

# AXA's Wholesale Global Equity – Growth Fund

## Fund performance<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

### One year rolling return

	July 2010 %	July 2009 %	July 2008 %	July 2007 %	July 2006 %
Distribution	1.1	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.6
Growth	-0.3	-27.8	-22.4	5.5	12.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-27.8</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>13.3</b>
Benchmark	0.5	-11.4	-18.9	6.9	12.6

### Fund return at 31 July 2010

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % pa	5 years % pa
Distribution	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.5
Growth	0.6	-5.0	-0.3	-17.6	-7.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
Benchmark	0.7	-2.8	0.5	-10.3	-2.8

## Market and fund review

Global equities were choppy but overall moved up during July, with the benchmark MSCI World ex Australia Index in AUD up 0.7%. The month started down due to weak manufacturing growth in the US, China and Europe, but turned around following positive earnings announcements. In the middle of the month, however, markets pulled back because of lower than expected GDP data from China and weaker than expected US consumer confidence. Nevertheless, stocks reversed course once again, bolstered by in line results from the European bank stress test results, and BP capping its oil well in the Gulf of Mexico. All sectors rebounded during the month, with industrial commodities, financials and telecoms faring best.

AXA's Wholesale Global Equity Growth fund underperformed its benchmark in July.

Detractors included generic drug company Teva Pharmaceutical, diversified medical company Covidien and exchange operator CME Group. Teva Pharmaceutical retreated amid concerns about potential weaker sales for Copaxone, a multiple sclerosis drug. Covidien's shares declined after it reported disappointing quarterly results. Despite reporting a rise in second-quarter earnings, CME Group was down slightly as the company's results were in line with analyst expectations. Contributors included energy exploration and production company Tullow Oil and oil and gas equipment company Cameron International. Tullow Oil advanced after announcing a significant discovery in Ghana and providing positive guidance about projects in Uganda. Cameron International benefited from renewed investor focus on the energy services sector, particularly given the trend toward tighter safety standards after the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Alliance Growth Equities believes that the economic data slowed during the quarter and underlying economies remain challenged. Against this they expect it to be difficult for many companies to sustain an upside earnings surprise or indeed show that their earnings are commensurate with the elevation in their stock prices. Further Alliance Growth Equities believes that in this context earnings disappointments have potential to create richer rewards for companies that manage to sustain an earnings surprise—or at least hold up better than their peers.

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Performance figures are calculated using exit prices, are net of management fees, ongoing fees and expenses, assume distributions are reinvested and tax is not deducted. The Growth return reflects changes in the capital value of units, while the Distribution return reflects total distributions paid from the Fund.



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## Sector allocation at 31 July 2010

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
Energy	8.6	10.3
Materials	7.4	6.7
Industrials	11.7	11.4
Consumer Discretionary	13.2	10.2
Consumer Staples	7.2	10.3
Health Care	10.1	9.7
Information Technology	17.5	12.3
Telecom. Services	1.1	4.4
Utilities	0.7	4.5
Financials	19.0	20.2
Liquidity & Other	3.5	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Top 10 holdings at 31 July 2010

	Country	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
Tullow Oil	UK	2.1	0.1
Apple	US	2.0	1.2
Wells Fargo	US	1.7	0.7
Goldman Sachs	US	1.6	0.4
JPMorgan Chase	US	1.6	0.8
Rio Tinto	UK	1.5	0.4
Credit Suisse	CHE	1.5	0.3
PepsiCo	US	1.3	0.5
Google	US	1.3	0.6
Vale SA	BRA	1.3	0.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>15.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Total holdings</b>		<b>152</b>	<b>1,580+</b>

## Regional allocation at 31 July 2010

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
North America	48.0	56.3
Europe	21.4	20.5
United Kingdom	11.6	10.3
Japan	4.7	10.5
Asia ex Japan	5.7	2.0
Other	8.6	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Currency Management at 31 July 2010

	% of Portfolio
<b>Hedging Level</b>	<b>0.7</b>

**Fund size at 31 July 2010:** \$445.1million

**Inception date:** December 2000

**Investment objective:** To provide investors with long-term capital growth. The fund aims to outperform the Morgan Stanley Capital International World Index (Net Dividends Reinvested) in Australian dollar terms, after costs and over rolling five-year periods.

**Investment manager:** The fund uses the global investment resources and capabilities of Alliance Growth Equities, the growth style investment and research management unit of AllianceBernstein L.P. (AllianceBernstein), a leading global investment management firm. This expertise is delivered to Australian investors through a joint venture between AXA Asia-Pacific Holdings and AllianceBernstein Australia Limited.

<sup>2</sup> The Benchmark is the MSCI World ex Australia Index (net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollar terms.

<sup>3</sup> The Wholesale Australian Equity – Growth Fund, issued by National Mutual Funds Management Ltd, is available by way of PDS which you can obtain from your financial adviser or by calling 1800 780 085. You should read the PDS before making an investment decision.

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