

Barwon Global Listed Private Equity Fund AF **Monthly Report June 2024**

The Barwon Global Listed Private Equity Fund AF aims to provide wholesale investors with a high performing portfolio of private equity investments in a fee efficient manner whilst offering daily liquidity.

Net Performance as at 30 June 2024

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years p.a.	ITD p.a.²
Net Return ^{1,3}	-0.1%	0.8%	25.8%	6.4%	15.1%
Distribution ⁴			CUM N	IAV Price	1.4380

CUM NAV	Distribution	Ex-NAV
\$1.4380	nil	\$1.4380

Entry Price 1.4423 Exit Price 1.4337

- A\$ domiciled unit trust. The Fund hedges foreign currency exposures.
- 2. Inception date is 4 June 2020.
- Returns are after management fees, performance fees, and other fund expenses.

Market Commentary

The Fund has had a solid first half of the year. Listed private equity continues to be in the mid-stages of a recovery supported by a stabilising backdrop. Resilient economic data has pushed back the timing and size of previously projected interest rate cuts across most major economies.

Businesses are generally performing well and valuations are moving upwards. This has supported a narrowing of the discount to NAV on which our LPE buyout investments trade to an average of -27%. However, all eyes remain on private equity exit activity, or the lack thereof. We are yet to see a meaningful pickup in transaction activity across private equity portfolios this year. Encouragingly, there are recent signs of risk appetite returning to the market.

This year, we have observed five IPOs of listed private credit funds, the IPO of alternative asset manager CVC Capital Partners, and 13 IPOs of private equity backed companies (compared to only 3 in all of 2023). Interestingly, there have been examples of high growth tech-oriented or enabled businesses going public or seeking listing. This includes the online retailer Shein, which is the largest underlying company of HarbourVest Global Private Equity.

Private equity sponsors have employed other mechanisms short of a complete sale to return capital to investors, such as NAV financing, dividend recaps and continuation vehicles. We could see transaction activity remain muted for another 6 to 12 months (or even longer) so having ample balance sheet liquidity at this point is very important.

Late in the month Apax Global Alpha (AGA), a 5% Fund position, held a capital markets day. It announced an updated capital allocation policy. For the first time since its IPO in 2015, AGA will have a share buyback programme which activates when its shares trade at a discount to NAV of greater than 23%.

Capital for repurchasing shares will be earmarked by AGA in a "Distribution Pool" (DP) which has already been seeded with €30M to enable share repurchases to commence immediately. Net cash flow from its portfolio will be allocated to the DP until the pool builds up to 5% of NAV. AGA also revised its high dividend payout policy. It has switched from a distribution payout of 5% p.a. of NAV currently, to a fixed 11p per share dividend (equivalent to 5% of today's NAV). This allows it to gradually lower the burden of the cash dividend over time as NAV grows, without technically cutting the dividend itself.

We have had recent engagement with AGA's Board, and believe they have landed at a sensible balance between maintaining liquidity and capitalising on the window to conduct NAV accretive share repurchases. The policy brings AGA in line with its peers who have announced their own active share repurchase programs, following stakeholder pressure on LPE Boards.

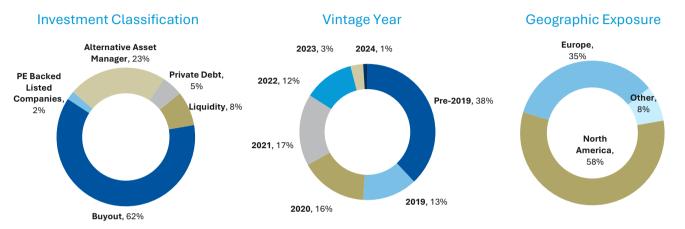
Portfolio Summary

Monthly Contributors & Detractors

Contributors	Currency	Return
3i Group plc	GBP	+8.3%
KKR & Co	USD	+2.3%
Blackstone Group	USD	+2.7%

Detractors	Currency	Return
Eurazeo	EUR	-3.8%
Pantheon International	GBP	-6.1%
Golub Capital BDC	USD	-4.9%

Underlying Investment Exposures on a Look Through Basis



Five Largest Holdings by Weight

Company	Туре
Blackstone Group	Alternative Asset Manager
Eurazeo	Buyout
KKR & Co	Alternative Asset Manager
Apax Global Alpha	Buyout
Oakley Capital Investments	Buyout

Key Information

Investment Manager	Barwon Investment Partners
Responsible Entity	The Trust Co (RE Services) Limited
Applications & Withdrawals	Daily
Unit Prices	Daily
Buy-Sell Spread	0.30%
Distributions	Annual
Management Fee	0.87125% p.a. (inclusive of GST minus RITC)
Performance Fee	15% in excess of 12% hurdle (plus GST minus RITC)
ISIN	AU60PIM9676
Bloomberg Fund Code	BAGLLPF AU Equity
APIR Code	PIM7967AU
Ratings	Zenith RECOMMENDED

Risks

This Fund is appropriate for investors with "Very High" risk and return profiles. A suitable investor for this Fund is prepared to accept high risk in the pursuit of capital growth with a medium to long investment timeframe. Investors should refer to the Target Market Determination (TMD) for further information.

Platform Availability

- AMP North
- Asgard
- BT Panorama
- Colonial First Wrap
- Macquarie Wrap
- Netwealth
- Hub24
- PowerWrap
- Praemium



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