlying fundamentals remain compelling. Forward earnings revisions accelerated to 4.8% month over month, well ahead of the benchmark's 2.6%, with 88% of holdings receiving upgrades, a recent relative high. Earnings growth accelerated further and continues to run ahead of the index, while valuation remains attractive relative to the improving growth trajectory.

On ESG, MSCI made no rating changes to portfolio holdings in April. The team followed up with **AstraZeneca** on Scope 3 emissions tracking and human capital practices, and met with **Mitsubishi Estate** on the incorporation of quantifiable environmental and employee engagement targets into executive compensation.

FEATURES	
APIR CODE	HHA0002AU
REDEMPTION PRICE	A\$ 3.7757
FEES *	Management Fee: 1.35% p.a
MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT	\$10,000
FUM AT MONTH END	A\$ 48.34m
STRATEGY INCEPTION DATE	1 July 2004
BENCHMARK	MSCI All Country World Total Return in AUD (Hedged)

FUND MANAGERS



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1. From 4 June 2021 the capital component of the foreign currency exposure for the Fund is hedged back to Australian dollars.
 2. Axiom was appointed fund manager as of 5 May 2021. June 2021 represents the first full month of Axiom managing the Fund.
 3. Inception date 1 July 2017. Figures shown are calculated from the continuous performance of both the current and previous strategies. For performance see row labelled Fund: APIR (HHA0002AU) in the table above which is the continuous performance of both the current and previous strategies.
 4. Axiom Global Equity Strategy inception 1 Jul 2004.
 5. Prior to 1 June 2021, the Axiom Global Equity Strategy performance (labeled 'Current Strategy (Partial Simulation)' and shown in the shaded area) includes the strategy performance simulated by Pengana from the monthly gross USD returns of the Axiom Global Equity strategy. The Axiom Global Equity Strategy performance does not include the Pengana ethical screen
 6. Prior to 4 June 2021 hedged performance has been simulated by Pengana for both the Fund and Index. This was done by: 1) using 3 month rolling forwards to hedge movements in the AUD/USD spot rate, and 2) deducting the Pengana International Ethical Fund (Hedged) management fee of 1.35% p.a. from the Fund's performance.
 - From 4 June 2021, index performance is from the MSCI All Country World Total Return in AUD (Hedged). Prior to 4 June 2021, index performance is simulated from the MSCI All Country World Total Return in USD
 7. Performance for periods greater than 12 months are annualised. Net performance figures are shown after all fees and expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. No allowance has been made for buy/sell spreads. Please refer to the PDS for information regarding risks. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance, the value of investments can go up and down.
 8. Annualised standard deviation since inception.
 9. Relative to the MSCI All Country World Total Return in AUD (Hedged).
- *For further information regarding fees please see the PDS available on our website.

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