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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

CBG Fund December 2017 Quarterly Report

The December 2017 Quarterly Report from CBG Asset Management Limited (CBG) on the performance of its CBG Australian Equities Fund (Wholesale) (CBG Fund) is <u>attached</u>.

As at 31 December 2017, Bentley had ~\$3.02 million (24.27% of its net assets) invested in the CBG Fund (30 September 2017: ~\$3.46 million (31.34%)).

About the CBG Fund¹

The CBG Fund is a wholesale fund not open to retail investors. The objective of the fund is to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index over the medium term. The Investment Manager is "style neutral" and invests in growth stocks, value stocks, stocks with maintainable dividend yields and special situations.

CBG Fund details as at 31 December 2017:

- The equity weighting was 97.25% (30 September 2017: 90.13%);
- 81.64% of the equity portfolio is invested in companies contained within the S&P/ASX 200 Index (30 September 2017: 89.26%) with the balance of 18.36% invested in companies outside of the S&P/ASX 200 Index (30 September 2017: 10.74%); and
- The equity portfolio contained 43 holdings (30 September 2017: 35 holdings).

CBG Australian Equities Fund - Performance

Returns To: 31 December 2017	3mths (%)	6mths (%)	1yr (%)	3yrs (% p.a.)	5yrs (%)	Since Inception (% p.a.)
CBG Fund	8.3%	8.8%	12.6%	7.5%	12.4%	11.9%
ASX / S&P 200 Accumulation Index	7.6%	8.4%	11.8%	8.6%	10.2%	8.5%

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CBG Australian Equities Wholesale Fund – December quarter 2017

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Market commentary

The Australian equity market rose in the December Quarter, supported by synchronised global economic growth, with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returning +7.6% and +11.8% for the year.

Despite a mixed result for the month of December global equity markets were positive over the quarter, with many recording new record highs. The US NASDAQ Index (dominated by technology stocks) rose +28.2% in 2017, with a +6.3% rise in the quarter. The broader S&P500 Index was up +19.4% for the year.

European markets showed the progress of economic recovery with strong annual results. The FTSE100 rising +7.6% (held back by BREXIT), Germany (DAX Index) up 12.5% and France (CAC40) up +9.3%. Asian markets were stronger with Korea (KOSPI) rising 21.8% and Japan (Nikkei 225) up +19.1%. The Shanghai Composite declined in December and rose only 6.6% in 2017 as the prospect of slowing Chinese GDP growth caused a reassessment of the outlook.

Commodity prices remained supportive of the Australian market with iron ore rising +20% to US\$74/t in the quarter and oil prices remained strong with the spot price (WTI) up 16.4% to US\$60/bbl. Metal prices were also strong with the LME Metals index up +9.4%.

The portfolio's exposure to resources has increased through 2017 and we retain positions in large, attractive, high free cashflow businesses and small, developing opportunities. We are emphasising a balanced exposure to resources growth opportunities, supported by a firm outlook for the global economy.

Across Australian industry sectors, Energy (+18.0%), Software (+15.7%) and Consumer Durables & Apparel (+14.7%) were strongest, while Banks (+1.9%), Transport (+2.3%) and Utilities (+3.2%) were weaker. Expectations that US, Global and eventually Australian interest rates will gradually rise have undermined yield sensitive sectors.

Performance and commentary (to 31st December 2017)

Unit price (exit): \$1.8187	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years (pa)	5 years (pa) %	Since inception (pa) %			
CBG Australian Equities Fund	8.3	8.8	12.6	7.5	12.4	11.9			
S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index	7.6	8.4	11.8	8.6	10.2	8.5			
Performance figures are shown net of fees. Inception date 27 th March 2006									

The strongest relative contributors within the portfolio in the quarter were Speedcast (SDA), Livetiles (LVT), and Lovisa (LOV). The biggest detractors were Lendlease (LLC), iSelect (ISU), and Sealink (SLK).

SDA (3.8% weight) returned 35% as oil prices rose promising greater demand for satellite communication services from remote oil & gas production platforms.

LVT (0.8% weight) returned 107% following an announcement that Microsoft will support and market LVT's latest Al/Machine Learning interface products.

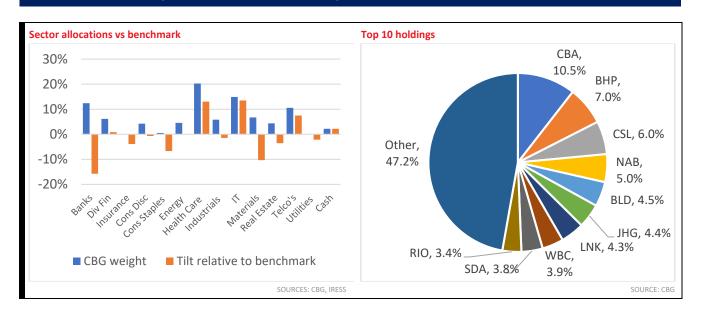
LOV (2.0% weight) returned 31.4% as the market speculated about a possible entry to the US and likely better trading in the Christmas period.

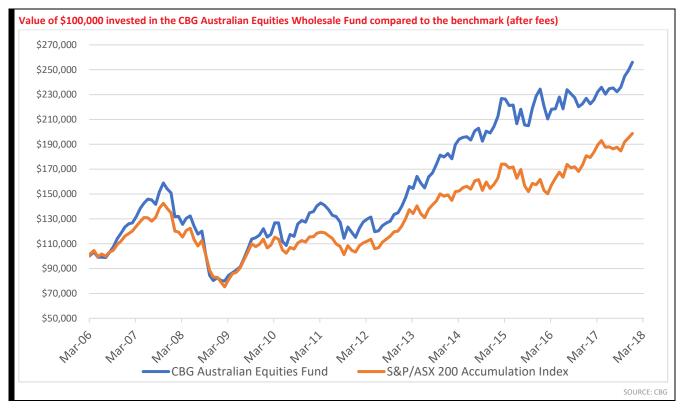
LLC (2.9% weight) returned -8.8% after the announcement of losses on construction contracts in Australia. We believe this will be a minor impact on business.

ISU (sold during the quarter) returned -23.4% following the AGM update and subsequent resignation of the CFO.

SLK (sold during the quarter) returned -7.5% following news of potential competitors entering the Kangaroo Island Ferry market and slower growth in North Queensland.

Portfolios statistics (as at 31st December 2017)





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