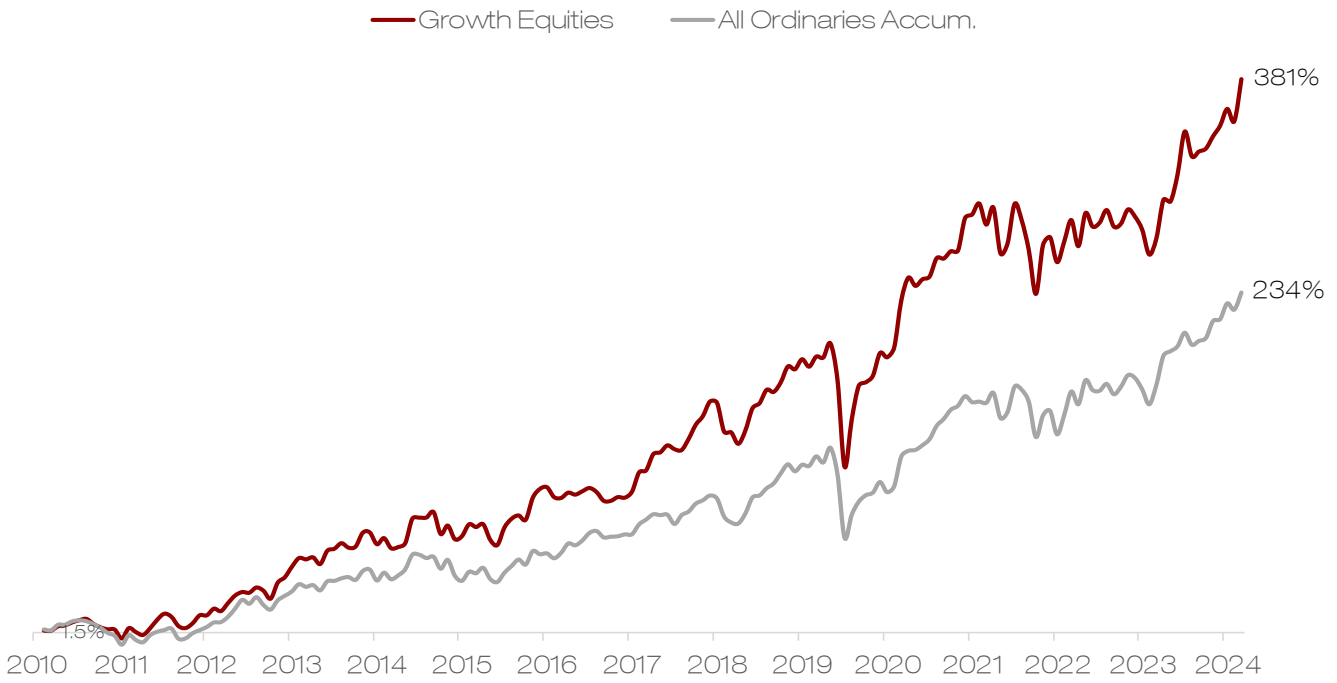
Endeavor Asset Management

Growth Equities

November 2024

Performance*	Month	Quarter	One Yr	3 Yr pa.	5 Yr pa.	10 Yr pa.	14 Yr pa.	Inception
Growth Equities	6.4%	7.1%	29.5%	8.1%	10.6%	11.8%	11.8%	381%
All Ordinaries Accum.	3.7%	5.8%	23.5%	9.0%	8.6%	9.4%	8.9%	234%
Outperformance	2.8%	1.3%	6.0%	-0.9%	2.1%	2.4%	2.8%	147%



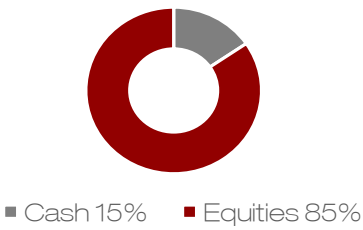
Top Contibutors

EML Payments Ltd
Block
Smart Parking Limited
Webjet Limited
Xero Ltd

Top Holdings ASX 200

BHP Group Limited
Block
Macquarie Group Ltd
Xero Ltd
Webjet Limited

Cash Weighting



Bottom Contibutors

BHP Group Limited
Chrysos Corporation Ltd
Yancoal Australia Limited
Austal Limited
Worley Limited

Ex 200

Smart Parking Limited
EML Payments Ltd
Austal Limited
Superloop
Solvar Limited

Portfolio Characteristics

Moderate / High Risk
75% ASX200 Limit
25% Ex200 Limit
20-35 ASX Listed Equities
Unconstrained Cash

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Portfolio Commentary

Performance Summary

The Growth Equities portfolio returned 6.4% compared to the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index's 3.7% increase. The portfolio has delivered 11.8% per annum for 14 years compared to the All Ordinaries 8.9%.

Market Overview

The economic environment continues to provide a supportive backdrop for equities. Despite the resurgence of inflation and higher interest rates compared to recent periods, both deficit spending and private sector investment remain key growth drivers, particularly in technology and quality growth sectors.

A rare combination of a strong labour market, sustained economic growth, central bank rate cuts, and fiscal stimulus through government spending further underpins earnings potential. However, potential headwinds, such as proposed import tariffs and their broader implications, necessitate vigilant monitoring to effectively navigate emerging risks.

Top Contributors: EML, SQ2, SPZ, WEB, XRO

Block (SQ2)

Shares in digital payments provider Block appreciated by 24% in November. As a refresher, Block operates two key business segments:

- Cash App: A mobile app that allows individuals to send, receive, and manage money.
- Square: Provides tools to small businesses, including point of sale and payment processing services.

At the start of the month, Block reported its 3Q results, which showed revenue and 4Q guidance below expectations due to the push out of certain cost benefits into 2025. The company noted that Seller Gross Payment Volume was expected to grow more modestly in Q4 compared to market expectations but projected
"meaningfully higher" GPV growth in CY25. Block is leveraged to financial deregulation trends, adding an additional layer of growth opportunity alongside its core business activities. In just a decade, Block has achieved remarkable growth:

- Processing Volume: Over $200 billion in annualized card volume.
- Active Sellers: Supporting around 4 million active sellers
- Cash App Users: Built one of the leading consumer fintech platforms in the U.S., with more than 50 million active users.

We view Block as a compelling investment opportunity, given its vast untapped market, distinctive growth potential, and unique culture. Block currently trades at an undemanding 19x FY25e earnings, with earnings forecasted to grow at 22% annually over the next three years.

Smart Parking (SPZ)

Our highest conviction small cap position, Smart Parking, was one of the top contributors, with shares rising 29% over the month. We attended the company's AGM, which was well received by the market. Strong financial performance for the financial year to date was highlighted, along with a substantial upgrade to guidance.

- Revenue and EBITDA Growth: Up 24% and 30%, respectively, in 1Q25 versus 1Q24.
- Margin Expansion: Operational leverage was evident, with EBITDA margins improving by 126 basis points year over year
- Organic Growth Targets: The company announced a new organic site target of 3,000 sites by December 2028, aiming to grow its number of car parks organically by approximately 19% per annum over the next four years.

We began purchasing Smart Parking shares in March at an average price of $0.44, increasing our position in May and June. Since then, impressive financial performance has driven significant appreciation in the share price, closing at $0.90, a 104% increase from our cost price. The uplift in margins and upgraded guidance led to a substantial rise in our internal valuation. We continue to hold Smart Parking, with shares trading at a consensus FY26e P/E of 22x, supported by projected EPS growth of 36% per annum over the next three years.

Bottom Contributors: BHP, C79, YAL, ASB, WOR

Austal (ASB)

Austal's shares declined in November, likely due to profit taking after a recent strong rally, making it a bottom contributor to the portfolio. Despite some cost challenges, the company continues to secure new contracts and expand its capabilities in defence and commercial vessel construction. Strategic investments in autonomous vessel technology and diversification into steel shipbuilding aim to enhance its competitive position. We are monitoring Austal's efforts to improve efficiency and project execution, anticipating a potential turnaround in performance.

Worley (WOR)

Worley's share price declined in November due to concerns over reduced capital expenditure by major oil and gas clients. Despite this, the company's outlook remains promising. They are also shifting focus toward sustainability and renewable energy projects like hydrogen, carbon capture, and renewable fuels. Worley is still well positioned for long term growth, and we remain invested, anticipating enhanced future earnings stability.

Significant Entries: LNW. Significant Exits: NEU.

Light & Wonder (LNW)

We have added LNW to our portfolio. As a global leader in cross platform games and entertainment, the company specializes in innovative game content, technology, and systems for gaming, lottery, and social gaming markets.

- Strong Performance: The company continues to deliver solid financial results, with impressive machine sales across all regions.
- Strategic Moves: Divesting non-core assets and focusing on digital growth have strengthened its balance sheet.
- Growth Outlook: Management is confident in achieving its FY25 financial targets, requiring a 14% growth in Adjusted EBITDA. Gaming operations are expected to drive this growth, with market share gains in North America and potential sales leadership in Australia through new content releases.

We believe Light & Wonder offers compelling value and aligns with our investment strategy focused on quality growth opportunities. Its robust product pipeline and strategic positioning in key markets position it well for future expansion.

Outlook

We remain committed to delivering strong, long-term returns for our investors by maintaining a high-conviction portfolio of quality companies. Our disciplined investment approach, combined with active portfolio management, positions us well to capitalize on opportunities and mitigate risks in the current market environment.

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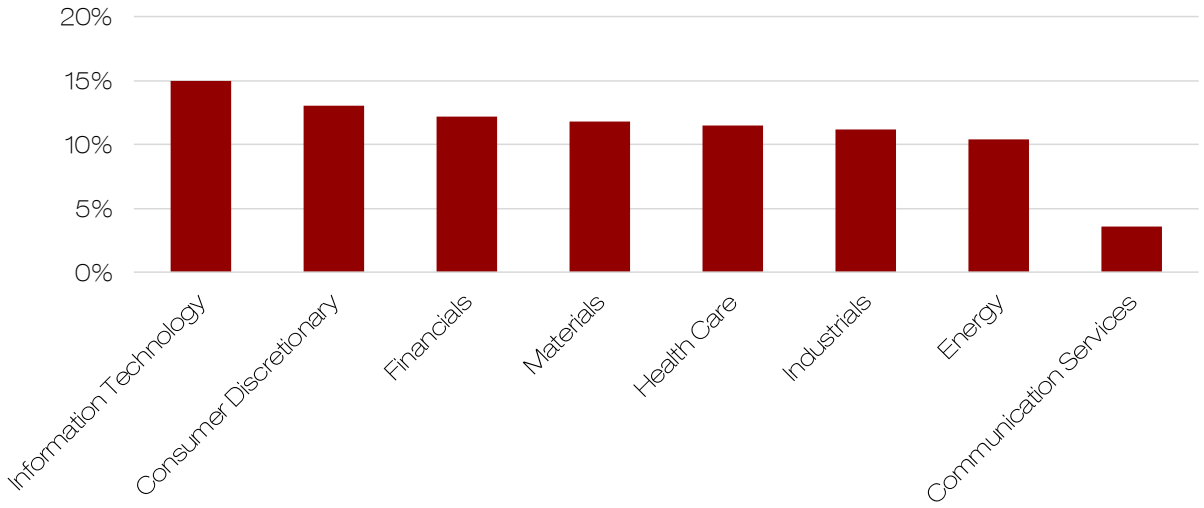
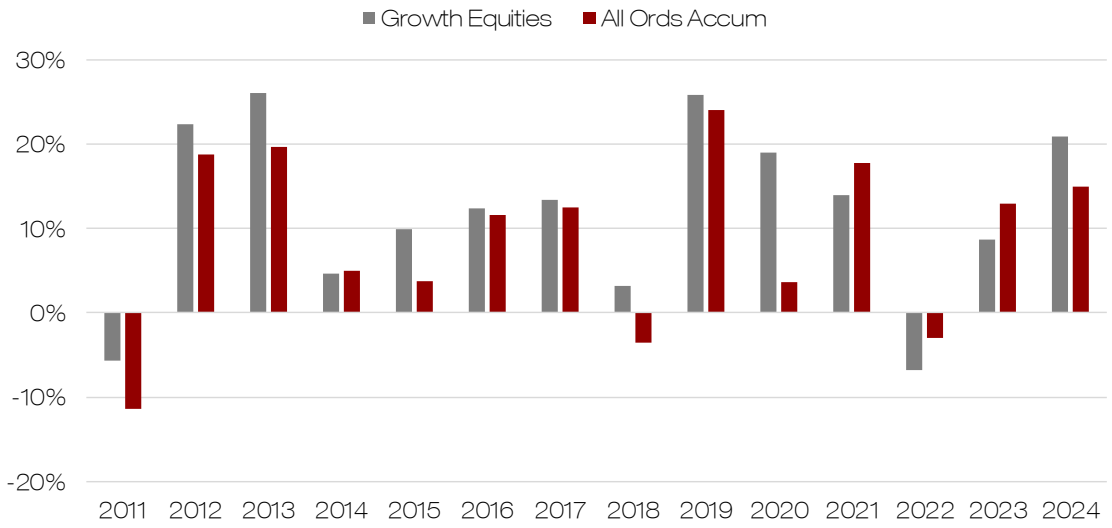
Portfolio Factsheet

Industry Exposures



Annual Return*



Investment Philosophy

Bottom up, fundamental focused investor with a 3-5 years time frame

Focus on under owned, under researched businesses

Returns can be maximized through fundamental industry and company research combined with active portfolio management

Small cap bias where inefficiencies in the market are the greatest

High conviction concentrated approach allows portfolios to hold only high conviction ideas

When investing in companies Endeavor take on the view of being the owner of the business

A concentrated portfolio with a flexible mandate

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