

Key Takeaways

- Global equities were higher in January 2023, with emerging markets outperforming broader global indices over the month.
- The month also saw continued outperformance in China, with easing policy and mobility over the month continuing to accelerate.
- The Antipodes Emerging Markets (Managed Fund) outperformed the benchmark over the month.

Commentary*

Global equities were up in January 2023 (+3.1%) with consumer discretionary, communication services and information technology sectors outperforming whilst healthcare, utilities and consumer staples underperformed.

US equities were higher (+2.5%) as economic data suggested a slowing economy, cooling inflation and a resilient labour market. Markets reacted positively to the increased chance of an economic soft landing, despite US government debt ceiling issues and political debate.

European equities outperformed (+4.6%) helped by China's reopening, cooling inflation and GDP data indicating the Eurozone avoided a technical recession in Q4 2022. Further, markets responded positively to Eurozone manufacturing PMI data and fading energy crisis concerns.

Asian equities finished higher over the month (+3.5%). Chinese equities advanced (+6.9%) as China's reopening continued following the government's pivot from its Covid zero policy. Japanese equities were up (+2.2%) supported by strong industrial production and retail sales data, despite rising inflation data.

Elsewhere, Brent Crude (-1.7% in USD) was lower, Gold (+5.7%) was stronger, whilst the US Dollar (-1.4%) weakened.

Key contributors included:

- Internet/Software – Asia/EM Clusters, notably Dada Nexus and MercadoLibre. Dada Nexus pushed higher over the month as the Chinese retail delivery and logistics platform delivered third quarter results, highlighted by net revenue increasing 41% year-on-year in addition to positive guidance for coming

quarters. Latin-American e-commerce retailer MercadoLibre surged upon news of one of its key competitors filing for bankruptcy, with the company poised to increase market share significantly.

- Consumer Cyclical – Asia/EM cluster, notably Ping An Insurance which was a beneficiary of strong capital flows into China over the month in addition to accelerated reopening assisting face-to-face business development.
- Hardware cluster, notably TSMC which reported strong fourth-quarter earnings, exceeding analyst estimates with the semiconductor manufacturer benefitting from Taiwanese legislation around the accounting treatment of R&D costs. The CEO also highlighted in commentary an expectation of a bottoming of the semiconductor cycle in the first half of 2023, before a recovery in the second half of the year.

Key detractors included:

- Infrastructure Property – Asia/EM, notably Indus Towers after the telecom tower service provider booked a provision due to uncertainty that Voda Idea would be able to meet their payment obligations in FY24. Indus Towers subsequently rebounded as the Indian Government announced it would take a 33% stake in Voda Idea, as well as provide a capital injection as a provision for outstanding liabilities.
- Reliance Industries within the Oil/Natural gas cluster with the company's management warning oil demand could slow in the future, citing the impact of global economic headwinds, rising interest rates and contracting purchasing manager's indices.

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Net performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Difference
1 month	8.2	3.8	4.3
3 month	20.7	10.9	9.8
Year to date	8.2	3.8	4.3
Inception	12.9	8.0	4.9

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns are quoted in AUD and net of applicable fees, costs and taxes. All p.a. returns are annualised.

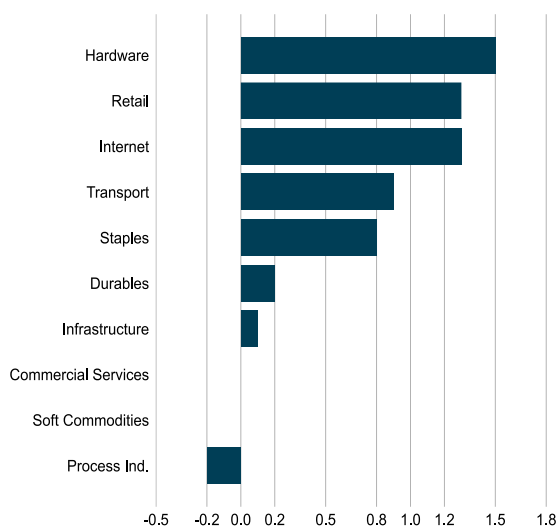
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Performance contribution² (%)

	1 month
Long	8.2%
Currency	0.1%

² Based on gross returns in AUD

Top & bottom sector contribution^{2,3} (%)



³ Antipodes classification

Fund facts

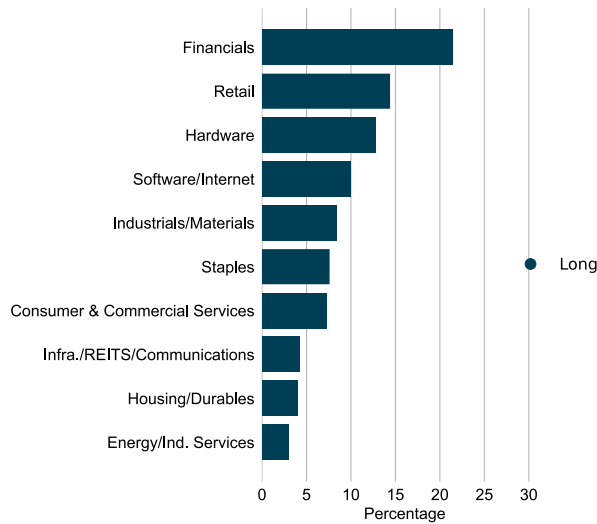
Characteristics	
Investment manager	Antipodes Partners
Inception date	1 October 2022
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
Management Fee	1.20% p.a.
Performance Fee	15% of net return in excess of benchmark
Risk/Return profile	High
Buy/Sell spread	±0.30%
Minimum investment	AUD \$25,000
Distribution	Annual, 30 June
Asset value	
Fund AUM	\$23m
Strategy AUM	\$30m
Unit redemption price	0.9853

Asset allocation⁴

Equities - Long	
Weight (%)	92.9
Count	42.0
Avg. weight (%)	2.2
Top 10 (%)	39.0
Top 30 (%)	82.8

⁴ Call (put) options represented as the current option value (delta adjusted exposure)

Sector exposure^{4,5} (%)

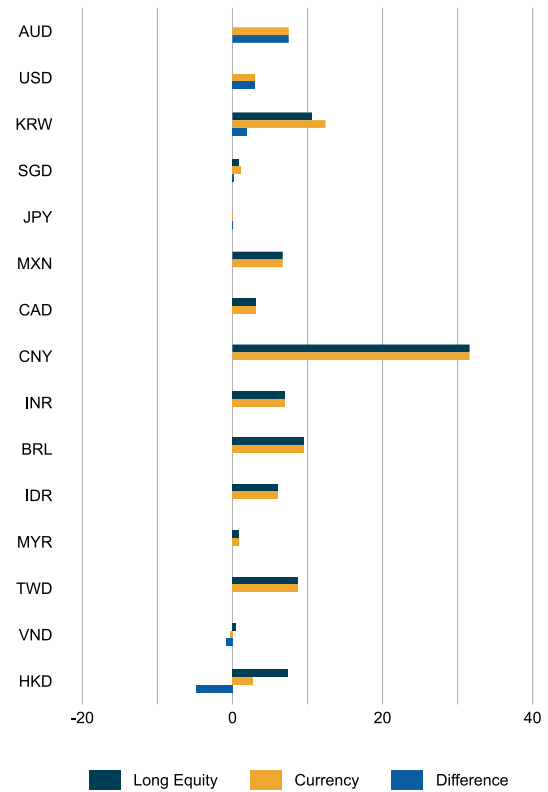


⁵ Antipodes classification

Top 10 equity longs⁴ (%)

Name	Country	Weight
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	5.8
Ping An Insurance	China/HK	4.4
Fomento Economico Mexicano	Mexico	4.1
Samsung Electronics	Korea	4.1
Alibaba	China/HK	3.9
Country Garden Services Holdings Co.	China/HK	3.7
Wuliangye Yibin	China/HK	3.5
Galaxy Entertainment Group	China/HK	3.3
KB Financial Group	Korea	3.2
Teck Resources Limited	Canada	3.1

Currency exposure^{4,6} (%)



⁶ Where possible, regions, countries and currencies classified on a look through basis

Regional exposure^{4,5,6} (%)

Region	Long	Benchmark
Developing Asia	54.4	60.4
- China/Hong Kong	39.0	38.2
- India	7.0	15.0
- Indonesia	6.1	2.1
- Singapore	0.9	0.0
- Malaysia	0.9	1.7
- Rest EM Asia	0.5	3.3
Developed Asia	19.3	15.1
- Korea	10.6	13.7
- Taiwan	8.7	1.3
LATAM/EEMEA	16.1	23.8
- Brazil	9.5	6.0
- Mexico	6.7	2.9
- Rest LATAM/EEMEA	0.0	15.0
Rest of World	3.1	0.7
Total Equities	92.9	100.0
Cash	7.1	0.0
Totals	100.0	100.0

Market cap exposure⁴ (%)

Band	Weight
Mega (>\$100b)	31.5
Large (>\$25b <\$100b)	22.2
Medium (>\$5b <\$25b)	28.0
Small (<\$5b)	11.1

Investment Manager

- Global and Emerging Markets pragmatic value manager, long only and long-short
- Structured to reinforce alignment between investors and the investment team
- We attempt to take advantage of the market's tendency for irrational extrapolation, identify investments that offer a high margin of safety and build portfolios with a capital preservation focus

Fund Ratings



Fund features

- Objective to achieve absolute returns in excess of the benchmark over the investment cycle (typically 3-5 years)
- The Fund invests in companies that are exposed to emerging markets or listed on emerging market stock exchanges.
- In the absence of finding individual securities that meet minimum risk-return criteria, cash may be held to maximum 25%
- Flexibility to hedge for risk management purposes:
 - Currency exposure of the underlying stock position (net short currency position not permitted)
 - Equity market exposure via exchange traded derivatives (limited to 10% of NAV)
 - Leverage not permitted
- This product is likely to be appropriate for a consumer seeking capital growth to be used as a small allocation within a portfolio where the consumer has a minimum investment timeframe of 5 years, and a high risk/return profile.

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