

# Portfolio Profile

## Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund

November 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 Antares Ex-20 Australian Equities Fund delivered a return of 0.9% (net of fees) for the month of November 2021.<sup>1</sup>

Australian shares recorded a slight fall in November with mixed performance across sectors. There were strong gains for the resources sector given the benefit of a lower Australian dollar and signs that iron ore prices were stabilising around US\$100 per ton. Communication services and consumer staples also benefitted from investors taking a more defensive stance. However, these gains were offset by sharp falls in financials with some poor results and concerns that interest rate margins would be squeezed by future interest rate rises. The energy sector also disappointed with the slump in oil prices.

The Fund's performance benefitted from our overweight positions in Lynas (LYC), Megaport (MP1) and IGO Limited (IGO).

LYC's share price benefitted from a strong increase in spot Neodymium-Praseodymium (NdPr) prices which reached decade highs in November on the back of supply growth being constrained by power outages and environmental restrictions limiting production in China. MP1 saw continued share price momentum following a well-received 1Q22 update in late October. During the month, the company also announced a new distribution agreement with Arrow Electronics to distribution its Software Defined Network (SDN) platform. IGO continued to see strong share price support on the back of a solid 1Q22 trading update which included a maiden profit from its lithium joint venture.

Detracting from the Fund's performance in November were overweight holdings in APM Human Services (APM), Afterpay (APT) and Santos (STO). APM Human Services suffered a disappointing debut after substantial turnover of the share register shortly after the IPO. Afterpay's proposed acquirer Square received approval from both its shareholders and the ACCC during the month, however the Afterpay stock traded lower after a 3Q21 earnings report by Square that fell short of investor expectations (noting that the offer is 0.375 shares of Square for each Afterpay share). Lastly, STO shares were also weaker in line with the fall in the Brent oil price as news of the omicron strain of the coronavirus emerged, sparking fears of reductions in trade and travel.

Australia's economy is showing more promising signs with the end of lockdowns in New South Wales and Victoria. Job advertisements and retail spending have recorded sharp gains which signal a recovery has started in the two largest states. The early reopening of the Queensland border also suggests confidence despite the new omicron variant.

### Portfolio facts

<b>Inception date:</b>	1 October 2019
<b>Fund size at 30 November 2021:</b>	\$40.9m
<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 30 November 2021 (alphabetical order)

- Lynas Rare Earths
- Medibank Private
- Nine Entertainment Co Holdings
- Oz Minerals
- Qantas Airways
- QBE Insurance Group
- Qube Holdings
- Santos
- Seek
- Treasury Wine Estates

### Investment returns as at 30 November 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> %	0.9	0.3	18.1	-	-	-	14.3
Gross return <sup>3</sup> %	1.0	0.5	20.2	-	-	-	16.9
Benchmark return %	0.6	-0.7	13.6	-	-	-	7.3
<b>Net excess return %</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Gross excess return %</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6.6</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 30 Nov 21
<b>Australian shares</b>	90%	100%	100%	97%
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	0%	0%	10%	3%

## 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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