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Dear Partners and Friends

While the June quarter saw a quietening down of the macro noise that has worried markets for the last 18 months, the news of four regional bank failures in the USA that started late in the first quarter and spilt over into April meant continued volatility at the beginning of the quarter. Volatility settled down into June, as the fears of a banking crisis and its impact on lending standards across the broader economy started to dissipate, with the S&P500 gaining 8.3% for the quarter and 15.6% for the calendar year-to-date. However, these gains in the S&P500 over the last six months were confined to a narrow group of 7 companies out of the 500 in the index - particularly those companies with exposure to the Artificial Intelligence thematic (namely: Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Netflix, Nvidia and Tesla), with the remaining companies in the index showing relatively small gains.

The chart below represents the return for the S&P500 over the 6 months to 30 June 2023 (dark blue line) vs. the return for the S&P500 excluding the outsized impact of these seven companies listed above, i.e. equal weighting of all 500 companies (dark green "bottom" line). As you can see from the chart, this would have resulted in an increase of less than 6% for the S&P500.



Encouragingly, we started to see a broadening out of gains in June, with investors moving funds back into companies who have largely underperformed through this period (industrials/more value-oriented companies).

Uncertainty remains, and the worrying headlines about inflation and the number of interest rates hikes yet to come, continue to feature daily. The market remains obsessed with both the timing and the depth of this "well-flagged" oncoming recession. Whilst we remain macro aware and do not make light of these risks, our focus is not on the question of whether there will be one or two more interest rate rises (the short-term), but rather we continue to focus on company fundamentals, which we believe will drive returns for our portfolio, long after these concerns have passed.

The Orsaro Global Fund was up 14% (after fees)* for the quarter ending 30 June 2023. The table below illustrates the performance of the Fund to 30 June 2023 over various time periods and versus the benchmark:

	June Quarter	One Year	Since Inception
			Annualised**
Orsaro Global Fund*	14.0%	27.1%	8.9% p.a.
MSCI World Index (AUD)	7.5%	22.4%	11.1% p.a.

*Performance is after fees and with distributions re-invested **Inception date is 11 May 2018

Unit Price @ 30 June 2023 [#]	\$1.5393			
[#] Interim unit price and hence performance figures may be subject to change following tax review of the				
financial statements for FY23.				

The June quarter was a busy period for the Orsaro Global Fund. Aside from quarterly earnings, we hosted small group investor meetings in both Melbourne and Sydney, and completed another insightful research trip to the USA.

Our recent small group investor meetings gave us and our investors the opportunity to discuss our investing approach, portfolio companies, weightings and fund performance. It was a fantastic opportunity to highlight our conviction ideas as well as touch on the new ideas on our radar, and the starter positions we have initiated in some of these new portfolio companies. Importantly, we reiterated our long-term approach to investing and how, over the ultra-long term, the returns from holding through market cycles far outweigh the short-term drawdowns experienced along the way. Other than a few valuable lessons learnt over the last 2 years, we have stuck diligently to our investment philosophy as regards our approach to long-term investing.

The table below details the annual returns for the Orsaro Global Fund per year since inception:

Financial Year Ending	OGF Return	MSCI World Index (AUD)
30 June 2018*	4.1%	0.2%
30 June 2019	10.3%	12.0%
30 June 2020	21.5%	4.8%
30 June 2021	38.9%	27.5%
30 June 2022	-37.4%	-6.5%
30 June 2023	27.1%	22.4%

*period from inception of Fund on 11/5/2018

The five companies which had the greatest absolute returns for the June quarter were Shopify, XPO Inc, Netflix, Digital Ocean and The Trade Desk.

The five companies which had the largest negative returns for the quarter were Estee Lauder, Warner Music Group, The Walt Disney Company, Pernod Ricard and Bank of America.

Our top 10 positions in the Fund as of 30 June 2023 were as follows:

Company	% of portfolio
The Trade Desk	8.8%
GXO Logistics	5.4%
Pernod Ricard	4.9%
Amazon	4.7%
Wells Fargo	4.6%
Mastercard	4.4%
Shopify	4.0%
Alphabet (Google)	4.0%
HCA Healthcare	3.8%
Ryman Hospitality Properties	3.8%

As mentioned earlier, we have just returned from a busy research trip to the USA which included attending the William Blair conference in Chicago, as well as meeting with companies in San Matteo, San Francisco, New York and Greenwich Connecticut.

The last time we were in Greenwich visiting XPO Logistics was in 2019, after the company's share price had fallen dramatically following a short-seller attack on the company. This meeting combined with our extensive due diligence gave us the confidence to stay invested through this turbulent period.

Subsequent to us visiting them in 2019, they have spun out two stand-alone companies 1) GXO Logistics (a logistics gem), and RXO (a technology enabled freight brokerage business). We are patient investors, and today we have all 3 of these companies in our portfolio, the sum of which far exceeds our original purchase price. It was pleasing for us to meet both the GXO and RXO management teams on this research trip, and to focus on each company's long-term strategy and business outlook.

Between these face-to-face visits with management teams in the USA, and the conference calls on our return to Australia with companies who were outside of the cities we visited (incl. the UK), we have caught up with a total of 10 of our portfolio companies in the last month. Following these meetings, we remain excited about the long-term prospects for the portfolio of companies in the Fund.

Once again, we would like to thank all our investors for your support. If you have any queries or would like to catch-up for a coffee, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Gavin, Marc and Richard Fund Managers of the Orsaro Global Fund

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