

High Growth Shares Fund



Monthly Performance Report March 2022

Fund description and investment return objective

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio of Australian equities listed (or expected to be listed) on the Australian share market that invests in both long and short positions. It uses a range of investment strategies including active trading along with the ability to use exchange traded derivatives.

The Fund's objective is to outperform (after management fees) the 'Benchmark' (S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index) over rolling five year periods.

Investment returns¹

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa	7 years pa	10 years pa	Since inception pa
Net return ² %	7.0	5.2	19.9	12.8	10.9	9.3	11.5	11.1
Benchmark return %	6.9	2.2	15.0	10.6	9.2	7.8	10.2	8.4
Net excess return %	0.1	3.0	4.9	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.3	2.7

¹ Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of an investment may rise or fall with the changes in the market.

Investment commentary

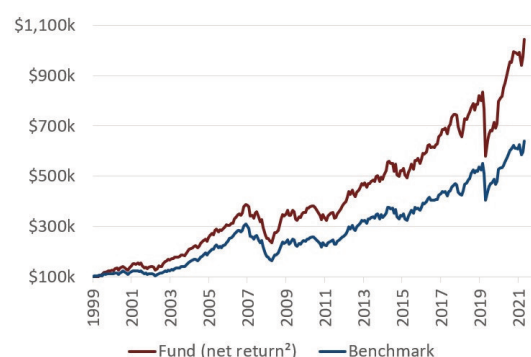
Australian shares made strong gains in March. The resources sector surged 9.9% with the benefit of the sharp gains in iron ore and base metal prices. The energy sector made similar gains as oil prices climbed above US\$100 per barrel given the Russia – Ukraine conflict. Financial shares also delivered a strong return with continued reassurances from the Reserve Bank that interest rates are likely to remain stable this year.

The Antares High Growth Shares Fund delivered a return of 7.0% (net of fees) for the month of March 2022.

Contributing to the Fund's outperformance were overweight positions in IGO, Sims (SGM) and Incitec Pivot (IPL). IGO is a WA based nickel and lithium producer. With sanctions applied to many of Russia's industries, certain important metals are now in very scarce supply. Foremost amongst these is nickel, which saw hugely volatile price movements on the London Metals Exchange. Russia supplies around 20% of the world's premium grade nickel, critical in the use of rechargeable batteries. Hence IGO rallied with the nickel price. SGM also enjoyed a strong month on the back of its better than expected February results. The market is becoming increasingly comfortable with the notion that scrap steel prices will remain elevated for longer as sanctions on Russia impact supplies of iron ore and coking coal. IPL shares reflected the surging global fertiliser prices, some of which reached record highs. These prices were already elevated due to supply constraints and high gas prices but were driven even higher by the Russia-Ukraine conflict (Russia and Ukraine are major players in the global fertiliser markets, and Russia a major supplier of gas).

Detracting value was the decision not to own NAB and overweight holdings in Virgin Money UK (VUK) and Telix Pharmaceuticals (TLX). As a major and liquid part of the Australian market, bank shares have benefitted from increased international interest in Australia as a commodity rich economy with good governance practices. In contrast, a high proportion of offshore exposure, the stronger AUD and an absence of offshore buying interest saw VUK shares finish

\$100,000 invested since inception



Sector allocation

GICS ³	%
Financials Ex Reits	25.5
Metals & Mining	25.1
Communication Services	9.6
Health Care	9.1
Industrials	8.3
Consumer Staples	6.5
Energy	5.8
Materials Ex Metals & Mining	3.4
Information Technology	3.1
Real Estate	2.1
Consumer Discretionary	1.9
Utilities	-0.2

the month lower. The TLX share price came under pressure late in the month when the share market was surprised by the US FDA approving a prostate cancer companion diagnostic product from Novartis alongside the approval of their prostate cancer therapeutic radiopharmaceutical.

Australia's economy appears to be improving judging by solid gains in business surveys, employment and retail spending. Yet surveys show consumers are more cautious which appears to be due to inflation worries, given rising energy and food prices. The Federal Budget was delivered in March and provides some temporary relief over coming months with an increased tax offset for low to middle income earners, a \$250 payment to welfare recipients and a reduction in the fuel excise tax.

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 a very high level of risk in exchange for the opportunity to earn higher potential returns. The Fund offers investors the potential for long-term capital growth and income through a range of investment strategies such as short selling, enhanced long positions and active and opportunistic trading such as pairs trading.

Investment guidelines and ranges

	Minimum	Benchmark Allocation	Maximum	As at 31 March 2022
Australian shares - Net	90%	100%	100%	100.0%
Australian shares - Long	90%	-	125%	121.4%
Australian shares - Short	0%	-	-25%	-21.4%
Cash and cash equivalents	0%	0%	10%	0%

Top 10 share holdings

(alphabetical order)

- ANZ Banking Group
- BHP Group
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- CSL
- IGO
- Santos
- South32
- Telstra Corporation
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Woolworths Group

Portfolio facts

Inception date	7 December 1999
Fund size as at 31 March 2022	\$382.8m
Benchmark	S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index
Redemption Unit Price as at 31 March 2022	\$1.2416
Distribution	Quarterly
Management fee⁴	1.05% pa
Performance fee⁵	20% of the Fund's net performance in excess of the performance hurdle (benchmark return +5% pa)

Distribution history⁶

	Mar 22	Dec 21	Sep 21	Jun 21	Mar 21	Dec 20	Sep 20	Jun 20	Mar 20	Dec 19
Distribution (cents per unit)	2.30	1.76	1.80	9.10	0.68	0.26	0.42	0.00	1.00	0.95

Portfolio managers

NICK PASHIAS

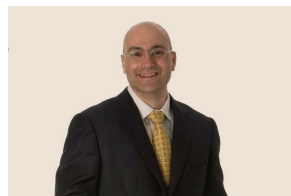
Head of Equities

Years with the group: 24

Years of Industry Experience: 24

Key Responsibilities:

Nick is the Portfolio Manager of the High Growth Shares Fund.



ANDREW HAMILTON

Head of Implementation

Years with the group: 21

Years of Industry Experience: 24

Key Responsibilities:

Andrew is the Deputy Portfolio Manager of the High Growth Shares Fund.



Platform availability

- Asgard
- CFS FirstWrap
- Macquarie
- Netwealth
- Praemium
- BT Panorama/BT Wrap
- Hub24
- MLC/Navigator
- Powerwrap

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 share market 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.

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

³ GICS - Global Industry Classification Standard % are absolute ie sector proportion of portfolio. Source: Antares Equities.

⁴ Management fee is % per annum of the Fund's net asset value. 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 Performance fee is calculated as 20% of the Fund's investment return (net of management fee) above the sum of the Benchmark (the Benchmark of the Fund is S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index) and 5%.

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. 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. A full distribution history and franking levels can be found on our website at <https://www.antarescapital.com.au/home/prices-and-performance/distributions>

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