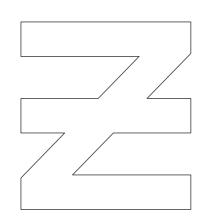
# Ellerston Global Equity Managers Fund (GEMS) Class C



## Monthly Newsletter, January 2024

#### 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 Manager	Ashok Jacob			
Application Price	\$1.5960			
NAV Price	\$1.5920			
Redemption Price	\$1.5880			
Current Total NAV	\$96,469,236			
Gross Exposure	119.69%			
Net Exposure	66.54%			
Unit Pricing	Monthly			
Management Fee	1.50%			
Performance Fee	16.50%			
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25% on application 0.25% on redemption			
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Performance*	FY24TD	FY23	FY22	FY21	5 Years (p.a.)	10 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception^^ (p.a.)
GEMS C	9.0%	-7.0%	-13.5%	58.6%	10.9%	10.8%	10.4%
MSCI WI**	8.9%	18.2%	-11.1%	36.9%	12.0%	10.1%	10.4%
ASX200***	8.8%	14.8%	-6.5%	27.8%	9.7%	8.4%	8.0%

Performance*	1 Month	3 Months	1Year
GEMS C	1.2%	7.3%	5.1%
MSCI WI**	1.8%	14.8%	17.7%
ASX200***	1.2%	14.0%	7.1%

Source: Ellerston Capital.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

After a bit of weakness in markets at the commencement of the year, the rally generally continued across global markets in January. The US Federal Reserve pushed back on the commencement of rate cuts in March, until most likely in May, and it is interesting to see how the market has coped with the delay in rate cutting. The bias is now that corporate earnings will be stronger due to the strength of the US economy, and this will drive the share market before rate cuts commence.

With the market moves we have continued to run a relative high net position. We are relatively cautious that the market is taking everything as positive right now and the VIX is trading at very low levels. The number of individual stock shorts are relatively low right now, however, we have increased our broader index hedging positions to protect against any sudden change in market sentiment. This obviously has an impact on broader performance, however, it is necessary to have some insurance against a sudden change in sentiment, particularly when the cost of protection is relatively cheap right now.

## **Australia**

Our small weightings in the resources sector, which we have spoken about previously, had a negative impact on our performance during the month as the fall in Lithium, Nickel, and continued poor data out of China drove share prices lower. This resulted in us selling out of many of our positions as we look to limit losses when share prices move against our thesis. Partially offsetting our negative resources performance were positive moves in Humm Group and Generation Development.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>MSCI World Index - Net Return Unhedged in Local Currency

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> S&P/ASX 200 - Total Return

#### **North America**

Uranium was the predominant driver of our positive monthly performance, as the spot Uranium price hit US\$100lb during the month. This saw our holdings in Sprott, Cameco and Nexgen all perform strongly. As these holdings have become a larger part of the Fund, we trimmed our positions into the share price strength. The thematic remains positive with supply issues and major longer term supply contracts with utilities yet to be written at higher prices. Calumet Specialty Chemicals traded lower, and we have now exited this position.

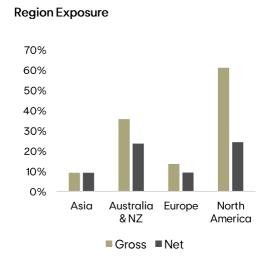
#### Asia

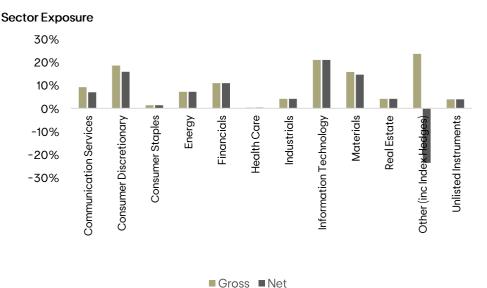
Not a lot of major moves during the month for our holdings in Asia. Hong Kong continued to trade lower with some more positive volatility on rumours of government intervention to support the share market, which have yet to be verified. We generally saw small positive moves in other markets (Korea, Japan, ASEAN) offset by downward moves in HK.

#### Europe

Yellow Cake and Flutter Entertainment were the key positive contributors, with the former leveraged to the Uranium trade and the latter printing a positive Q4 trading update during the month.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

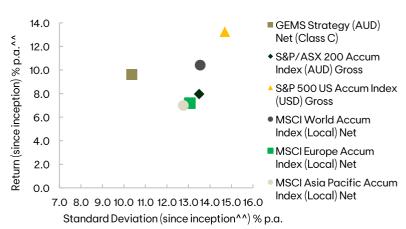




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#### **GEMS Strategy Performance & Volatility**



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## Top 10 Holdings (Alphabetical, Long Only)

- AMAZON.COMINC
- CAMECO CORP
- FLUTTER ENTERTAINMENT PLC
- LIGHT AND WONDER INC
- LINK ADMINISTRATION HOLDINGS L
- META PLATFORMS INC
- MICROSOFT CORP
- NETFLIX INC
- PTCINC
- SPROTT PHYSICAL URANIUM TRUST

Source: Ellerston Capital.

## Regulatory Guide (RG240) Fund Disclosure Benchmark - Periodic Reporting (monthly)

Net Asset Value of the Fund and Redemption Price of Units

Please refer to details on P1.

• 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 details on P1.

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 details on P1; there have been no changes to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund.

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