

# Portfolio Profile

## Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund



July 2021

### Fund description and investment return objective

The Fund is an actively managed, concentrated portfolio of equities outside the largest 20 Australian listed companies by market capitalisation (as defined by the S&P/ASX 20 Total Return Index) that Antares identifies as having the potential to offer significant long-term capital growth. The Fund may also invest in equities expected to be listed on the Australian share market.

The investment objective is to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over rolling five year periods.

### Manager's commentary

The Fund struggled through July, generating a return of -2.0% (net of fees)<sup>1</sup> compared to that of our benchmark's 0.8%. It was disappointing to generate a negative return, especially given continued strength in our benchmark. It was a month driven by the market's focus on low interest rates. That led to opportunistic bids in stocks such as Sydney Airport and Spark Infrastructure. Our portfolio seeks longer term operational competitive advantage in our investments – hence such conditions are least favourable to our process.

Our best contributor for the month was IGO Limited (IGO). The shares rallied as lithium prices rallied strongly. The market has increased confidence that IGO will be a beneficiary of the drive to electric vehicles following its successful acquisition of a share of the Greenbushes lithium mine and associated downstream processing assets.

IDP Education (IEL) rallied in July following its deal with the British Council to acquire the exclusive rights for International English Language Testing System (IELTS) testing in India. This is the major market for students seeking university study abroad, and as such is also IEL'S major market. It is a highly synergistic acquisition with significant potential revenue benefits too.

BlueScope Steel (BSL) also rallied in July as it issued upgraded guidance for its FY21 operating results that was significantly ahead of market estimates.

Detracting most from our performance was AfterPay (APT). While there was no new news, the market's preference for value oriented stocks, driven especially by M & A appeal, saw a rotation away from longer duration growth stocks such as APT.

Ansell (ANN) also detracted from performance in July. The market has struggled to price ANN in recent months following a series of upgrades based on surging demand for personal protective equipment. The market is looking to price ANN on the back of more "normalised" demand levels for single use gloves - but as the Delta variant surges across the globe, we feel the market is a little hasty in this "normalisation" call.

Seek (SEK) struggled in July as the market focused on the extent of the Sydney corona virus restrictions and a number of outbreaks in other states that also disrupted the economic recovery. Thus far, there seems to have been few impacts on hiring intentions and demand for labour in Australia remains strong. Further, the market is ignoring the fact that SEK has successfully implemented dynamic pricing into its model which gives scope for growth over and above the usual volume driven employment cycle.

### Portfolio facts

<b>Inception date:</b>	1 October 2019
<b>Fund size at 31 July 2021:</b>	\$37.5m
<b>Benchmark:</b>	S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index excluding the companies listed on the S&P/ASX 20 Total Return Index.
<b>Investment timeframe:</b>	At least 5 years
<b>No. of shares:</b>	15 to 30

### Top 10 share holdings

as at 31 July 2021 (alphabetical order)

- Ansell
- Aristocrat Leisure
- Cochlear
- Medibank Private
- Metcash
- Nine Entertainment Co Holdings
- Northern Star Resources
- OZ Minerals
- Qantas Airways
- Qube Holdings

### Investment returns as at 31 July 2021<sup>1</sup>

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa	7 years pa	Since inception pa
Net return <sup>2</sup> %	-2.0	1.7	32.4	-	-	-	12.8
Gross return <sup>3</sup> %	-1.9	2.1	35.8	-	-	-	15.7
Benchmark return %	0.8	4.4	22.9	-	-	-	6.1
<b>Net excess return %</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Gross excess return %</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.  
<sup>2</sup> Investment returns are based on exit prices, and are net of management fees and assume reinvestment of all distributions. The performance inception date is 2 October 2019.

## Investor profile

The Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund is designed for investors seeking an actively managed, highly concentrated portfolio of Australian securities that excludes the top 20 stocks by market capitalisation. The Fund aims to provide investors with long term capital growth.

## Investment details

<b>Minimum investment:</b>	\$20,000
<b>Minimum additional investment:</b>	\$5,000
<b>Income treatment:</b>	Half-yearly distribution or re-investment
<b>Entry fee:</b>	Nil
<b>Exit fee:</b>	Nil
<b>Management fee:</b>	0.85% (incl. net effect of GST) per annum
<b>Performance fee:</b>	The performance fee is calculated as 15% of the difference between the Fund's quarterly return (after deducting the management fee and assuming the reinvestment of distributions) and the Benchmark's quarterly return <sup>5</sup> .

<sup>5</sup> The Benchmark of the Fund is S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index excluding the S&P/ASX 20 Total Return Index..

## Investment guidelines and ranges

	Minimum	Benchmark Allocation	Maximum	As at 31 Jul 21
<b>Australian shares</b>	90%	100%	100%	92%
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	0%	0%	10%	8%

## Distribution history<sup>4</sup>

Quarter end	Cents per unit
30 June 2021	3.43
31 December 2020	0.60
30 June 2020	0.91
31 December 2019	0.00

<sup>4</sup> Distribution rates have been rounded to two decimal places. As a result, the actual payment rate may differ slightly to the rates listed above.

## Franking levels

Year end	
30 June 2021	29.46%
30 June 2020	97.61%

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