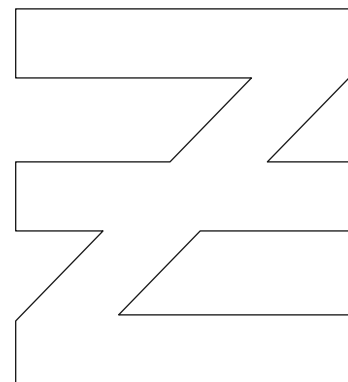


Ellerston Global Equity Managers Fund (GEMS) Class C



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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	\$1.6827
NAV Price	\$1.6785
Redemption Price	\$1.6743
Current Total NAV	\$98,759,038
Gross Exposure	150%
Net Exposure	114%
Unit Pricing	Monthly
Management Fee	1.50% (p.a.)
Performance Fee	16.50%
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25% on application 0.25% on redemption

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY^

Performance*	FY25TD	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	5 Years (p.a.)	10 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception^^ (p.a.)
GEMS C	3.3%	11.1%	-7.0%	-13.5%	58.6%	8.4%	10.0%	10.0%
MSCI WI**	10.4%	21.3%	18.2%	-11.1%	36.9%	12.8%	11.0%	11.2%
ASX200***	11.8%	12.1%	14.8%	-6.5%	27.8%	8.0%	8.6%	8.4%

Performance*	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year
GEMS C	0.8%	-0.7%	5.3%
MSCI WI**	3.5%	6.4%	23.0%
ASX200***	4.6%	5.1%	15.2%

Source: Ellerston Capital.

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

**MSCI World Index – Net Return Unhedged in Local Currency

*** S&P/ASX 200 - Total Return

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Fund delivered a positive return for the month during a period that saw a significant amount of volatility. The incoming US President and claims around the Chinese AI app Deepseek dominated headlines for the month and the market continued its intense focus on the path of interest rates in the US. This volatility has continued into February with the placing and lifting of tariffs by the US on trading partners. In the end, the present market view in the US is that President Trump is positive for business confidence and therefore the market rose over the month. The Australian share market rose, following the US, but also on expectations the RBA will start cutting interest rates from their February meeting. Developing markets were the main area of global weakness due to the strength of the \$US.

In Australia, the major positive contributors to performance were Generation Development Group, Insignia Financial and Boss Energy. Generation Development continued to report strong FUM inflows for the quarter which drove upgrades by brokers. Insignia Financial attracted higher bids from both suitors for the company which resulted in the board opening a data room for both. We expect this will result in another higher bid that will be acceptable to the bidder, board and shareholders. Boss Energy rose after putting out production and cost guidance which was better than expected by the market. Performance deduction came from Humm Group, Novonix and Zip Co. Humm fell on no new news, although the higher 10-year bond yield in Australia could explain some of the weakness. Novonix fell on general weakness around the battery space during the month of January but remains an option on increased manufacturing in the US. Zip Co fell after releasing quarterly results which showed a slowing of the rate of growth of revenue in the US and an increase in costs and we exited this position.

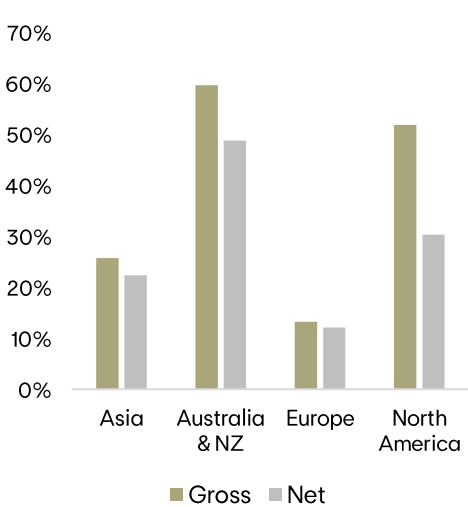
In North America, Sprott Physical Platinum & Palladium Trust, Meta and Vistra Corp were the main positive contributors. The Trust rallied as the Palladium price rose during the month. There was no specific news in the sector. Meta rose after reporting a better than expected quarterly result and is seen as being a beneficiary of potentially lower costs in the AI implementation space on the back of the Deepseek news and similar results by Alibaba. Vistra Corp rallied on general strength in the power sector in the US. The new Energy Secretary talked extensively, during senate hearings, about the need to grow power production in the US and expectations are that permitting will be made easier with this administration. Performance detractor mainly came from Core Scientific, Vail Resorts and Apple. The Core Scientific share price was impacted significantly by the Deepseek news and concerns around the impact on data centre demand and their largest customer Coreweave. Vail Resorts fell on the back of employee disputes in Utah and a lack of follow up snowfall in North America after a strong start to the season. We exited both these stocks during the month. Apple fell on concerns around tariffs being placed on China and therefore the impact on sales. The company reported a result that was slightly ahead of market expectations at the end of the month.

Within Asia, positive performance came from Lexin Fintech (Chinese US ADR), Sumitomo Mitsui (Japan) and Creditaccess (India). Lexin is an undervalued Chinese domestic personal lender. With moves by the central government to boost consumer sentiment and spending, this should see an improved trading environment for the company. Sumitomo Financial, along with other Japanese financials, continue to benefit from the normalisation of interest rate policies in Japan. Creditaccess is a micro finance lender in India that has seen a significant de-rating. We felt this was overdone and purchased a holding in the company during the month. Detractors for the month were Puregold Price Club (Philippines), Orchid Pharma (India) and Syrma Technologies (India). Puregold has been caught in the down draught of the Philippine stock exchange on concerns around the strength in the \$US and the impact on financial and economic conditions within the country. The shares remain exceptionally cheap, but we will reduce our weighting in the short term due to the significant macro headwind. Orchid Pharma and Syrma fell as the small cap market in India tumbled in January as fund outflows continued by foreign investors. We have reduced our overall holding in the small cap market and will take advantage of the market weakness to rotate into larger companies that have also selectively significantly derated.

In Europe, we hold three companies, with Greatland Gold a contributor and the French lotteries business FDJ and Siemens Energy detractors. Greatland Gold played catch up to other Australian producers during the month who have rallied as the \$A gold price hit new highs during the month. It remains under-valued versus Australian listed peers. FDJ fell slightly for the month and Siemens was volatile with large movements around the Deepseek news.

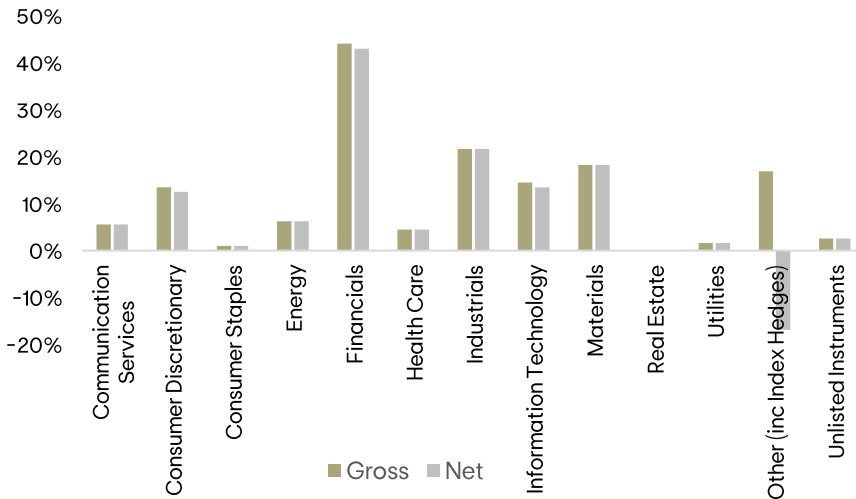
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Region Exposure



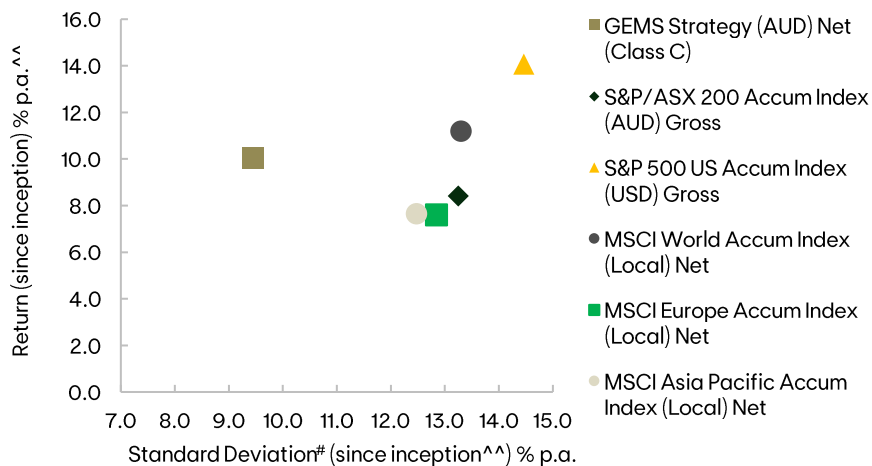
Source: Ellerston Capital.

Sector Exposure



Source: Ellerston Capital.

GEMS Strategy Performance & Volatility



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Top 10 Holdings (Alphabetical, Long Only) *

- AMAZON.COM INC
- CORPAY INC
- CRH PLC
- EMERALD RESOURCES NL (AT*)
- GENERATION DEVELOPMENT GROUP LIMITED
- GREATLAND GOLD PLC
- INSIGNIA FINANCIAL LTD
- NETFLIX INC
- SPROTT PHYSICAL PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM TRUST
- TKO GROUP HOLDINGS

Source: Ellerston Capital.
* The Top holdings is listed companies

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 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 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.**

There have been no changes to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund.

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