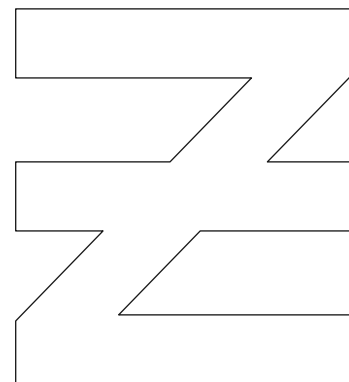


# Ellerston Australian Absolute Return Fund – Class A Units



Monthly Newsletter, May 2026

## Investment Objective

The Ellerston Australian Absolute Return Fund – Class A Units ('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.

## Key Information

Inception Date	3 June 2013
Portfolio Manager	Ashok Jacob
Application Price	\$1.2545
NAV Price	\$1.2514
Redemption Price	\$1.2483
Current Total NAV	\$4,481,890
Liquidity	Daily
Gross Exposure	62.66%
Net Exposure	29.81%
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	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	10 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception ** (p.a.)
<b>Net<sup>^</sup></b>	2.1%	-0.5%	8.1%	6.3%	0.8%	3.5%	5.5%
<b>Benchmark*</b>	0.4%	1.0%	3.8%	4.1%	3.0%	2.0%	2.1%
<b>Alpha</b>	1.7%	-1.5%	4.3%	2.2%	-2.2%	1.5%	3.4%

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

\* RBA Cash Rate. \*\* Inception Date 3 June 2013.

## COMMENTARY

The Ellerston Absolute Return Fund (Fund) rose +2.1% (net) for the month, outperforming the ASX 200, which rose +1.1% and ahead of the RBA cash rate for the month. The monthly return was led by several stocks that delivered high returns and a tilt in the portfolio to resources which recovered the losses of April and no large negative contributors. Index hedging did have a small negative impact.

## POSITIVE CONTRIBUTORS

**SKS Technologies Group (SKS)** - SKS rose +36% for the month continuing the rally from the previous month after several large contract wins and the outlook for continued data centre build out in Australia.

**BHP Group Ltd (BHP)** rose +16% for the month as the copper price rose +5% for the month. We continue to believe that BHP remains in an upgrade cycle that should see it continue to perform positively versus the broader market.

**Sandfire Resources (SFR)** also benefitted from the rise in the copper price with the shares rising +20% for the month on no new news.

## NEGATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

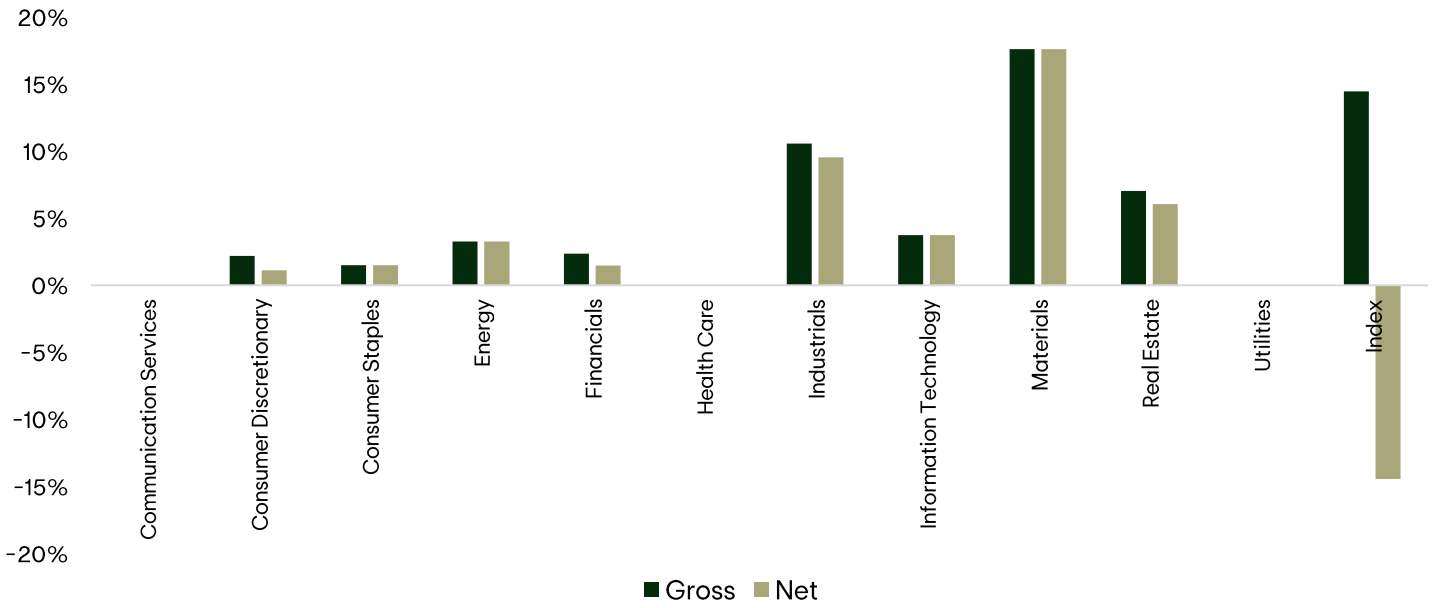
**Wisetech Global (WTC)** fell -16% for the month although we exited earlier in the month as there continues to be no sign of the endless selling in the Australian SaaS sector finding an ending.

**Hipages Group (HPG)** gave up a large amount of the gains of the previous month after falling -8% for the month. The company continues to face the same issues as other SaaS stocks in the Australian market but at a significantly lower valuation and a buyback now in place.

**Netwealth Group (NWL)** fell -9% for the month on no new news and in a rising share market. Perhaps this reflected some concerns around the impact of Capital Gains Tax changes on share investing.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

### Sector Exposure



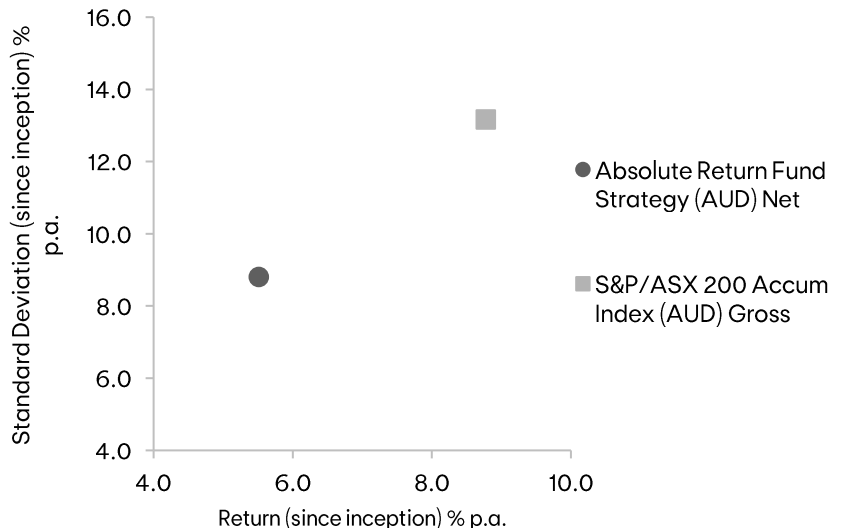
Source: Ellerston Capital.

### Top 10 Holdings (Alphabetical, Long Only)



Source: Ellerston Capital.

### Strategy Performance & Volatility



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## 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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