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## PENGANA HIGH CONVICTION PROPERTY SECURITIES FUND

#### **DESCRIPTION**

A Property Fund focussed on capital security, income yield, and sustainable growth.

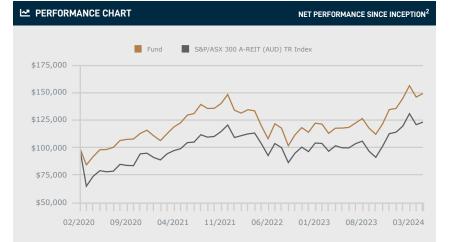
The Fund believes each security has an underlying or intrinsic value and that securities become mispriced at times relative to their value and each other.

The Fund seeks to exploit such market inefficiencies by employing an active, value based investment style to capture the underlying cashflows generated from real estate assets and/or real estate businesses.

The Fund believes that responsible investing is important to generate long term sustainable returns. Incorporating ESG factors along-side financial measures provides a complete view of the risk/ return characteristics of our property investments.

The Fund is benchmark unaware. All positions are high conviction and assessed on a risk-reward basis, resulting in a concentrated portfolio of 10-20 securities.

PERFORMANCE TABLE NET PERFORMANCE FOR PERIODS ENDING 31 May 202					
	1 MTH	1 YEAR	2 YEARS P.A.	3 YEARS P.A.	SINCE INCEPTION P.A.
High Conviction Property Securities Fund	2.2%	26.7%	11.6%	6.8%	9.8%
S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT (AUD) TR Index	1.9%	23.4%	9.1%	7.5%	5.0%



### TOP HOLDINGS (ALPHABETICALLY)

Goodman Group	Real Estate
HomeCo Daily Needs REIT	Real Estate
National Storage REIT	Real Estate
Scentre Group	Real Estate
Stockland	Real Estate

MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2024

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN

Retail REITs	21.4%
Diversified REITs	1 <b>9</b> %
Specialized REITs	7.9%
Industrial REITs	36.3%
Real Estate Management & Development	1.9%
IT Services	3.2%
Residential REITs	5.1%
Capital Markets	2.7%
Cash	2.5%

STATISTICAL DATA

VOLATILITY<sup>3</sup> 21.4%

NUMBER OF STOCKS 14

# WHAT TO EXPECT LEADING UP TO FY24 RESULTS

## COMMENTARY

The Fund returned +2.25% for the month. In comparison A-REITs delivered a +1.91% return in May, outperforming the broader equities market by +1.01%.

On a rolling year-to-date, the Fund is tracking at 26.72% return, outperforming the benchmark by +3.34%. The Fund's outperformance is attributed to our active strategy of being benchmark unaware and not investing in pure office REITs, whilst leveraging into sectors with exposure to secular trends of AI and cloud computing such as data centres through our holdings in NextDC (NXT +41.55%) and Goodman Group (GMG +73.06%).

The recent March 2024 quarterly updates showed 1) retail metrics normalising as leasing spreads pulled back from +5% to +2.5%; 2) Residential sales slowly improving, however settlements are heavily skewed to the last quarter of the financial year; 3) office fundamentals remaining a slow grind; and 4) industrial rental growth moderating from its peak of +40% to +20%.

Putting all this together, our view heading into this reporting season is one of cautious optimism. We believe that rates have peaked and whilst the exact timing of rate cuts is unknown, REITs are well positioned to take advantage of the turnaround in the rate cycle with attractive valuations and, for the majority, sound balance sheets with the average sector gearing at 27%.

In terms of office valuations, all eyes will be on the sale of several A-grade CBD office towers, namely 231 Elizabeth Street (Sydney), 333 George Street (Sydney), 200 Queen Street (Melbourne), 5 Martin Place (Sydney) and 175 Pitt Street (Sydney). This is seen as positive for the sector as it provides transactional evidence and hence price discovery and valuation. The key risk is that there will be further devaluations, which will exacerbate already high leverage levels in some of the more passive REITs. As a result, we remain cautious about the recovery of the office sector until we have more visibility on capital demand for these assets. Our strategy continues to support REITs with high visibility in earnings and strong balance sheets to support earnings growth through developments and acquisitions.

FEATURES	
APIR CODE	PCL8246AU
REDEMPTION PRICE	A\$ 1.24
FEES *	Management Fee: 0.70% Performance Fee: 15%
MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT	A\$10,000
FUM AT MONTH END	A\$ 19.86m
STRATEGY INCEPTION DATE	11 March 2020
BENCHMARK	S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Total Return Index

#### SUND MANAGERS



Amy Pham Portfolio Manager



Jade Ong Investment Specialist

1. Net performance figures are shown after all fees and expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. The Fund incepted on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020. Index performance calculations include a complete month's performance for March 2020. 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.

2. Inception 11 March 2020.

3. Annualised standard deviation since inception.

4. Relative to S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT TotalReturn Index.

\* For further information regarding fees please see the PDS available on our website.

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