# Pengana Private Equity Trust

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Data is provided by the manager at 31 Jan 2024, and currency in AUD, unless otherwise stated



# **Product Review**

About this Product	
Investment manager	Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P.
Benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD
Product structure	LIT
Market cap. at 31-Jan- 2024	\$382.84m
Price divergence	Moderate
Listing Date	Apr-2019
Leverage	Up to 25% of NAV
Asset class	Alternatives
Sector	Growth Alternatives (High)
Peer group	Private Equity
Rated peers	24

#### **Product Characteristics**

Business Life Cycle	Mature
Product Wind-Up Risk	Low
Key Person Risk	Low
Tenure of Decision Makers	High
Complex (RG240)	Yes
Strategy Remaining Capacity	Not stated
ESG Approach	Risk or Value
Peer Relative Fees and Costs	Above median

### Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.)

(11)	
Management fees & costs	2.45
Performance fee costs	0.00
Annual fees and costs	2.45

Source: FE fundinfo, Offer Document date: 11/Feb/2019

# **Product Opinion**

The Trust's 'Recommended' rating has been retained. The Grosvenor investment team is considered to be experienced and to apply a thorough and robust investment process. The Manager has a well regarded private market track record spanning over 20 years. The listed trust structure can also provide daily liquidity for an illiquid asset class. The Trust's material use of internal co-mingled funds may reduce portfolio flexibility compared to peers and the Trust's high level of overcommitment is strongly reliant on forecast distributions which has the potential for liquidity challenges in extreme circumstances. The overall fee load, which includes multiple management and performance fee layers, is considered high compared to peers and very high overall.

#### Lonsec Rating Model

Rating key:	bove	In-line Below
Factor	Peer Rating	YoY Score Change
Business	•••	
Team	•••	
Process	•••	<b>↑</b>
ESG	•••	<b>↑</b>
Product	•••	<b>↑</b>
Fees	• • •	_
Performance		

## **Allocation Profile**

Core		
Satellite		
	Low Complexity	High Complexity

### Return Profile

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Income		
Capital		
	Defensive	Growth

#### Strengths

- · Strong private markets track record, highly qualified investment team, applying a robust investment process.
- · Being listed on the ASX provides investors with daily liquidity for an illiquid asset class.
- The Trust is well diversified by portfolio companies, industries and regions.
- Grosvenor's strong relationships with GPs provide a good foundation for sourcing investment opportunities.

#### Weaknesses

- The largely closed-end structure of the underlying co-mingled vehicles may reduce the portfolio's maneuverability.
- The dual layer of management and performance fees is very high in absolute terms, as well as relative to peers.
- Correlations to the broader equity market are expected to be higher than an unlisted private equity exposure.



# **Key Facts**

# **Key Objectives**

Investment objective

To generate over an investment horizon of at least 10 years attractive returns and capital growth through a selective and diversified approach to private markets

Internal return 8-14% p.a. net of fees over an at least 10-year objective investment horizon

Internal risk None stated objective

### Asset Allocation (%) (as at 30/06/2024)

Alternative Assets	97.64
Cash	2.36
Total	100
Source: FE fundinfo	

# Rating History

Rating History	
18-Sep-2023	Recommended
30-Sep-2022	Recommended
18-Oct-2021	Recommended

#### **Product Distribution Profile**

Frequency	Semi Annually
Last Missed Distribution	Nil
Number of Missed Distributions in the last 5 years	0

# **Target Market Determination**

Produced by issuer	No
Provided to Lonsec	No

# Trading Snapshot (as at 30/06/2024)

Securities on issue	276,609,318
Ticker	PE1
Last price	\$1.40
52 week high/low price	\$1.64/\$1.22
Last NTA or NAV	\$1.58
52 week high/low NTA or NAV	\$1.66/\$1.56
Premium/discount to NTA or NAV	-11.603 %

# Performance Analysis - annualised after fees at 30/06/2024

	1 Year	Median	2 Year	Median	3 Year	Median	5 Year	Median
Performance (% p.a)	-4.12	6.78	3.33	9.19	12.23	6.25	9.33	7.10
Standard deviation	18.34	6.48	16.24	6.09	19.64	7.67	20.50	8.37
Excess return (% p.a)	-8.49	2.40	-0.30	5.56	9.79	1.76	7.69	-4.50
Outperformance ratio (% p.a)	33.33	45.83	45.83	50.00	52.78	50.00	53.33	44.17
Worst drawdown (%)	-10.76	-2.98	-19.97	-4.24	-19.97	-13.60	-23.20	-19.04
Time to recovery (mths)	2	-	NR	4	NR	-	11	-
Sharpe ratio	-0.46	0.70	-0.02	1.10	0.50	0.44	0.38	0.35
Information ratio	-0.46	0.52	-0.02	0.63	0.50	0.22	0.37	-0.46
Tracking error (% p.a)	18.33	7.99	16.29	8.13	19.77	8.61	20.55	9.53

Lonsec Peer Group: Alternatives - Growth Alternatives (High) - Private Equity

**Product Benchmark:** Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD **Cash Benchmark:** Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD

Time to recovery: NR - Not recovered, dash - No drawdown during period

Calculated using share price

# Business

Facts	
Investment Manager	Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P.
Ultimate Parent Company	GCM Grosvenor Inc (NASDAQ: GCMG)
Headquarters	Chicago, USA
Inception Date	May 1971
% Staff Ownership	>50%



#### Governance

% Independent board members	71
% Female board members	43
Independent chair	No
CEO as Chair	Yes
Separate Audit Committee	Yes

#### **Metrics**

Total AUM	A\$119.0b
Investment Management Headcount	538
Investment Professionals	176
Sales & Service	15 (Pengana)
Distributor	Pengana Capital Group

### Who is the Manager?

Pengana Capital Limited ('Pengana') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pengana Capital Group Limited (ASX:PCG), a diversified funds management group founded in 2003 and headquartered in Sydney. Pengana has appointed Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P. ('Grosvenor' or 'the Manager') as the investment manager for the Fund.

Grosvenor is an investment manager with US\$79bn in AUM (June 2024). This is split US\$23bn in Absolute Return strategies and US\$56bn in private markets. 71% of AUM is managed in customised separate accounts.

Grosvenor became a public company (NASDAQ: GCMG), effective 18 November 2020, after a merger with CF Finance Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: CFFA). Post the merger, the Grosvenor investment team continue to own c. 70% of the equity interests of the combined company. Importantly, the Grosvenor leadership team remains unchanged since listing.

# **Lonsec Opinion**

### **Profitability**

The Manager is profitable, although derives a material amount of revenue from performance based fees, which may fluctuate based on the performance of the Manager's investment strategies. The Manager has a well diversified global client base across a number of investment strategies and vehicles, which typically have long investment periods, as such the client base and subsequent ability to generate revenue is considered strong.

### **Business Track record**

The firm manages a significant amount of capital, with strong AUM growth in a sustainable manner, and a strong track record of operating over many years, with the Manager's private equity capabilities being offered since 1999. The GCM business has built a decent footprint across Asia Pacific and is considered to be committed to continuing offering products and services in the region.

### **Business Ownership**

GCM is a publicly listed company (NASDAQ: GCMG), that said, the Manager is considered to have a strong boutique culture, with the business being majority staff owned.

### **Business Governance**

Business governance is line with many large global asset managers, with no regulatory findings in recent history. There is a high degree of segregation of duties between the investment team and the operations and compliance teams.



# Team



# Key Decision Makers (KDM)

	Primary function	Dedicated to strategy	Appointed to strategy	Industry/Mgr exp. (yrs)	Exp. in PM roles (yrs)
Jonathan Levin	Portfolio management	No	2019	21/13	
Jason Metakis	Portfolio management	No	2019	25/14	
Bradley Meyers	Portfolio management	No	2019	27/1	
Frederick Pollock	Portfolio management	No	2019	20/9	
Brian Sullivan	Portfolio management	No	2019	28/10	

### **KDM Change\***

No changes.

#### **Profile**

Size	176
Structure	Decentralised
Turnover	Medium
Alignment	
KDM equity held in manager	Yes
KDM co-investment in strategy	Yes
Performance-Based bonus	Yes
Long term incentive plan	No

#### Resources

	Number	Average Years Experience
Key decision makers	5	24
Portfolio Managers		
Hybrid portfolio manager/ analysts		
Dedicated analysts		
Dedicated dealers		
Quantitative		
ESG/Sustainability		
Macro		
Investment Specialists		

#### Who is the Team?

Established in 1971, Grosvenor has been investing in private markets since 1999 with over US\$76bn (30 June 2023) in assets under management (AUM) across absolute return strategies, private equity, real estate, infrastructure and credit. Grosvenor is headquartered in Chicago and has a further seven offices globally. The aggregate investment team totals 176 investment professionals, with the private equity investment platform comprising 54 investors loosely structured according to Primaries, Coinvestments, Secondaries, and Opportunistic. The investment team is considered to be adequately resourced.

The Trust's Investment Committee is responsible for all investment decisions. It includes Grosvenor's President Jonathan Levin (Chair), alongside Managing Directors Jason Metakis, Bradley Meyers, Brian Sullivan and Fred Pollock, Chief Investment Officer and PE1's assigned Portfolio Manager. The Investment Committee is well-experienced with firm tenure and industry experience averages of 13 and 24 years, respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> Last 3 years



# Team (continued)



# **Lonsec Opinion**

#### **Team Size**

Overall, the Private Equity Team comprises 54 professionals and executes private equity investments across primary funds, secondaries, and co-investments. Grosvenor's investment team is considered to be highly qualified, to have strong experience in investing in private markets and be sufficiently resourced. Grosvenor also has a well-resourced 17-person Operational Due Diligence Team, who are members of the Finance and Legal Departments and are separate to the investment team. The Operational Due Diligence Team is responsible for separately reviewing investments and managers from a structuring and operations perspective firmwide and includes members with legal, audit, tax, technology and securities experience.

#### Skill

In addition to being the Trust's Portfolio Manager and firm's CIO, Pollock also leads the Strategic Investments Group and is a member of the separate Private Equity, Real Assets and Alternative Credit Investment Committees. Pollock's collective roles are considered to be helpful in providing a broad perspective on global markets and are complimentary to his role as Portfolio Manager for PE1. Pollock has over 20 years' investment experience, nine of which gained at Grosvenor, and is considered to be a highly capable investor.

While investment decisions are undertaken by the Trust's Investment Committee, all new investments also require the approval of Grosvenor's Operations Committee. This dual-approval structure is considered to be best practice, although noting it is reasonably common for private equity managers. The use of an Investment Committee also helps to reduce key person risk. The Operations Committee is also well-experienced, with an average firm tenure of 19 years and average investment experience of 27 years.

#### Track Record/Co-Tenure

The team is significantly experienced with a stability evident across senior members of the investment team and various committees. The committees are considered to be highly experienced and of very high calibre. All Key Decision Maker's are observed to have extensive industry experience and meaningfully long levels of tenure at the Manager.

## Key Person Risk

Given the size and depth of experience in the investment team, coupled with the committee-based decision-making structure, key person risk is considered to be relatively low.

#### Alignment

The Manager and investment team are highly aligned to the performance of the Trust in a variety of ways, having invested substantial capital alongside investors, incentive fees being linked to performance outcomes, annual bonuses being based on both individual performance and the success of the firm and numerous key members of Grosvenor's management team, including investment professionals, participating in a profit share of the business. Eligible employees also now receive shares/restricted stock units in the firm with vesting periods of over three years. Overall, the strength of the alignment is considered to be a positive for the Trust.



## **Process**



#### What is the Investment Process?

The Trust seeks to provide diversified private markets exposure, including private equity, private credit, and other opportunistic investments. Investments are predominantly made through Grosvenor's co-mingled funds, although exposure can also be through vehicles managed by third-party investment managers. The investment process seeks exposure to middle market companies based on the belief they represent a larger opportunity set, lower entry valuations, and have more conservative capital structures. The Manager seeks investment exposure to middle market companies, believing this larger opportunity set providers more lucrative entry valuation and more conservative capital structures. Additionally, Grosvenor believes that middle market investments can offer fund managers more opportunity for organic value creation and increased exit opportunities, resulting in the potential for higher returns.

The Manager seeks to assess the potential value creation for each General Partner ('GP') at different stages of the investment process (i.e., sourcing, due diligence, structuring, execution, monitoring, and exit) to gain an in-depth understanding of the opportunities and risks associated with each investment. Grosvenor is an active investor across the spectrum of both market and fund manager size, and maintains an extensive network of GP relationships (700+), and is able to gain access to a range of private equity managers.

The due diligence process for underlying funds utilises a bottom-up approach involving multiple teams seeking to maximise efficiencies and ensure appropriate checks and balances in order to select and approve investments. All potential investments undergo an initial screening process to determine whether the transaction warrants additional analysis. If initial approval is granted, the deal team then undertakes due diligence and conducts detailed analysis of the key risks, merits and suitability of the proposed investment.

# Lonsec Opinion & Supporting Facts

#### Philosophy and Universe

Investment Sector	Private Equity
Investment Strategy	Predominantly Buyout
Investment Type	Direct, Primaries, Co-investment, Secondaries
Primary geographical focus	North America
Target Market	Middle Market

The Trust seeks to invest in a range of private markets investments with the target allocation range for each being; Primaries (15-30%), Co-investments (15-30%), Secondaries (15-30%), Private credit (5-15%), Opportunistic (10-25%) and Cash (2-10%). As of 30/6/24, PE1 was overall exposed to over 500 underlying companies and is diversified across multiple dimensions including regions, vintages covering 2003 to present, and implementation methods including 16 primary funds managed by 13 cycle-tested managers, over 85 private equity co-investments and direct investments, and 36 secondary transactions (with over 85 funds and over 325 underlying companies). The portfolio is well diversified across private equity strategies and underlying exposures.

Grosvenor's significant position in the private equity landscape provides several key advantages versus smaller peers. One such advantage is the ability to get continued access and preferred allocations into oversubscribed funds due to its existing relationships with GPs. Grosvenor also has an active presence as an adviser to underlying managers, with Advisory Board seats on over 40% of its mid-market buy-out fund investments. Additionally, Grosvenor tends to be much more willing than competitors to invest in GPs based in second or third tier cities, indicating the breadth of the Manager's coverage.

#### Research Process

Idea generation	Financial market data, Expert networks, Other, Referrals, Direct outreach, Proprietary deal outflow, Brokers, PE sponsors
Deals assessed p.a.	350
Core GP relationships	>30
Valuation Approach	IRR

Grosvenor implements a robust and highly detailed due diligence process for new investment opportunities across primaries, secondaries and co-investments. The due diligence process heavily leverages the collective senior expertise of the investment team and is supported via well-resourced investment committees. Pleasingly, the Manager is observed to be highly selective in terms of its investments which is highlighted by the low rate of primary and co-investment opportunities which have been invested into historically (circa 5%). Secondary investments are also made somewhat opportunistically, involving a blend of GP-led and traditional limited partner secondaries.

The Trust utilises a broad approach to the strategies employed across Grosvenor's investment platform and seeks to provide diversification across underlying investment managers, vintages, geographies, sectors, and strategies. There is a broad approach to strategy type, albeit leveraged buyout funds are of particular focus and expected to strongly feature. Grosvenor generally seeks to invest with underlying investment managers who have historically managed investment vehicles which have generated upper quartile returns, and whom Grosvenor believes have the potential to continue to do so due to strong deal sourcing capabilities, superior structuring and execution skills, and the ability to add value at an operating level.



# Process (continued)



#### **Capacity Management**

Capacity guidance	Not stated
Strategy AUM	A\$424.00m (TBC)
Portfolio liquidity (1 week)	0.00%

The Fund has A\$434m in AUM (June 2024) with the Grosvenor investment platform upwards of US\$79b as at March 2024. Capacity will be largely dependent on continued deal flow, inflows and the investment team's ability to appropriately deploy capital at a prudent pace.

Larger managers are effectively required to conduct a higher volume of deals (requiring a larger team and potentially lowering the quality of investment hurdle) and/or participate in larger deal sizes. Subscriptions and opportunities to deploy capital are being monitored to ensure appropriate diversification, risk and liquidity profiles. There are currently no concerns regarding the Fund's capacity, however, the Manager's AUM and pace of deployment will be continually monitored.

#### Portfolio Construction

Portfolio management structure	Portfolio Manager
Approach to benchmark	Not applicable
Typical security numbers	500+
Typical securities range	-
Typical portfolio turnover p.a.	-

The portfolio construction process incorporates both top-down and bottom-up elements. Grosvenor conducts analysis of target industries, sectors and regions, including an analysis of the economic conditions, investment environment, and the state of the private equity markets. The helps guide the team's sourcing, due diligence and portfolio construction decisions. This approach considers various factors such as deal flow, team expertise, market conditions, long-term value creation opportunities, and risk mitigation. The Trust has a strong North America focus, with 79% allocated to the region at June 2024.

The Trust makes significant use of co-mingled funds with the Trust's exposure to equity co-investments and directs wholly concentrated in the use of internal Grosvenor funds, namely the GCM Grosvenor Co-Investment Opportunities Feeder Fund II & III and GCM Grosvenor Multi-Asset Class Fund II & III which comprise over 50% of the Trust's NAV (June 2024). Whilst co-mingled funds offer benefits of diversification, flexibility in size allocation and access to semi-seasoned portfolios alongside helping to reduce overall operational costs relative to direct investments, these significant allocations result in greater challenges in repositioning the Trust compared to researched peers.

#### **Investment Risk Management**

Monitoring external to investment team	No
Max illiquid	100%
Cash Allocation (Typical, Max.)	5%, 10%

Risk is primarily managed through deep analysis at the entry stage, both in terms of the investment capability and ensuring legal rights are preserved, given the Manager invests as a minority Limited Partner ('LP') investor. The Manager will also look to gain Advisory Board seats where possible, however as an LP investor, the Manager will generally be reliant on the skill of third-party managers and sponsors.

The Manager's approach to cash flow modelling is considered to be pragmatic, with the vetting of liquidity assumptions by the firm's risk management and treasury teams is viewed favourably. Maintaining portfolio liquidity is a key consideration in the management of the Trust given the need to meet capital calls on underlying investments. Liquidity management is also considered to be particularly important given the Trust's cash distribution yield target. An internally derived quantitative model is used alongside stress testing of dividend and capital call assumptions. The Trust's unfunded capital commitments totaled A\$163m (June 2024) whilst the cash balance is A\$11m. The quantum of over-commitment means the Trust is highly reliant on forecast distributions given the closed-end nature of the Trust. Providing some comfort is the availability of a credit facility and rigour of the Manager's cash flow and liquidity forecasting, with the Manager confident in the ability to meet new investment commitments.

The Trust's underlying assets make use of leverage, however the Manager is conscious of debt and the type of relationships managers have with lenders. The use of leverage at the underlying asset level varies between buyouts and special situations and the level of debt is considered on a bottom-up basis rather than there being any overarching philosophy on the overall level of leverage.



# Pengana Private Equity Trust

# ESG •••

# **Manager Positioning**

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Responsible investment style	ESG Integration
ESG approach	Risk or Value
Sustainability thematic	No Sustainability Thematic
Non-financial objective	None

## What is the Manager's ESG approach?

The Manager has indicated that their Responsible Investment style is "ESG Integration" and as such that they take Environmental, Social and Governance factors into consideration when assessing investment opportunities. With a primary ESG style of "Risk or Value" Managers will determine inclusion based on the balance of overall risk (including ESG risk) and potential return. As a result this approach may mean that lower quality ESG companies may be included if the return potential is sufficient and this may conflict with some clients perception of what a strong ESG process would deliver.

# Lonsec Opinion & Supporting Facts

#### Overview



### **Product Level Approach**

The Manager has an appropriately structured approach to the collection and use of ESG specific data. The Manager accesses a smaller range of data providers than other managers of their size, but enhances this with an annual structured survey of portfolio companies. There are clear signs of defined ESG elements within the research process for the Fund. Transparency on the transmission from research to portfolio construction is limited. While ESG risks are reflected at the point of investment, there is no clear portfolio level ESG monitoring or management, with all activity focused on individual stocks. Engagement is a clear component of the Manager's approach which is prioritised and tracked in a structured manner. While ESG does not form a component of the compliance framework, portfolio disclosure is leading.

## Strategy: Clarity, Measurability & Reporting

This product does not make any specific claim to being a sustainable, ethical or impact offering. As such, an alignment review for the product is not required thus the product's risk of misalignment has been assessed as not applicable.

#### Manager Level Approach

The Manager's ESG policy framework and disclosure are ahead of peers in acknowledging their sustainability and impact objectives. This ESG assessment may not be adequate as it typically focuses on ESG integration as an adjunct and not forefront of the investment process. The only real weakness is the Manager's engagement process. It is unclear what rectification or escalation action would be taken if the investment misses its impact objectives.



# Product

Service Providers	
Responsible entity	Pengana Capital Limited
Investment manager	Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P.
Sub-investment manager	
Custodian	BNP Paribas
Administrator	BNP Paribas
Fund Auditor	Ernst & Young
Securities lending agent	
Change in Key Providers? (Over last 12 months )	No

Product Details	
Market cap	\$386.90m
Premium / disc. (12M ave.)	-9.4%
Authorised capital management	None
Net asset disclosure frequency	Monthly
Distribution model	Affiliate
Investment structure	Feeder Fund
Product type	Listed Registered Managed Investment Scheme (Unitised)
Currency hedged	No
Operations	
Valuation policy	Yes
Valuation committee	Senior GCM Grosvenor staff
Third party audit	Yes

#### What is the Product Structure?

The Pengana Private Equity Trust ('the Trust' or 'PE1') is a Listed Investment Trust ('LIT') trading on the ASX. Pengana Capital Group ('Pengana') has engaged Grosvenor Capital Management ('Grosvenor' or 'the Manager') as the investment manager of the Trust. PE1 seeks to provide diversified private markets exposure, including private equity, private credit, and other opportunistic investments, predominantly made through Grosvenor's co-mingled funds, although exposure can also be through vehicles managed by third-party investment managers. The Trust has engaged 'Tier 1' service providers for critical functions such as custodial, and administration services. Additionally, the Trust has a 'big 4' accounting firm as its auditor. The Responsible Entity is Pengana Capital Limited, which is a related party and may lead to the perception of conflicts which needs to be managed. That said, this RE relationship has been stable since the inception of the Trust and there have been no prior issues identified.

The Trust may borrow directly or through an intermediate entity to fund investments or pay fees and expenses or to address the timing issues associated with the acquisition of Investments and re-investment of proceeds. The Trust will not borrow in excess of 25% of the NAV, calculated at the time of borrowing, excluding short term borrowing, deferred purchase price obligations (i.e., when a portion of the purchase price for an Investment is paid after closing rather than up-front) and guarantees. The Trust does not currently expect to borrow in excess of 15% of NAV and requires the consent of the Manager to do so. Any such borrowing may be secured by the assets of the Trust.

# **Lonsec Opinion**

#### Price Divergence

A key risk for LIT investors is the possibility of trading at a persistent and substantial discount to net tangible assets (NTA). Trading at such a discount can be a particular risk for PE1, given its relatively modest market capitalisation (c.A \$386m), and being more capital growth focused. Nevertheless, the Trust's price divergence to NTA is considered to have been relatively good, averaging a discount of 9.4% for FY2024.

#### Liquidity

PE1's traded liquidity characteristics, are considered to be strong relative to LIT peers, considered to have ample liquidity for investors to be able to transact efficiently.

#### Governance

The Trust has a stable and experienced board of trustees, with no recent changes. The board of trustees have co-tenure on stretching back to 2019, and have a mix of independent and non-independent directors and includes female representation, which is considered in line with accepted corporate governance principles.

# Secondary Market Support

Pengana's experience in cultivating shareholder support and loyalty, crucial for narrowing the gap between share price and net asset value ('NAV') is considered to be somewhat less than specialised LIT peers. That said, the Manager's website provides regular updates about the strategy, which is considered advantageous for fostering shareholder support.



# Fees

<b>Annual Fees and Costs</b>	(% p.a.)
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Management fees & costs	2.45
Performance fee costs	0.00
Annual fees and costs	2.45

Source: FE fundinfo, Offer Document date: 11/Feb/2019

Pe	rfo	rm	ar	nce	<b>Fees</b>

Applicable	Yes
Hurdle type	Various

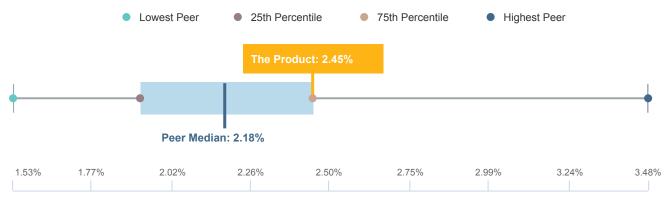
#### Fees Explained

The Trust has not issued a PDS since the initial raise. The Trust's disclosure, effective June 2023, disclosed Annual Fees and Costs ('AFC') totalling 2.45% p.a. This value comprised (1) Management Fees and Costs of 2.45% p.a. including underlying fund fees of 1.2% p.a., (2) Performance fees through FY2023 were 0.0% p.a. and (3) Net Transaction Costs of 0.0%.

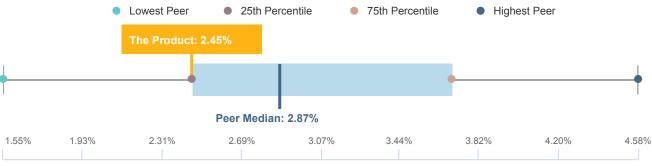
Highlighting the Trust's high fee potential, FY2022 disclosure of Annual Fees and Costs ('AFC') were 7.4% p.a. This value comprised (1) Management Fees and Costs of 3.6% p.a. including underlying fund fees of 2.3%, (2) Performance fees of 3.8% p.a. and (3) Net Transaction Costs of 0.0%, noting the Trust generated a gross return of 36.5% for this period.

A performance fee of 20% over a hurdle rate of 8% p.a. (net of Responsible Entity & Management fee) is charged. Further, the Trust has more than one layer of management and performance fees. The Trust's investments including underlying Grosvenor funds are subject to both management and performance fees, and those underlying investments may also be subject to management and performance fees.

#### Management Fees and Costs Peer Comparison



#### **Annual Fees and Costs Peer Comparison**



Peer Universe: Alternatives - Growth Alternatives (High) - Private Equity

# Lonsec Opinion

### **Annual Fees and Costs**

The Trust's potential Annual Fees and Costs ('AFC') are considered to be high versus peers. Fee disclosures vary from year to year, as such, the AFC is skewed by the potential performance fees disclosed, which were absent through FY2024.

### Fairness

In aggregate, the Trust's fees are considered to be high relative to strategies within the asset class, with the overall fee load exacerbated by the fees charged by underlying managers, within respective underlying vehicles. The Trusts's dual layer of fees are viewed to have limited transparency, as such, greater disclosure with respect to all fees and costs that detract from the Trust's net investment return is encouraged.



Performance data is as at 30 June 2024

# **Performance**



## **Performance Summary**

Investment objective	To generate over an investment horizon of at least 10 years attractive returns and capital growth through a selective and diversified approach to private markets
Internal return objective	8-14% p.a. net of fees over an at least 10-year investment horizon
Internal risk objective	None stated
Product benchmark	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index AUD
Lonsec peer group	Private Equity

## Alpha Generation

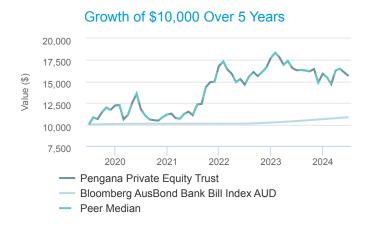
Returns over one and two year periods up to June 2024 have been soft relative to private equity peers, although performance has been somewhat impacted by the expansion in the discount to NTA of the LIT. The return on NTA over the 12 months period was 1.4%, highlighting the discount expansion relative to LIT performance of -4.1%. Over three years, the return on NTA is in line with the funds investment objective, delivering 9.6% p.a., whilst the LIT share price return was higher at 13.7% p.a.

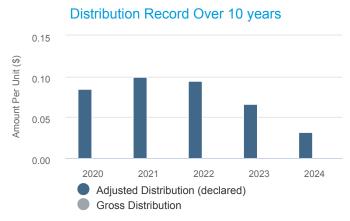




#### Alpha Consistency

Returns have kept pace with private market peers over longer measurement periods, with the Trust delivering material performance through 2021 and 2022.







Performance data is as at 30 June 2024

# Performance (continued)



## **Benchmark Relativity**

Whilst the Trust is not managed to a specific Benchmark, The Manager is highly active in initiating new relationships with GP's providing sufficient scope to generate performance.

# Share Price Premium/Discount to NAV



## **Return Volatility**

The LIT structure attracts higher volatility than unlisted peers, and is also elevated relative to a listed equity proxy benchmark. From an underlying NTA perspective, volatility is also elevated from a peer relative sense.



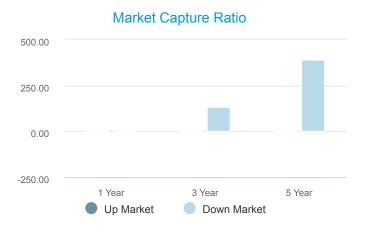


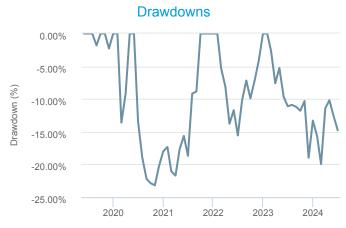
# 3 Year Rolling Sharpe Over 1 Year



#### **Product Defensiveness**

The drawdown profile of PE1 is inferior to a listed equity index equivalent, with bouts of drawdowns being observed that have been independent of general listed equity market drawdown events.





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#### General

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**Sharpe ratio:** Excess return earned for additional volatility experienced when holding riskier assets versus risk-free asset. **Standard deviation:** Volatility of monthly Absolute Returns. **Stewardship Policies:** the strength of a manager's proxy voting and engagement policies with respect to ESG.

**Time to recovery:** The number of months taken to recover the Worst Drawdown.

Total return: 'Top line' actual return, after fees.

**Tracking error:** Volatility of monthly Excess Returns against the benchmark (the Standard Deviation of monthly Excess Returns).

**Worst drawdown:** The worst cumulative loss ('peak to trough') experienced over the period assessed.

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#### Lonsec Research FSG

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