

# Global Value Trust

THE GLOBAL VALUE TRUST AIMS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM CAPITAL GROWTH THROUGH ACCESS TO THE HIGHER EXPECTED RETURNS AND DIVERSIFICATION BENEFITS OF LARGE VALUE COMPANIES IN GLOBAL DEVELOPED MARKETS.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

- Provides consistent access to the value premium
- Quantitative design with a qualitative overlay
- Buy and sell discipline reduces turnover
- Employs patient, low cost and tax-aware trading

## WHAT'S THE THINKING BEHIND IT?

In designing its equity strategies, Dimensional focuses on capturing as efficiently as possible the three known risk factors:

- 1. Market risk** Stocks have higher expected returns than fixed interest.
- 2. Size risk** Small company stocks have higher expected returns than large company stocks.
- 3. Price risk** Lower-priced 'value' stocks have higher expected returns than higher-priced 'growth' stocks.

The Global Value Trust provides efficient, low-cost exposure to the 'price' risk factor. Dimensional believes the higher expected return from value stocks – companies with a low price relative to various fundamental financial measures – is compensation for the additional risk of investing in value companies.

The intention of this portfolio is to provide access to this value premium in a consistent, transparent and disciplined way.

Dimensional uses a quantitative definition of value, based on a company's book-to-market ratio, but combines this with qualitative filters and careful trading to provide consistent exposure to value companies.

## A GLOBAL APPROACH

The Global Value Trust invests across global developed equity markets. While it is natural for investors to favour investments in their own country – the so-called 'home bias', it does make sense to spread one's risk.

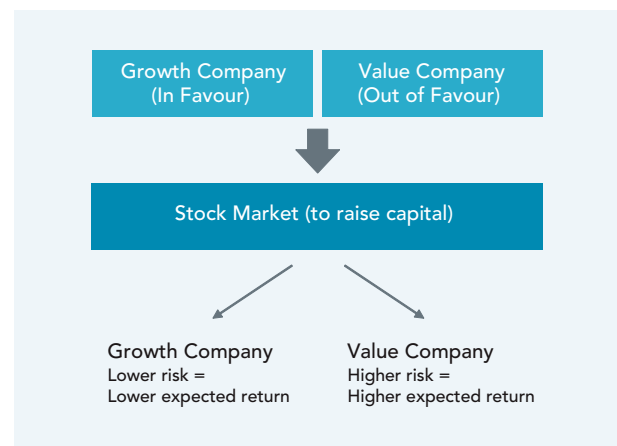
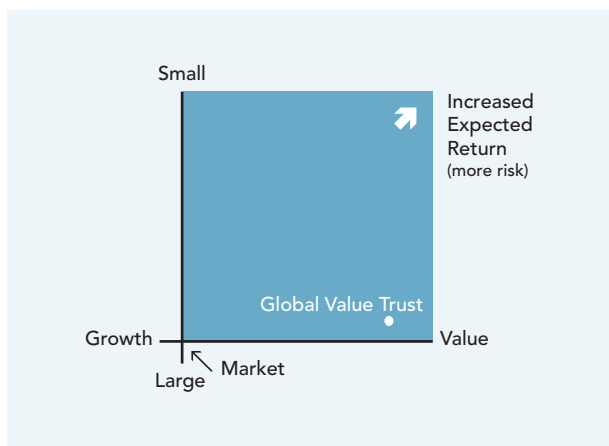
As shares in developed markets outside Australia behave differently to domestic stocks, those who include an allocation to global shares in their portfolios benefit from increased diversification, which in turn lowers overall portfolio volatility.

## WHAT IS A VALUE COMPANY?

When a value, or riskier, company goes to the bank to borrow money, it often has to pay a higher interest rate than a growth company. Its higher cost of capital equates to a higher return for the bank.

The same principle applies in the share market where companies compete for equity capital. Because the value company is perceived as riskier, it has to offer shareholders a higher expected return.

Value and growth stocks are differentiated usually by reference to the relationship between the price of a stock and some fundamental variable – like book values, earnings, cash flow or dividends. So the higher the ratio of book value to market value, for instance, the more value-like a stock is judged to be.



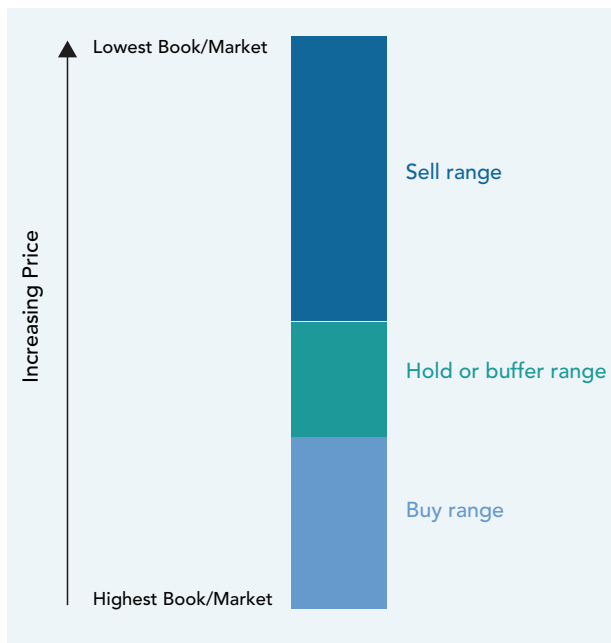
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## HOW IS THE PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTED?

The Global Value Trust is managed without reference to an index. Its quantitative design aims to ensure that the value premium is captured both precisely and reliably. A qualitative overlay provides flexibility in implementation.

The portfolio's eligible universe includes the listed ordinary shares of large value companies in eligible countries. Large companies are defined as those with a market cap falling into the largest 85-90% of the total market cap in each country (or region in the case of Europe). Within this large company universe it invests in those stocks with the highest book-to-market ratios (BtM).

A hold or buffer range for sales minimises transaction costs and keeps portfolio turnover low. Stocks that migrate above the hold range are sold and proceeds reinvested in the buy range.



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The Trust will generally invest in companies in a similar proportion to their market capitalisation within each country. However, to manage turnover and taxation considerations, the Trust may not exactly match specific company weights.

Eligible countries currently include Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

Countries will generally be market capitalisation weighted based on the total market capitalisation of large value companies in each country.

Dimensional also uses qualitative filters that remove from consideration stocks that have risk characteristics other than those being targeted. For example, the strategy filters out companies in bankruptcy, holding companies, stocks below a defined size limit and stocks that lack sufficient liquidity for cost-effective trading.

## HOW IS THE PORTFOLIO IMPLEMENTED?

Because Dimensional does not index, it can practise patient trading, focusing on price rather than time of execution, which can mitigate the effects of momentum and lead to lower trading costs.

By allowing variations from target weights, Dimensional can take advantage of favourable trading opportunities and minimise transaction costs.

The strategy implements a long-term buy and hold approach designed to reduce transaction costs and keep portfolio turnover low.

Tax management is another key feature of this portfolio. Dimensional seeks to maximise after-tax returns. It does this by managing the Trust in a way that aims to defer the realisation of net capital gains where possible and to manage dividend income.

## ROLE IN A PORTFOLIO

The Global Value Trust is designed to act as a component of a global equity portfolio. It is constructed in a way that aims to prevent it drifting from its position on the style map. This is so it can consistently deliver pure value returns, which research shows are above those of the market over the long term.

### TRUST FEATURES

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To provide long-term capital growth through access to the higher expected returns and diversification benefits of value companies in global developed markets.
<b>GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE</b>	North America, Europe and the Asia Pacific region.
<b>INDIRECT COST RATIO (ICR)</b>	0.51% (actual ICR for year ended 30 June 2009)
<b>INCOME DISTRIBUTION</b>	Half-yearly (end of June and December)

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