



Portfolio of companies which are directly or indirectly, demonstrating a pathway to aiding the abatement of carbon within Australia and the global economy.



Targets unlisted (pre-IPO and expansion capital) and listed (micro and small-cap) companies which have sound business franchises and attractive earnings profiles.



Aims to outperform the Benchmark over a rolling three-year period.

Performance Summary

Performance	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years (p.a.)	3 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.) ^{^^}
Net[^]	7.8%	-1.0%	28.5%	18.8%	25.7%	27.0%	16.6%
Benchmark[*]	-1.3%	-4.0%	4.1%	-14.4%	-1.7%	6.0%	3.1%
Alpha	9.1%	3.0%	24.4%	33.2%	27.4%	21.0%	13.5%

[^] The net return figure is calculated after fees & expenses, assuming all distributions are reinvested. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

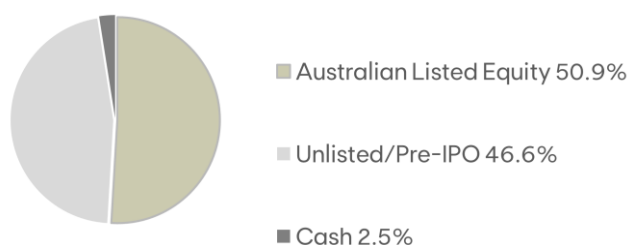
^{*} S&P/ASX Small Industrials Accumulation Index. ^{^^} Inception date is 30 May 2022.

Key Information

Portfolio Manager(s)	David Keelan James Barker Jack Briggs
Investment Objective	Aims to outperform the Benchmark over a rolling three-year period.
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Industrials Accumulation Index
Target Number of Holdings	Unlisted/Pre-IPO Investments – 10–30 & Listed Micro & Small Cap Investments – 25–40
Distribution Frequency	Half-Yearly (where available)
Management Fee	1.50% p.a.
Performance Fee¹	20.00%
Buy/Sell Spread	0.38% / 0.38%

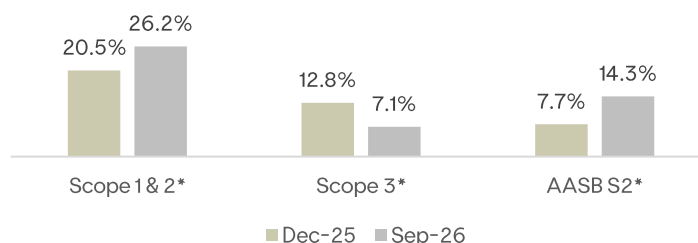
¹ Of the investment return above the benchmark, after recovering any underperformance in past periods.

Portfolio Breakdown

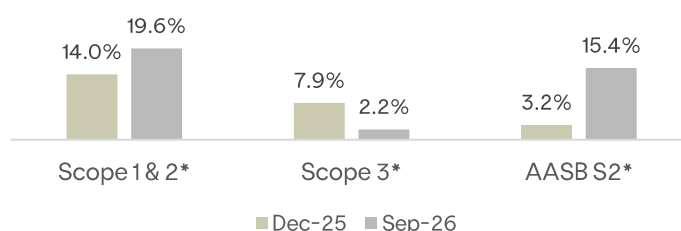


Source: Ellerston Capital.

Number of Underlying Holdings Reporting on Scopes 1, 2 & 3, and according to AASB S2¹



Value of Underlying Holdings Reporting on Scopes 1, 2 & 3, and according to AASB S2²



¹ Number of underlying holdings reporting on each measure, as a percentage of total portfolio holdings.

² Value of underlying holdings reporting on each measure, as a percentage of total portfolio value.

*Source: Company Data.

FUND COMMENTARY

The Ellerston 2050 Fund (the Fund) delivered a return of 7.8% (net) in September, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Industrials Accumulation Index (the Benchmark) return of -1.3%. For the September quarter, the Fund returned -1.0%, compared with the Benchmark return of -4.0%. The market was led lower by significant falls in the Real Estate (-10.6%) and Financials (-8.5%) sectors over the quarter.

Equity markets came under pressure in September as bond yields rose, with both the Australian and US 10-year bond yields moving above 5%. This reflected a more hawkish turn from central banks with the US Fed and the RBA hiking rates in September. This in turn was tied to stubbornly high inflation with sustained pressure coming from growing capital spend to fund the AI infrastructure build-out and higher oil prices linked to falling global strategic reserves and ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Domestic economic data continued to soften with unemployment rising to 4.6% in August and the Westpac Consumer Sentiment Index falling to 84.4 in September. However, the most notable data point for Australians might be the continued slide in national house prices with September prices falling 1.1% MoM, the sixth consecutive monthly decline reported by Cotality. This has been led by Sydney and Melbourne, with prices now down 6-7% YoY and smaller suburban pockets reporting double-digit percentage declines. The softer economic conditions and falling property prices kept the private credit sector in the headlines due to lending exposures to home builders and property developers.

KEY CONTRIBUTOR*

Janus Electric (JNS AU) was the Fund's top contributor for the September quarter, with the Fund having initiated a position during the quarter which has returned 258% since entry (and the share price having risen 473% over the entire period). Janus converts heavy diesel trucks to electric using a proprietary conversion module, swappable battery packs and Charge & Change Station infrastructure. It operates across Australia, the United States and Canada. The quarter was characterised by a rapid build in the North American order book, with US conversions increasing from 4 to 87 across 5 fleets and taking North American contracted conversions to 112. On 13 July first US customer Ability Tri-Modal expanded its commitment from 4 to 20 conversions (worth circa \$10m). This was followed by conditional orders from four new Californian fleet operators for a further 67 conversions (worth circa \$45m). JNS then raised equity to fund the production ramp with first North American deliveries

expected from the December quarter and a target of 50-75 trucks on the road by 31 December. We believe the re-rating reflects the transition from proven technology to contracted orderbook with truck deliveries and the funding of associated working capital representing the next key tests.

KEY DETRACTOR*

Mayfield Group (MYG AU) was the Fund's largest detractor for the September quarter, with the share price falling 24.2% over the period. MYG designs, manufactures and services critical electrical infrastructure for the mining, utilities, data centre, defence and infrastructure markets. The share price fell despite a solid quarter operationally with MYG delivering a strong FY26 result and forward guidance. FY26 revenue increased 43% to \$169m, underlying EBITDA grew 54% to \$18.5m and underlying NPAT rose 50% to \$10.9m. The underlying EBITDA margin expanded 80bps to 10.9%. Organic revenue growth of 17% was supplemented by part-year contributions from BE Switchcraft and SMEC. The year closed with \$22m of cash, no drawn debt and work in hand of \$135m. FY27 revenue guidance of \$224-229m implies growth of 33-36%. Additionally, the Nilsen Switchboards acquisition completed on 31 July for \$4.0m in cash, with 63 employees transferring to the Royal Park facility and \$3.9m of work in hand. We continue to hold Mayfield as a core position and see it well positioned across the energy transition, data centre, defence and resources end markets.

OUTLOOK

We now turn our attention to AGM season, with associated trading updates offering valuable insights on how companies are tracking compared to expectations. We continue to meet with existing and prospective portfolio companies, stress-test our core holdings and challenge our investment theses.

There will be a number of opportunities to engage with management teams across broker conferences and our own travel to build or refresh our knowledge of their businesses and strategies. There is opportunity to revisit a number of high-quality businesses where recent volatility has left share prices detached from underlying fundamentals. Our focus remains firmly on businesses with strong balance sheets, clear pricing power and structural tailwinds underpinning sustainable growth. We continue to work on enhancing the quality of our portfolio, targeting superior risk-adjusted returns in our highest-conviction positions.

***Attribution is based on the contribution from ASX-listed portfolio positions only.**

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