

UBS Yarra Australian Share Fund

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Fund description

The Fund is an actively managed fund investing in a portfolio of 30–70 listed Australian equity securities listed on the Australian Securities exchange.

Investment return objective

The Fund aims to outperform (after management costs) the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index over rolling five year periods.

Active security positions

Overweight	Underweight
Australia and NZ Banking	CSL
Aristocrat Leisure	National Australia Bank
Link Administration Holdings	Macquarie Group
Westpac Banking	Wesfarmers
TPG Telecom	Woolworths Group

Active industry positions

Overweight	Underweight
Telecommunication Services	Real Estate
Media & Entertainment	Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology & Life Sciences
Materials	Diversified Financials
Transportation	Food & Staples Retailing
Software & Services	Commercial & Prof Services

Investment performance

Fund	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % pa	5 years % pa	Since inception* % pa
Total return	(0.37)	1.06	30.17	9.25	7.67	9.83
Benchmark**	0.10	0.77	28.57	12.25	11.02	9.59
Added Value	(0.47)	0.29	1.60	(3.00)	(3.35)	0.24

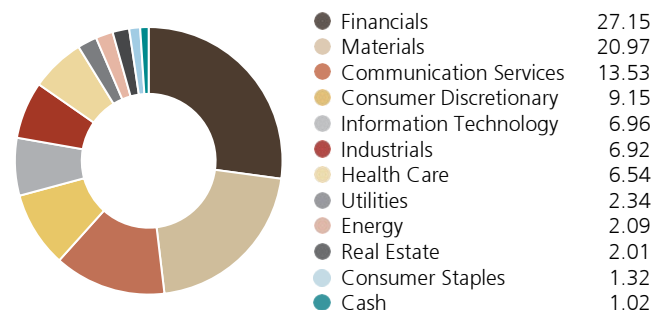
*The UBS Asset Management price/value equities process was adopted on 1 April 1996. **S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index. All Ordinaries Accumulation Index prior to June 2000.

Performance figures are net of ongoing fees and expenses. The performance figures quoted are historical, calculated using end of month redemption prices, and do not allow for the effects of income tax or inflation. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Performance can be volatile and future returns can vary from past returns.

Fund information

Inception date	15 July 1992
Fund size	\$302.5 m
Management fee	0.90% pa
Minimum initial investment	\$50,000
Typical number of holdings	30 to 70
Distributions	Semi-annually
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.25%
APIR code	SBC0817AU

Fund positioning (%)



Portfolio review

After fees and expenses, the Portfolio declined by 0.37% during the month, underperforming its benchmark by 47 bps.

The largest positive contributors were Rio Tinto (not held), JB Hi-Fi and Northern Star Resources. Rio Tinto declined alongside the iron ore price (-10% to US\$107/t) and as it cut Pilbara production guidance in CY21 to 320-325mt (from 325mt). The company also increased its decarbonization capex from US\$1.5bn over the next three years to US\$7.5bn from CY22 to CY30 as part of its new target to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030. JB Hi-Fi released a better-than-expected 1Q22 result, in which sales fell just 6-8% (y/y) despite 60% of its stores being closed in NSW and Victoria due to lockdowns. Northern Star outperformed during the period alongside the gold price (+2% to US\$1,784) and as the gold sector was seen as a beneficiary of higher inflation.

The largest negative contributors were Star Entertainment, Macquarie (not held) and National Australia Bank (not held). Star Entertainment underperformed in response to media allegations that it had enabled suspected money laundering, fraud and foreign interference. Following the allegations, the company announced that the Liquor and Gaming Authority's regular review of The Star Sydney would now also incorporate public hearings. Macquarie announced a strong 1H21 result, confirming NPAT 6% ahead of consensus forecasts for \$2,043mn, largely due to better-than-expected performance from its Commodities and Global Markets division. National Australia Bank outperformed without any material news.

Market review

Australian equities were flat in October, underperforming global equities as Australian bond yields rose sharply in response to higher inflation expectations.

The ASX 300 Accumulation Index lifted 0.1% during the month, taking its 12-month return to 28.6%. The local index underperformed global indices – with the MSCI World Index returning 5.5% – as Australian 10-year bond yields lifted 59 bps to 2.08% during the period on expectations the RBA would hike rates earlier amid inflation pressure.

Gold (+9.8%) was the top performer during the period, with the sector seen as a beneficiary of stronger inflation. Within the sector, Newcrest (NCM, +9.9%), Northern Star (NST, +8.7%), Silver Lake Resources (SLR, +26.5%) and West African Resources (WAF, +34.0%) contributed most to the benchmark's return.

Information Technology (+2.4%) also delivered a solid return, with the sector likely supported by lower real yields in the US. The best performing stocks included Xero (XRO, +7.6%), Appen (APX, +20.0%) and Nearmap (NEA, +16.6%).

Conversely, Transportation Infrastructure (-3.5%) and Consumer Staples (-2.3%) underperformed. In the former, the shift in bond yields weighed on Transurban (TCL, -5.1%) and Atlas Arteria (ALX, -4.5%). In the latter, Treasury Wine Estates (TWE, -7.2%) gave a worse-than-expected update at its AGM due to supply chain challenges and slower re-opening across its key markets.

Outlook

After completing 1H2021 with strong momentum, renewed COVID-related lockdowns in Melbourne and Sydney will see the Australian economy contract in 3Q21, albeit it has been notable how well both business surveys and employment indicators have held up in Q3, suggesting a modest contraction than might have been expected several months ago. Real-time data suggests Q4 economic growth will rebound solidly, led by the service-based industries.

We continue to believe the interruption to economic growth from renewed lockdowns will be an aberration within an improving trend. Indeed, the fundamentals that will drive the economic recovery remain in place. The recovery in labour market income has been sufficient to offset the gradual withdrawal of temporary fiscal support. Moreover, the accumulation of an estimated \$185bn in excess household saving, in concert with strong asset price gains, leaves the consumer uniquely positioned to underpin economic growth in 2021- 2022. Dwelling investment is set to provide solid support for economic growth over the next 6 months as previously approved housing moves through the construction phase, and a broader-based lift in business investment expectations is an important step in ensuring a sustained economic recovery. We expect the global economy to expand 6% and the Australian economy to expand 4.5% in 2021. We expect another strong year of economic growth in 2022 of 4.0%.

Nevertheless, there are some areas that are cause for concern. For over 12 months we have warned about rising US inflation pressures and rising inflation expectations. However, supply chain constraints and energy shortages in the Northern Hemisphere risk inflation pressures becoming more widespread and more entrenched. With the peak in global business surveys having passed, cost inflation continuing to escalate and the Federal Reserve announcing its decision to taper its bond purchases, we expect bond yields will move higher through the remainder of 2021. We expect US 10-year yields to approach 1.80% by the end of 2021, providing some ongoing challenges for risk assets in Q4.

The A\$/US\$ has recently been buffeted by concerns of a peak in global industrial growth indicators, slowing China economic momentum and recent declines in iron ore prices. Nevertheless, Australia's external accounts are in their best position since the early 1970s and despite some moderation in commodity prices, we believe the A\$/US\$ should remain supported by global reflationary forces through 2021-22. We expect the A\$/US\$ to finish the year in the 76-78c range, and remain around that level through 1H22.

We see significant value in certain sectors but believe others to be overvalued based on our earnings and cash flow expectations. We are most overweight stocks within the Communication Services, Materials and Information Technology sectors, and underweight Real Estate, Health Care and Consumer Staples.

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