

Portfolio Profile

Antares High Growth Shares Fund



December 2020

Fund description and investment return objective

The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index (after fees) over rolling five year periods. The Fund seeks to enhance returns through a range of investment strategies including long/short positions and active trading, along with the ability to use exchange traded derivatives.

Fund commentary

The Antares High Growth Shares Fund delivered a return of 1.6% (net of fees) for the month of December 2020.¹

Australian shares recorded more modest gains than most global equities markets. While news of a virus outbreak in Sydney in late December served as a dampener, some sectors ended December on a very positive note including Information Technology which reflected the robust gains on Wall Street. The Resources sector also performed strongly as the iron ore price surged by more than 20% on news of lower Brazilian production. Oil and gold prices also rallied. Utilities and health care sectors declined during the month.

Contributing to Fund performance were overweight holdings in Afterpay (APT), IGO Limited (IGO) and Metcash (MTS). The change in market direction helped some of the "COVID-winners" including APT recover their momentum. An upbeat trading update in November by APT and the company's entry into the S&P/ASX 20 in December also aided positive sentiment. In early December, IGO announced its intention to acquire a 24.99% indirect interest in Greenbushes, a large, low-cost, hard rock lithium mine in Western Australia and a 49% interest in Australia's first lithium hydroxide plant, with the acquisition funded through a combination of debt, existing cash and a successful equity raising. Metcash posted solid gains after delivering a robust set of results with strong sales and operating leverage coming through the business.

Detracting value were overweight positions in A2 Milk (A2M) and Cochlear (COH) and an underweight position in Fortescue Metals (FMG). Shares in A2M fell during December after the company provided downbeat earnings guidance. While the market had been expecting some weakness in A2M's sales in 2021 as it struggled to replace the lucrative Daigou channel into China, the update revealed that the Daigou channel weakness has also found its way into the e-commerce channel in China, a bigger hit than had been previously anticipated. The resurgence of the coronavirus in the northern hemisphere and its potential impact on implant surgery weighed on investor sentiment. In addition, in early December COH lost their last appeal against a USD280m patent infringement judgment in the USA. As a pure iron ore producer FMG's share price rose strongly as the iron ore price increased by nearly 25% during December.

Australia's economic data continues to strengthen, suggesting a sustainable recovery provided the Sydney virus outbreak is contained. Strong job gains and retail spending were recorded in November with the ending of Melbourne's virus lockdown. Business and consumer surveys show very positive responses given the Federal Budget's investment allowance initiatives as well as income tax cuts. With coronavirus vaccines being rolled out across the northern hemisphere, the imminent inauguration of President-elect Biden in the US and completion of Brexit, the global outlook is positive, although a shadow remains over Australia's relationship with China.

Portfolio facts

Inception date:	7 December 1999
Fund size at 31 December 2020:	\$401.0m
Benchmark:	S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index
Investment timeframe:	At least 5 years
Relative risk:	High
Relative return¹:	High
Redemption Unit Price at 31 December 2020:	\$1.0992

Top 10 share holdings

as at 31 December 2020 (alphabetical order)

- Afterpay
- ANZ Banking Group
- Aristocrat Leisure
- BHP Group
- Commonwealth Bank
- CSL
- South32
- Telstra Corporation
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Woolworths Group

Investment returns as at 31 December 2020¹

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa	7 years pa	10 years pa	Since inception pa
Net return² %	1.6	17.4	1.4	5.8	8.8	8.0	8.1	10.4
Gross return%	1.7	17.7	2.5	6.9	10.0	9.2	9.2	11.9
Benchmark return %	1.2	13.7	1.4	6.7	8.7	7.4	7.8	8.0
Net excess return %	0.4	3.7	0.0	-0.9	0.1	0.6	0.3	2.4
Gross excess return %	0.5	4.0	1.1	0.2	1.3	1.8	1.4	3.9

¹ Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns are not guaranteed and actual returns may vary from any target returns described in this document.

² Investment returns are based on exit prices, and are net of management fees and assume reinvestment of all distributions.

Investor profile

The Fund is actively managed and its returns may be volatile when compared with the benchmark return. As such, it may suit investors who are willing to accept higher risk in exchange for the potential opportunity to earn greater returns.

The Fund holds its investments on revenue account. Therefore, gains which are made by the Fund on its investments and distributed to unitholders are treated as revenue, rather than capital, with no entitlement to the capital gains tax (CGT) discount.

Investment details

Minimum investment:	\$20,000
Minimum additional investment:	\$5,000
Income treatment:	Quarterly
Entry fee:	Nil
Exit fee:	Nil
Management fee⁴:	1.05% pa of the net asset value of the Fund
Performance fee:	20% of the Fund's investment return (net of management fee) above the sum of the Benchmark ⁵ and 5%.

⁴ ACP may, from time to time, negotiate fees which are different to those described in the PDS with certain sophisticated and professional investors or wholesale clients (as defined in the Corporations Act).

⁵ The Benchmark of the Fund is S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index.

Investment guidelines and ranges

	Minimum	Benchmark Allocation	Maximum	As at 31 Dec 20
Aust shares - Net	90%	100%	100%	99.1%
Aust shares - Long	90%	-	125%	121.9%
Aust shares - Short	0%	-	-25%	-22.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%	0%	10%	0.9%

Distribution history⁶

Quarter end	Cents per unit
31 December 2020	0.26
30 September 2020	0.42
30 June 2020	0.00
31 March 2020	1.00
31 December 2019	0.95
30 September 2019	0.99
30 June 2019	2.87
31 March 2019	0.33
31 December 2018	1.68

⁶ Distribution rates have been rounded to two decimal places. As a result, the actual payment rate may differ slightly to the rates listed above.

Investment terms and guidelines

Short selling involves borrowing a share from a prime broker to sell to the market, with an agreement to purchase that share back at a later date. When the Fund short sells a share, we anticipate taking advantage of declines in the price of that share by selling the share at one price, and then aiming to buy back that share at a subsequent lower price. Short selling is limited to 25% of the value of the Fund's net assets.

Enhanced long positions refer to the shares in which the Fund holds the largest overweight positions when compared to its benchmark weighting. Long positions are limited to 125% of the value of the Fund's net assets. All long and short positions will be managed to provide investors with a gross exposure to the sharemarket of up to 150%, but the overall net exposure will be between 90 - 100%.

Active trading refers to trading in shares where the Fund has held a range of different positions over a relatively short period of time, with a view to fully exploiting all available opportunities to add value as market circumstances change. It may also involve simply managing an overweight or other position held - adding to or reducing the position to benefit from smaller movements in the share price.

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