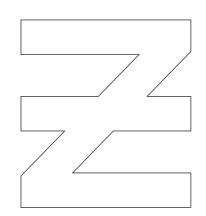
# Ellerston Australian Absolute Return Fund



## Monthly Newsletter, September 2023

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund targets absolute returns with an annualised return objective of 5% above the RBA Cash Rate over rolling five-year periods.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund seeks to provide investors with a return profile that has a low correlation with traditional asset classes. The Fund aims to generate positive returns in all market environments by reducing the majority of market risk and focusing on capital preservation and alpha generation.

#### **Kev Information**

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Inception Date **	3 June 2013			
Portfolio Manager	Ashok Jacob			
Application Price	\$1.0194			
NAV Price	\$1.0169			
Redemption Price	\$1.0144			
Current Total NAV	\$7,811,729			
Liquidity	Daily			
Gross Exposure	146.59%			
Net Exposure	20.18%			
Management Fee	1.20% p.a.			
Performance Fee	20%			
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25% on application 0.25% on redemption			

#### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Performance	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.) **
Net^	0.89%	-2.39%	-0.56%	-9.62%	-1.23%	1.99%	4.86%
Benchmark*	0.33%	1.02%	1.97%	3.51%	1.39%	1.20%	1.59%
Alpha	0.56%	-3.41%	-2.53%	-13.13%	-2.63%	0.79%	3.26%

<sup>^</sup> Net return figure is calculated after fees & expenses. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

The Ellerston Absolute Return Fund delivered 0.89% in September 2023.

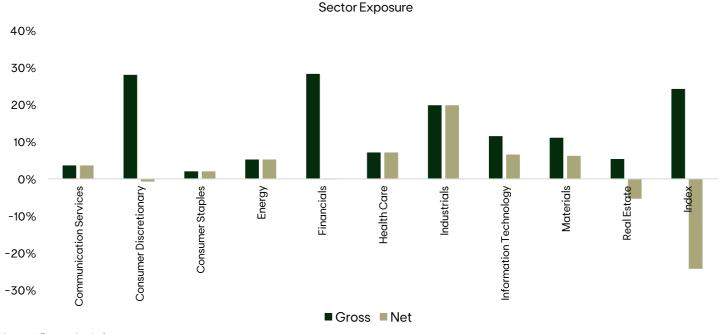
### **COMMENTARY**

Generation Development Group (GDG AU) is a specialist provider of investment bonds solutions, along with an investment-linked lifetime annuity product. During September the stock rallied by 11%, following a very strong FY23 result. While it's been a volatile period in financial markets, we were pleased with the rebound in sales throughout the quarter and we expect this momentum to continue in FY24. Additionally, Lonsec (of which GDG owns 49%) continues to thrive, with the Investment Solutions division continuing to outperform.

The recently launched lifetime annuity product is small but gaining momentum, and we are optimistic about this opportunity which is supported by regulatory and demographic tailwinds.

See below for Portfolio Characteristics.

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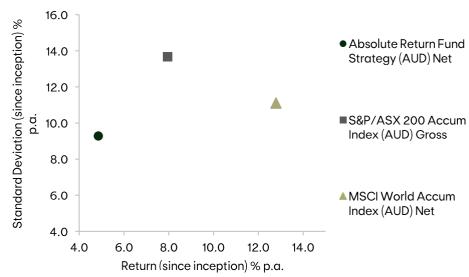


Source: Ellerston Capital.

## Top 10 Holdings (Alphabetical, Long Only)

- ALS Ltd.
- EQT Holdings Ltd.
- EVT Limited
- Generation Development Group
- Helloworld Travel Ltd
- IPH Ltd.
- Kelsian Group Limited
- Propel Funeral Partners Ltd.
- Qoria Limited
- SmartPay Holdings Limited

## Strategy Performance & Volatility



Source: Ellerston Capital.

#### RG240 Fund Disclosure Benchmark – Periodic Reporting (monthly)

Net Asset Value of the Fund and Redemption Price of Units

Please refer to the details on page one.

Any changes to key service providers including any change in related party status

There have been no changes to key service providers, including any change in related party status.

Net returns after fees, costs and relevant taxes

Please refer to the details on page one.

Any material changes to the Fund's risk profile and strategy

There have been no changes to the Fund's risk profile and strategy.

• Any material changes related to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund

Please refer to the details on page one; there have been no changes to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund

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