# **Australian Absolute Growth Fund**

## Portfolio Investment Entity

# Monthly Fact Sheet as at 30 November 2022



### Portfolio Managers



William Curtayne Portfolio Manager



Wayne Gentle Portfolio Manager

The share market recovery continued in November following on from a strong October. The Fund returned 0.4% over the month and 0.7% over the past year.

Our best performer for the month was Origin Energy which rallied 41.1% on the back of a takeover offer from a consortium at \$9.00 a share. At the time of writing, Origin remains at a significant discount to that price, trading at near \$8.00 a share as it is subject to due diligence and various approvals. We have maintained our position in the company.

Other strong performers included Smartpay (+25.9%) and Virgin Money (+25.6%) which were both up after reporting good results. Resources companies also rallied strongly in the month with gold miners reacting to lower bond yields, and iron ore miners buoyed by China walking back restrictions on property and its Covid-zero policies. As this news was priced into BHP's share price, we significantly reduced our position in the mining company.

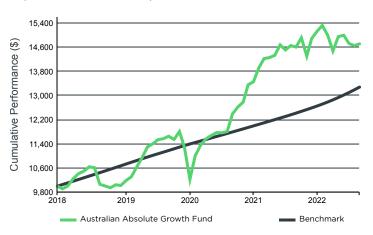
Our worst performer for the month was Collins Foods (-18.6%) which declined after guiding to weaker margins at its result. We had fortunately reduced our investment in the business over the past couple of months.

After tactically reducing cash levels during the month, we did take the opportunity to sell equities and raise cash again later in the month. Markets have had a good recovery but, as we look forward to 2023, we see increasing economy and earnings risk for companies and as such we continue to focus on capital preservation until these risks are more fully priced into markets.

To view Milford's December 2022 Market and Economic Review please see milfordasset.com/investor-centre.

#### **Cumulative Fund Performance**

(after fees and before tax)



Assumes the growth of \$10,000 invested at the Fund's inception date.

#### **Key Fund Facts**

Objective <sup>1</sup>	Targets an absolute return with an annualised return objective of 5% above the New Zealand Official Cash Rate while seeking to protect capital over rolling three year periods
Description	Diversified fund that primarily invests in Australasian equities, complemented by selective exposure to international equities and cash

	Potentially lower returns Potentially higher returns
Risk Indicator	Lower risk Higher risk  1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Total Fund Fees <sup>3</sup>	1.25% (includes an est. performance fee)
Performance Fee	15% of the Fund's returns above the Benchmark¹, subject to the high watermark.
Base Fund Fee <sup>2</sup>	1.05%
Benchmark	OCR + 5% p.a.
Inception Date	1 March 2018
Buy-sell Spread	None - swing pricing applies (See PDS for details)
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$578.3 M
Neutral FX Exposure	0%
Target Allocation	17.5% Income Assets / 82.5% Growth Assets
Minimum recommended investment timeframe	7 years +
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Unit Price: \$1.4619

#### **Australian Absolute Growth Fund as at 30 November 2022**

#### Investment Performance after fees as at 30 November 2022<sup>4</sup>

	1 Month	3 Months	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund (Gross Of Tax)	0.40%	-1.89%	0.73%	8.08%	-	8.46%
After Tax 10.50%	0.65%	-1.63%	0.99%	8.06%	-	8.43%
After Tax 17.50%	0.81%	-1.46%	1.17%	8.04%	-	8.41%
After Tax 28.00%	1.05%	-1.20%	1.43%	8.02%	-	8.38%
Benchmark	0.69%	2.02%	6.94%	5.90%	-	6.15%

## **Top Equity Holdings**

Holdings	% of Fund
CSL	5.16%
OZ Minerals	4.80%
Santos	4.80%
Telstra	4.41%
Ampol	4.17%
Origin Energy	3.89%
Contact Energy	3.27%
Resmed	2.48%
Nearmap	2.46%
Viva Energy Group	2.29%
Computershare	1.97%
Woolworths	1.67%
Carsales.Com	1.44%
Neuren Pharmaceuticals	1.32%
Waypoint REIT	1.23%
EBOS Group	1.16%
Graincorp	1.13%
Boston Scientific	1.12%
QBE Insurance Group	1.07%
Xero	1.05%

#### **Current Asset Allocation**

	Actual Investment Mix	Neutral Investment Mix
Effective Cash#	60.78%	7.5%
New Zealand Fixed Interest	4.41%	10%
International Fixed Interest	0.00%	0.0%
New Zealand Equities	5.32%	7.5%
Australian Equities	28.90%	72.5%
International Equities	0.59%	2.5%
Other	0.00%	0.0%

# The actual cash held by the Fund is 30.33%. Effective Cash reported above is adjusted to reflect the Fund's notional positions (e.g. derivatives used to increase or reduce market exposure).

#### Sector Allocation

Allocation	Weight %
Energy	9.73%
Health Care	8.23%
Utilities	8.01%
Information Technology	7.11%
Communication Services	4.86%
Materials	2.26%
Consumer Staples	1.64%
Industrials	0.71%
Other Sectors	-3.33%
Cash and Other	60.78%

# **Region Exposure**



<sup>1.</sup> After the base fund fee but before tax and before the performance fee. 2. Where applicable, the Base Fund Fee includes an estimate of non-related underlying fund charges. 3. The Total Fund Fees comprise the Base Fund Fee and any estimated Performance Fee. Please refer to the Product Disclosure Statement for more information as to how these are calculated. 4. Please note past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.