

# TERRACAPITAL

## NEW HORIZONS FUND

APRIL 2017

	1M	3M	FYTD	1Y (rolling 12mths)	Inception (p.a.)	Inception (cumulative)
Terra New Horizons Fund	-1.33%	5.96%	9.42%	29.85%	29.67%	38.32%
ASX All Ords Accum.	0.78%	6.13%	8.94%	16.64%	13.85%	17.58%
ASX Small Ords Accum.	-0.25%	3.75%	-1.33%	10.04%	11.50%	14.55%
ASX Emerg Co.'s Accum.	-5.8%	-9.90%	-12.40%	2.51%	12.14%	15.44%
Unit Price	\$ 1.38					

*Terra Capital New Horizons Fund movements are shown after fees. Inception: 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016*

### FUND PERFORMANCE

During the month the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index was up 0.8% and the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index was lower 0.25%. Against this backdrop the Fund was lower 1.3%.

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### AUSTRALIAN MARKETS OVERVIEW

It was a solid month for Industrials (+4.1%), IT (+3.5%), Healthcare (+3.4%), Utilities (+3.1%), REITs (+2.5%) and Financials (+1.9%) with Resources, Staples and Telecoms all suffering small losses, and Telcos down nearly 10%.

The month was largely one of stock-specific action outside of the interest rate sensitive areas, which benefited from a further rally in bonds (the Australian 10 year bond yield bottomed intra-month at 2.47% after hitting a February high of 2.98%). Resources (Energy and Materials both down -0.6% and -0.2%, respectively) were dragged lower by continued weakness in commodity prices (iron ore in particular) but we also saw a late month sell-off in crude oil prices that was replicated in price action for the oil majors. Telcos (-9.5%) were led lower by TLS, TPM and VOC (-20.6%), the worst ASX 100 performer for the month. Banks (+1.6%) continued to add to recent gains despite rising concerns of an imminent slowdown in the property sector. Banks also continue to benefit from flows out of TLS and the Resources.

Despite a volatile month for sentiment (driven by concerns around North Korea, French and UK politics and Chinese growth), offshore exposed stocks came through largely unscathed. In fact, Healthcare (+3.4%) outperformance was largely driven by offshore-exposed large caps CSL (+5.8%) and COH (+3.8%).

By size, large caps again outperformed small caps (All Ords up +0.8% vs Small Ords down -0.2%)

### GLOBAL MARKET OVERVIEW

A reasonable month for equity markets led by EMs with the MSCI EM index rising 2.4% as Asian bourses mostly recorded positive returns (Hang Seng 2.1%, KOSPI 2.1% and Nikkei 1.5%). European markets were the strongest of the developed world following favourable market reactions to the first round of the French Presidential election and the snap election called by UK Prime Minister May. Rising tensions around North Korea failed to have a sustained impact on US equities with the Nasdaq hitting all-time highs and the S&P500 less than 1% off its record highs following strong results from tech stocks (in particular Alphabet and Amazon). Late in the month, the VIX hit a three-year low as concerns around the French election moderated and Trump released his plans for growth-friendly tax cuts. The VIX is hovering around 10.30 versus a post-crisis low of 9.97 reached in February this year. Chinese equities were the big loser for the month falling 2.1% as growth data continued to moderate and additional liquidity tightening progresses.

### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The general malaise in small caps has turned particularly harsh over the past six weeks. While it's always difficult to see our stocks pull back it's understandable given the run the portfolio has had over the past 9 months and the cyclical effect we experience almost every year during the June quarter.

Overall stronger and synchronized global growth (particularly in the UK and Europe) are generally providing benefit to equities despite Asia and Australia showing signs of being somewhat softer in the short term.

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Given our Fund's performance historically post the months of May and June we would like to remind investors that historically this has been the best time of year to invest in the Fund.

We look forward to updating you on our progress and welcome any feedback.