

Portfolio Profile

Antares High Growth Shares Fund



August 2021

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 4.6% (net of fees) for the month of August 2021.¹

Australian shares delivered a strong return in August. Reporting season was generally positive. The Information Technology sector surged as Square launched a \$39b takeover bid for Afterpay. There were also strong gains for the healthcare and financial sectors given the Reserve Bank's guidance that low interest rates would be maintained. However, resource sector shares were down as iron ore prices slumped by 25% as the Chinese steel industry signaled lower demand.

Contributing to Fund performance were overweight positions in Afterpay (APT) and Wisetech (WTC) and a short position in Fortescue Metals (FMG). US tech giant Square's \$39b bid for Afterpay valued APT at \$126.21 per share - a premium of 25% to APT's previous undisturbed market valuation. WTC's result delighted investors as margins expanded on lower costs. Earnings forecasts for FY22 were also upgraded.

WTC has had its doubters with various offshore short-sellers targeting the business on the basis of its acquisition strategy but this result put paid to those doubts and saw short sellers covering their positions. Shares in iron ore producer FMG were impacted by the drop in the iron ore price despite a record profit and dividend announcement.

Detracting value were overweight holdings in BHP and Santos (STO) together with the decision not to own NAB. BHP shares were weaker on the fall in the iron ore price. Also negative in the short term was BHP's announcement that it would collapse its dual listed structure, at a potential once off cost of around USD400m. BHP plans to merge its Petroleum division with Woodside (WPL) which would see BHP own 48% and deliver synergies in the order of USD400m. Energy stocks were generally weaker on lower oil prices during August. Also during the month Santos announced it had reached agreement to merge with Oil Search (OSL) which will see STO shareholders take ownership of 61.5% of the merged group and OSL shareholders the balance. The merged group would become Australia's largest oil and gas producer, something that should be beneficial given longer-term challenges of raising capital for fossil fuels. NAB reported a slight increase in 3Q21 profit on improving margins.

Australia's economic revival is being challenged by the extended lockdowns in New South Wales and Victoria. High frequency data for employment and mobility shows a sharp decline in activity. Business and consumer surveys have also fallen. Partly mitigating these signs of economic slowdown has been increased budget support from the Federal and State Governments. The Reserve Bank's monetary policy settings also remain supportive with guidance that the current low cash interest rates should remain until 2024. Uptake of vaccinations is accelerating with the focus turning to opening up economies once key targets are reached.

Portfolio facts

Inception date:	7 December 1999
Fund size at 31 August 2021:	\$404.7m
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 August 2021	\$1.2431

Top 10 share holdings

as at 31 August 2021 (alphabetical order)

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

Investment returns as at 31 August 2021¹

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa	7 years pa	10 years pa	Since inception pa
Net return² %	4.6	6.9	39.7	10.1	12.1	10.3	11.2	11.2
Gross return%	5.1	7.1	41.6	11.4	13.4	11.5	12.4	12.7
Benchmark return %	2.5	6.0	28.1	9.9	10.9	8.6	10.3	8.6
Net excess return %	2.1	0.9	11.6	0.2	1.2	1.7	0.9	2.6
Gross excess return %	2.6	1.1	13.5	1.5	2.5	2.9	2.1	4.1

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 Aug 21
Aust shares - Net	90%	100%	100%	99.2%
Aust shares - Long	90%	-	125%	122.0%
Aust shares - Short	0%	-	-25%	-22.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%	0%	10%	0.8%

Distribution history⁶

Quarter end	Cents per unit
30 June 2021	9.10
31 March 2021	0.68
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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