

# ADVANCE AUSTRALIAN SHARES MULTI-BLEND FUND

As at 31 August 2021

## FUND OVERVIEW

	Wholesale	Retail
Inception date	31 May 1998	26 June 1994
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Fund size (AUD millions)	\$2,112.78	
Investment objective	To provide investors with a total investment return (before fees and taxes) that outperforms the benchmark over periods of five years or longer.	
Recommended investment timeframe	5 years	
Minimum initial investment	\$5,000	Closed to new investors
Distribution frequency	Quarterly	
Management costs (%) pa <sup>1</sup>	0.75	1.40
Buy/sell spread (%)	0.30 / 0.30	0.00 / 0.00

## FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>

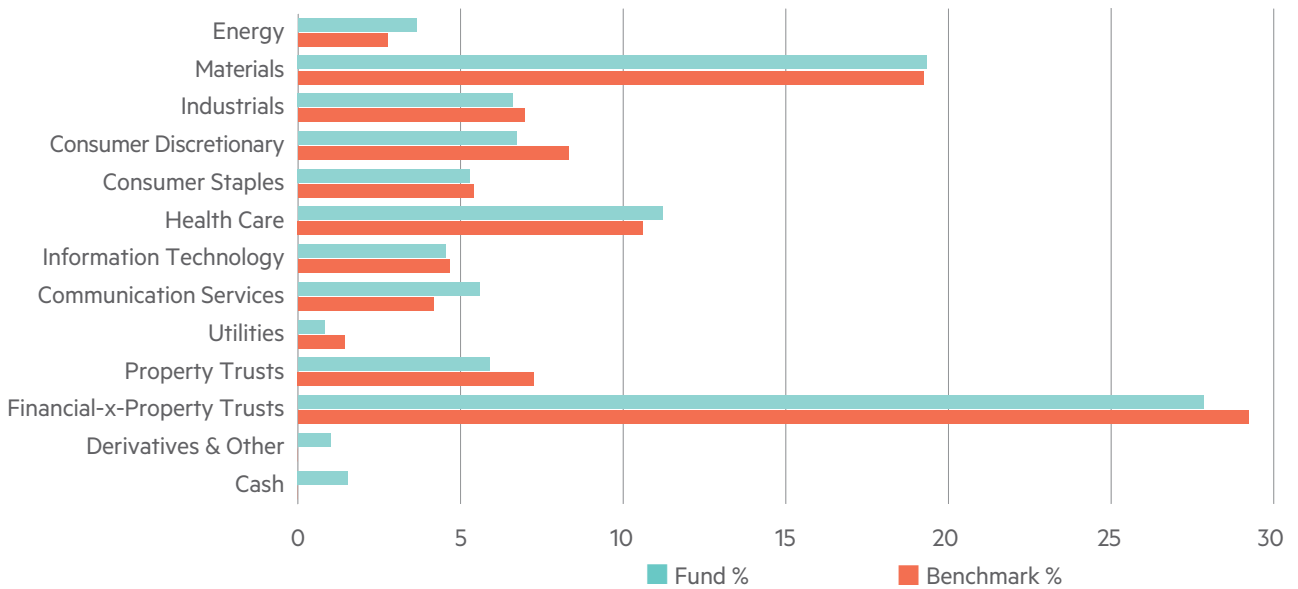
	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % pa	5 years % pa	Since Inception % pa
Total Net return	2.45	5.28	28.20	8.97	10.54	8.48
Growth return	2.45	1.18	21.27	3.02	3.01	0.22
Distribution return	0.00	4.10	6.93	5.94	7.52	8.25
Benchmark return~	2.61	6.08	28.58	10.13	11.05	8.96

Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index (Pre April 2010 ASX 200 Accumulation Index).

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
BHP Group Limited	7.61	6.14
CSL Limited	6.42	6.49
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	6.27	8.12
Westpac Banking Corporation	4.78	4.33
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	3.97	3.62
National Australia Bank Limited	3.37	4.18
Telstra Corporation Limited	3.02	2.09
Macquarie Group Limited	3.01	2.59
Goodman Group	2.38	1.78
Aristocrat Leisure Limited	2.22	1.33

### SECTOR ALLOCATIONS<sup>3</sup>



### FUND UPDATE

The Advance Australian Shares Multi-Blend Fund returned 2.45% on a net basis in August, underperforming the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index which returned 2.61%. Reporting season was the main event over the month. June half earnings were positive with slightly more beats than misses, but there have been downgrades to FY22 earnings estimates. Information Technology was the strongest performing sector, led by Wisetech and Afterpay. Materials was the laggard, weighed down by iron ore miners after the commodity price fell on weaker steel demand.

Underlying manager relative performance was mixed. Platypus was the most positive contributor to relative performance. The large overweight to IT helped relative performance, led by Afterpay, which jumped following Square Inc's announcement to acquire the payments company. Realindex was the largest detractor. The manager employs a quantitative approach to building a portfolio based on accounting measures representative of fundamental value. This approach guides the large underweights to IT and Healthcare, which when combined with weaker stock selection, were the key sources of underperformance.

From a sector perspective, positive stock selection in Industrials was the largest contributor to relative performance. On the other hand, negative stock selection in IT was the largest detractor. At a stock level, the underweight to Rio Tinto was the top contributor, while the overweight to BHP was the largest detractor.

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