



# Dragonfly Fund

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### **Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund | Introduction**

- → Equitable Investors' "flagship" fund
- → Wholesale unit trust
- → Expenses capped by the manager at 0.5%

- → Management fee of 1.5%
- → Performance fee 20% above hurdle (5 year bond rate +5%)

Performance to Oct 31, 2021 (after fees)	3 months	Fiscal year to-date	Last 12 months	3 years
Dragonfly Fund	+8.45%	+15.87%	+45.96%	+8.84% pa

Typical no. positions

20 - 40

27 positions as of Oct 31, 2021

Weighting to listed equities

**75%** 

As of Oct 31 2021 - weighted 25% unlisted; 0.1% cash

% listed <\$100m market cap

65%

As of Oct 31, 2021

### Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund | Our Team



Co-Founder, Director, Investment Manager

Martin Pretty, CFA

An investment manager at Thorney Investments when Thorney Opportunities (TOP) was the best performed Listed Investment Company on the ASX; experienced listed company director; former sell-side Head of Research



Investment Analyst

Mickey Mordech, CFA

Investment analyst with a publicly demonstrated ability to identify fresh opportunities and previously a contributor to an outperforming growth fund.



Director

Paul Dwyer

Founder and non-executive director of PSC Insurance (ASX: PSI). Mr Dwyer has successfully executed numerous acquisitions and strategic investments at PSC.



Director

**Hugh Robertson** 

One of the most experienced small cap brokers and capital markets advisers in Australia; a key figure in the IPOs of companies including Afterpay and Bellamy's. has been a director of a number of ASX-listed entities.



Co-Founder & Director Operations & Compliance

Lana Jenkings

Formerly a lawyer with King Wood Mallesons; held a number of ASIC roles across enforcement, strategy and policy, consumer protection and small business compliance and deterrence. Operating management experience in aged care industry.



Operations & Risk Advisor Responsible Manager

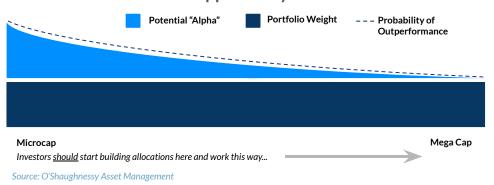
Samuel Richards

Former Chief Operating Officer of Goldman Sachs Asset Management and Goldman Sachs Australia Funds Management; current Managing Director of impact investor Brightlight Group.

# **Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund** | Investment Strategy

## We hunt where excess returns are found

### **Returns-Based View of Opportunity Set**



- → The larger the portfolio, the more closely aligned with market cap weights it must be.
- → We believe opportunities for better-than-market returns become scarcer as market cap increases.
- → Smaller investors can take advantage of their greater capacity to look across the market cap spectrum.

"In building a new portfolio for a new decade, we urge investors to draw on an expanded range of opportunities across public and private assets and new approaches to risk management to address the shortfall in returns across traditional asset classes. After all, lunch is not the only meal of the day."

- JP Morgan Asset Management, Long Term Capital Market Assumptions 2021

## Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund | Our Edge

We are not the only investors preaching the virtues of our in-depth research, deep networks and fundamental analysis.

BUT we are unique in our proven ability to engage constructively with investee companies to maximise shareholder value.

We "roll our sleeves up" and get involved...

- Funding
- Strategy
- Governance
- Investor Relations

We believe it is in shareholders' best interests to actively seek to contribute to value creation and maximisation. We are advocates for our investors and for our investments.



# **Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund | Our Evidence**

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**Equitable's Martin Pretty** joined Thorney Investment Group in 2013 ahead of launch of Thorney Opportunities (TOP)

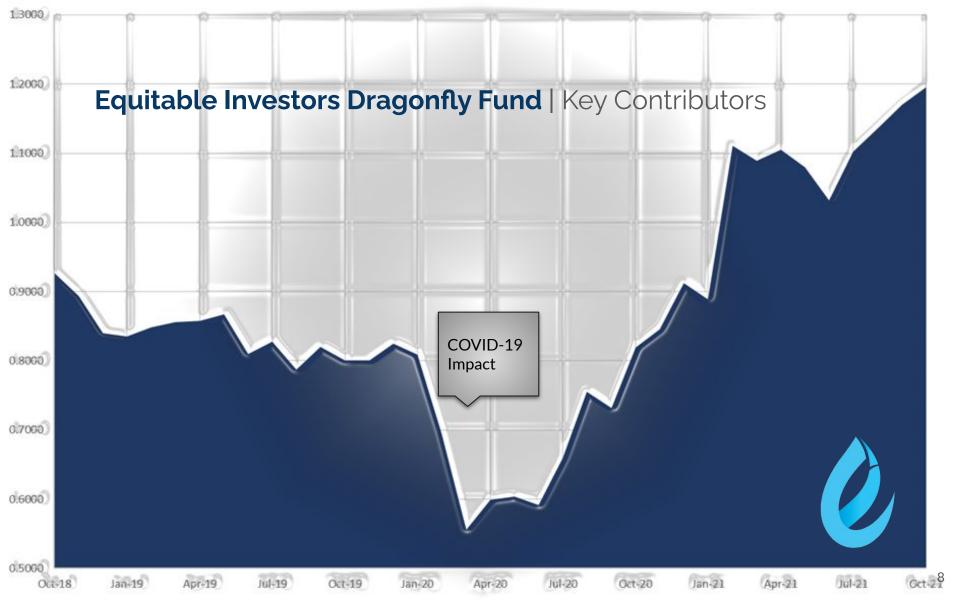


Dragonfly Fund emerged as a **Top 5** domestic equities fund in FY21 with a 74.3% return, based on Morningstar's data

→ TOP was best performed LIC over ~3 years from launch according to Independent Investment Research, with an 18.2% pa NTA-based return

FY22 has started well with a 15.87% gain in the four months to the end of October 2021

Name	Date	6 Month	1 Year
Saville Capital Emerging Companies	2021-05-31	8.58	84.62
Spheria Australian Microcap	2021-06-30	18.35	81.16
Regal Australian Small Companies Fund	2021-06-30	23.97	80.80
Firetrail Australian Small Companies A	2021-06-30	21.02	77.80
Equitable Investors Dragonfly	2021-06-30	13.13	74.34



### **Geo Limited**

(GEO: NZ)

- → Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) offering for tradies and field services businesses
- → New executive team recruited in CY2020 with backing of highly regarded strategic tech investor Roger Sharp
- → Scaling program launched in March 2020 to demonstrate GEO's economics
- → Equitable participated in placement in November 2020 at N7D 6.5c a share
- → We have topped up again via a currently underway capital raising
- → Return through to mid-Nov 2021 of >140%

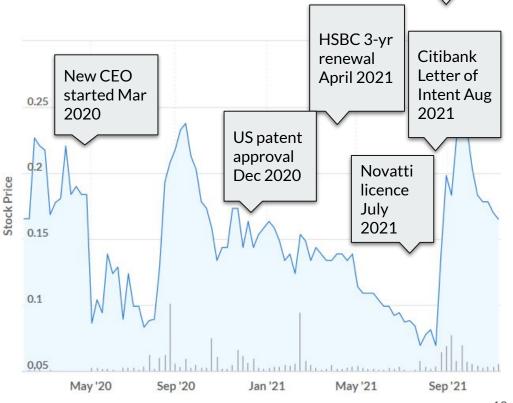


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- "RegTech" solution for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Transaction (KYT) that provides needed data on transactions
- → Spent too much money post-IPO on tech development rather than commercialisation
- → Brought in new CEO with commercialisation focus and recapitalised and has since announced agreements with several financial institutions
- → Equitable has participated in several capital raisings since July 2020
- → Return through to mid-Nov 2021 of >100%

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### **Unlisted Investments**

- → The Fund held ~25% of assets in unlisted investments at the end of October 2021
- → The largest unlisted investment is in Brisbane-based digital diagnostics company Ellume, which the Fund entered in 2019
- → We held Ellume investment at cost until February 2021 when we were compelled to revalue it given a \$US232m US government contract following FDA authorisation for its DIY digital COVID-19 test
- → We recently led an investment round in FinTech company Parpera, facilitating co-investment by our clients
- → Dragonfly's returns to date in FY22 have been achieved with no contribution from its unlisted investments.



Digital diagnostics company Ellume was recently declared as the top ranking innovative health company in Australia by AFR Boss.





Parpera <u>featured in the AFR</u>, with the article noting that Afterpay "has been pipped to the post getting a BaaS [Banking as a Service] product into the market by Parpera."

Updater recently completed a Pre-IPO raising and "is working with one of the largest US investment banks and planning for an IPO in 1H 2022".



# **Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund | Details**

Strategy	Long only. Seeking growth or strategic value at an attractive price.
Management fee	1.5% pa
Expenses	Capped at 0.5% pa
Benchmark	5 Year Australian Government Bond Yield + 5% pa
Performance fee	20% (above benchmark)
High watermark	3 year rolling
Minimum initial investment	\$50,000, wholesale only
Investment Manager & Trustee	Equitable Investors Pty Ltd
Custodian	Sandhurst Trustees
Administrator	William Buck Managed Funds Administration (SA) Pty Ltd

# **Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund** | Key Characteristics

Unique Opportunities	Invests in businesses that often lack widespread investor awareness.
Proprietary Research	Continually updating investment views, meeting companies, researching, evaluating.
Constructive Approach	Open dialogue with companies assists in maximising value.
Expertise	Equitable's directors have over 50 years of experience.
Alignment of Interests	Seeded by the Manager & all our best ideas go into the Fund.



Equitable Investors Dragonfly Fund has the capability to "swap" shares in a company or companies for Dragonfly Fund units where Equitable Investors finds them attractive and suitable investments.

We have, to-date, only completed one such "swap" transaction that met our criteria - we achieved double-digit returns on that investment - but we are always on the lookout for opportunities.

"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it, we go nowhere. Skepticism enables us to distinguish fancy from fact, to test our speculations." – Carl Sagan, *Cosmos* 

# Thank you.

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