EQUITY ALPHA PLUS FUND



PERFORMANCE NET (%)	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SI* P.A.
Equity Alpha Plus Fund	2.12	-1.39	16.59	12.20	19.05	14.06
S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index	3.62	-3.69	9.79	7.18	12.14	7.32
Excess Return	-1.50	2.30	6.80	5.02	6.91	6.74

*since Inception date (SI) - 12 July 2019

Past performance of the Fund is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of an investment in the Fund may rise or fall. Returns are not guaranteed by any person. Fund returns are calculated before tax, after ongoing management costs and any accrued performance fees, and assumes the reinvestment of distributions. Returns greater than 1 year are annualised.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index (after fees and before taxes) over the long term.

LEAD PORTFOLIO MANAGER

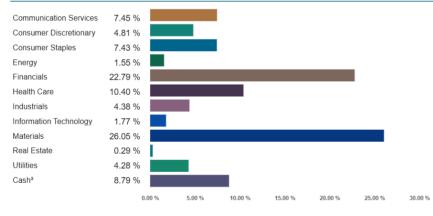
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FUND OVERVIEW

This Fund uses a detailed fundamental research process to invest in stocks that are well placed for the future (longs) and takes advantage of stocks we believe have cyclical and structural headwinds (shorts). The Long/Short investment style is designed to enhance returns and manage downside risks.

MARKET EXPOSURES	
Long	109.75
Short	-18.54
Net	91.21

SECTOR ALLOCATION



83
3%
\$ 196M
\$1.5158

TOP 10 POSITIONS	WEIGHT %
BHP Group Ltd.	8.11
Origin Energy Ltd.	4.28
Greatland Gold plc	4.25
Telstra Group Ltd.	4.24
Newmont Corporation	4.17
Insurance Australia Group Ltd.	3.93
Macquarie Group, Ltd.	3.87
QBE Insurance Group Ltd.	3.52
National Australia Bank Ltd.	3.45
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd.	3.43

FUND DETAILS	
APIR Code	ETL8096AU
Distribution Frequency	Semi-Annually
Management Fee ¹	0.99% p.a.
Performance Fee ²	15% p.a.
Buy Sell Spread	+/- 0.30%
Minimum Investment	\$20,000
Stock Range	Long 20-60, Short 0-50
Cash Range	0-20%

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PERFORMANCE

The Fund rose 2.12% in April underperforming the Index which rallied 3.62%. Our long book was the culprit for underperformance in the month, only rising 1.6%. Three key impacts weighed on the Fund; overweight metals and mining, tariff exposed holdings and an underweight domestic cyclicals position including the banks. Alcoa was the largest detractor in the month. We have reduced our position on weakening alumina fundamentals but retain a meaningful exposure due to considerable upside should they receive tariff exemptions. Treasury Wine Estates and Ansell also suffered following tariff announcements. We have maintained both positions as Ansell is relatively well positioned compared to competitors and Treasury is a possible beneficiary despite underlying trends remaining weak. The short book underperformed in the month, adding to Fund performance. This was encouraging as the short book had underperformed by 7.0% in the first quarter of 2025. We continue to target 'compounding' underperformance in the short book as this is particularly the case in volatile markets such as we have seen more recently.

MARKET WRAP

The S&P/ASX 300 Total Return Index fell 6.4% over the first five days of April following tariff announcements by President Trump, only to rally 10.7% and end the month up 3.6%. Investors initially interpreted the tariffs as recessionary, and economists—such as those at Goldman Sachs—warned of a greater than 50% chance of a global recession. However, as markets reacted negatively, Trump softened his stance, suspending the implementation of tariffs for 90 days and offering concessions. This shift gave investors' confidence that Trump may reverse course if sustained market declines occur.

LOOKING FORWARD

Policy uncertainty in the US remains the key driver of the economic landscape and the share market. Investors have rejoiced at the US tariff rollback with risk markets rallying considerably. The Fund has reduced some US exposure and is slightly defensively positioned. Corporates and consumers are likely to exercise caution in the current economic environment and valuations remain extended in a number of segments of the market.

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