Ellerston Australian Absolute Return Fund – Class A Units

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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	$1.2276
NAV Price	$1.2245
Redemption Price	$1.2214
Current Total NAV	$4,277,730
Liquidity	Daily
Gross Exposure	57.13%
Net Exposure	18.67%
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.)
Net^	-2.1%	1.9%	5.2%	5.5%	0.4%	3.2%	5.3%
Benchmark*	0.4%	1.0%	3.8%	4.1%	3.1%	2.1%	2.1%
Alpha	-2.5%	0.9%	1.4%	1.4%	-2.7%	1.1%	3.2%

^ 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 rose +1.9% (net) for the quarter, underperforming the ASX 200, which rose +4.0% but ahead of the RBA cash rate return for the quarter of +1.0%. The quarterly return was led by positive performance in mostly industrial stocks with our small resource holdings being a drag as the $US rallied and many commodities came under pressure. For the financial year, the Fund delivered a return of +5.2% (net) which was ahead of the cash rate return of +3.8% but behind the broader ASX 200 which rose +6.1%. Overall, we failed to meet our internal return targets this financial year, which was disappointing, impacted by high levels of volatility in industrial shares.

POSITIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Our **SKS Technologies Group (SKS)** holding more than doubled during the quarter as the business continued to upgrade order book expectations on the back of predominantly new data centre fit-out work.

NRW Holdings (NWH) rose +41% for the quarter on the back of several contracts wins in Goldings, Fredon and the traditional business. This resulted in broker upgrades for earnings in FY26 and FY27.

BHP Group (BHP) rose +18% for the quarter despite falling in June as the copper price rose for the quarter, which offset the fall in the iron ore price. We continue to believe that BHP remains in an upgrade cycle that should see it continue to perform positively versus the broader market.

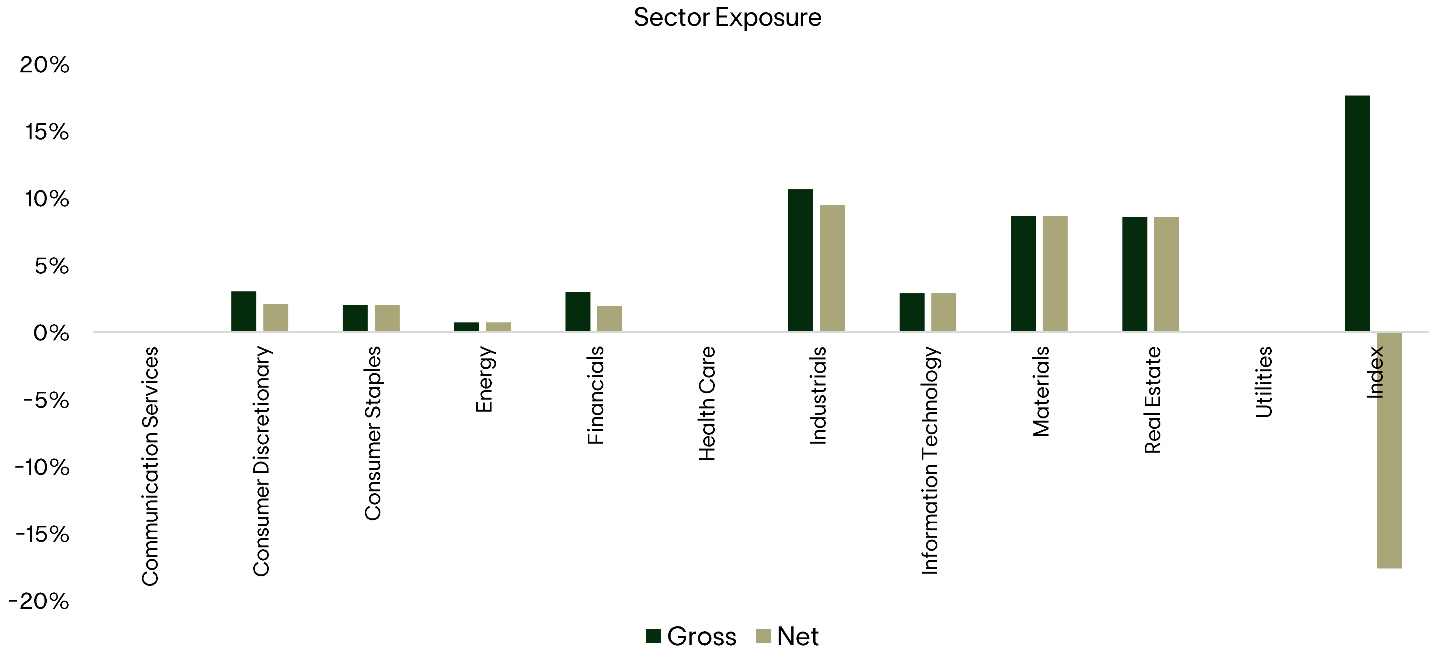
NEGATIVE CONTRIBUTORS

Nexgen Energy (NXG) fell 13% for the quarter as there was a general pullback in uranium equities over the quarter as the spot price cooled from the highs that were reached earlier in the year. The spot move was counter to the move in longer term contract prices which rose during the quarter and is more reflective of the underlying supply/demand in the sector.

Santos Ltd (STO) fell -9% for the quarter reversing most of the gains since the start of the US-Iran conflict. The oil price has coped remarkably well with the disruption in trade from the middle east which does provide some insight into the level of inventories and ability to increase supply in other parts of the world. We exited the position during the quarter.

WA1 Resources (WA1) fell -18% for the quarter on no negative news. The fall probably reflected the weakness in broader resource markets with the rising $US.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS



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Top 10 Holdings (Alphabetical, Long Only)

ALS
Baby Bunting Group
Centuria Capital Group
Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd.
Gemlife Communities Group
Goodman Group
Netwealth Group Ltd.
Redox Limited
Servcorp Limited
Treasury Wine Estates Limited

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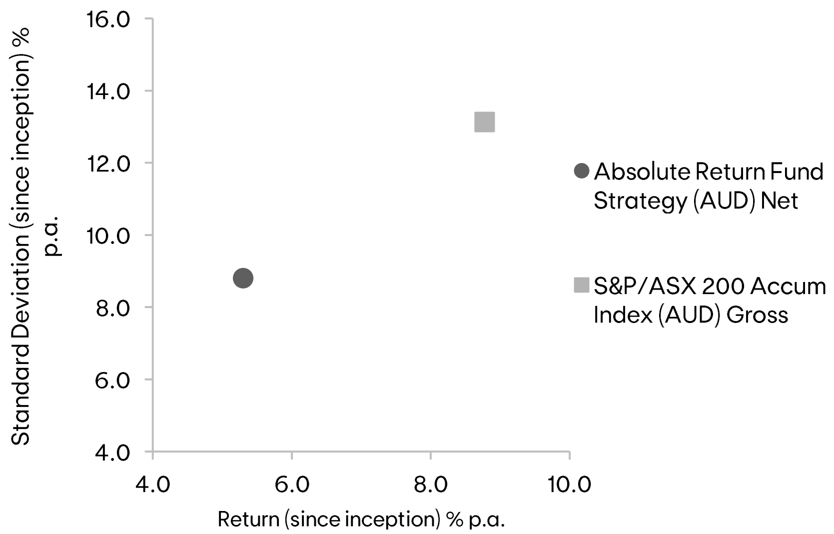
Strategy Performance & Volatility



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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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