

Ellerston Global Equity Managers Fund (GEMS)

Performance Report, March 2021

Investment Objective

To generate superior returns for unitholders with a focus on risk and capital preservation.

Investment Strategy

The Fund provides investors with exposure to global markets through a long short equity strategy. The strategy overlays fundamental bottom-up stock selection with global macroeconomic and market outlook.

Key Information

Inception Date ^^	1 December 2009
Portfolio Managers	Ashok Jacob & Arik Star
Class C Redemption Price	\$2.1837
Liquidity	Monthly
No Stocks	93
Gross Exposure	206.56%
Net Exposure	99.27%
Management Fee	1.50%
Performance Fee	16.50%
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25% on application 0.25% on redemption

Performance Summary

Performance*	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.) ^^
GEMS C	15.83%	49.62%	63.99%	15.43%	15.23%	13.85%

Source: Ellerston Capital

* The net return figure is calculated after fees & expenses. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

Portfolio Commentary & Market Outlook

Performance

Fiscal Year to Date from July 1 to March 31, 2021, the Australian S&P/ASX 200 Index is up +18.02%, and the US S&P500 Index is up +29.71%. **Your Fund is up net after fees +49.62%.**

Calendar Year to Date from January 1 to March 31, 2021, the Australian S&P/ASX 200 Index is up +4.26%, and the US S&P500 Index is up +6.17%. **Your Fund is up net after fees +15.83%.**

For the Month of **March 2021**, the Australian S&P/ASX 200 Index was up +2.44%, and the US S&P500 Index was up +4.38%. **Your Fund was down net after fees -0.31%.**

The portfolio was effectively flat during the month of March, which obscured very strong performance from the long investments in the portfolio. This was, however, offset by hedging. At the start of the period as macro uncertainties became materially elevated, we added incremental put option protection which proved to be costly. Investors in GEMS should always remember that this is a long/short fund. We take our risk management and absolute return responsibilities extremely seriously. March was a classic, but uncomfortable example of that.

At April 25, 2021, the portfolio had a net exposure (delta adjusted) of circa 66%, plus an exposure to gold and silver of circa 11%, and uranium of circa 11%.

The Fund has performed strongly during the April month to date period.

Portfolio

Along with our non-thematic stock specific investments, we maintain material exposures to cyclicals, financials, uranium and gold.

During March, we significantly adjusted our gold exposure, buying direct holdings in Northern Star Resources and Newmont as well as long dated call options in Barrick Gold. By mid-March, the valuations of these companies had been crushed, reaching a point where they were generating in excess of 10% free cash flow yields, complemented by strong balance sheets and highly strategic long-life tier 1 assets. This provided a fantastic opportunity as the risk reward had become compelling.

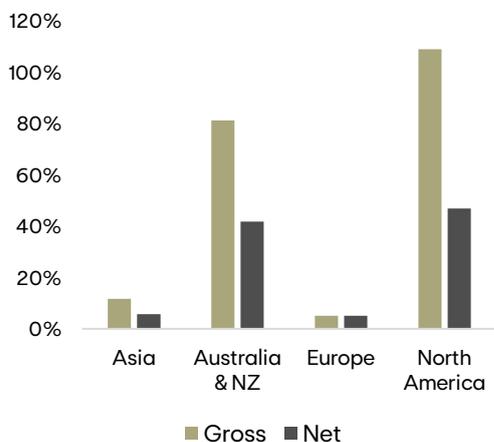
Investments in cyclical companies include Cemex, one of the largest global cement producers, and Olin, one of the largest global chlorine, caustic soda and epoxy manufacturers, Bluescope Steel, and Alcoa. Investments in US financials including a recently increased position in Wells Fargo. Exposure to uranium includes Cameco, Kazatomprom, and Paladin. We are invested in and continue to identify, new opportunities that excite us and fit our asymmetric risk reward profile requirements.

We remain heavily hedged with portfolio protection through futures, put options, rotation hedges and individual stock shorts. Options hedging includes both at the money and deep out of the money put options. If equity markets were to have a material decline, we would expect the delta of the put options to significantly increase and significantly reduce the net exposure of the Fund. The nature of our protection is such that we are protecting against material market falls as opposed to smaller market pullbacks.

We have been consumed by US quarterly earnings this month, with a handful of our investee companies having reported already and many more still to come. So far results have been very robust. We look forward to providing an update on our market and macro thoughts as well as insights gained from the quarterly earnings season in our next monthly update.

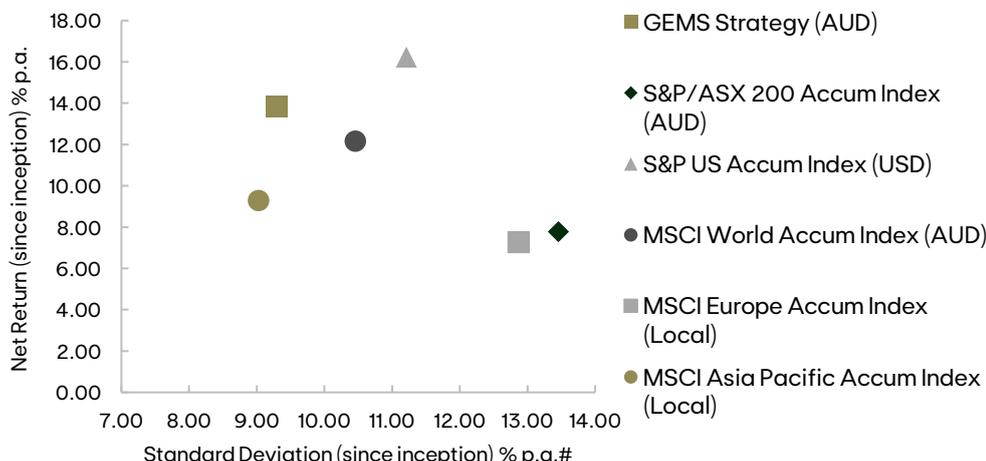
Portfolio Characteristics

Market Exposure as a % of NAV



Source: Ellerston Capital.

GEMS Strategy Performance & Volatility



Source: Ellerston Capital.

Top 10 Holdings (Alphabetical, Long Only)

- BED BATH AND BEYOND
- BETMAKERS TECHNOLOGY
- BLUESCOPE STEEL
- CAMECO CORP
- CITI GROUP
- GRAINCORP
- JPMORGAN CHASE
- OLIN CORP
- SKY CITY ENTERTAINMENT
- TEKKORP ENERGY

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