

Robeco Multi Factor Absolute Return Fund (AUD) – Class B

As of 30 September 2021

Robeco Multi Factor Absolute Return Fund (AUD) – Class B is a systematic absolute return strategy. The fund harvests a highly diversifying set of factor premiums across a wide set of asset classes, aiming for attractive returns across market scenarios and low long-run correlation to the traditional asset classes.



Guido Baltussen, Pim van Vliet, Thibault Lair, Lodewijk van der Linden
Fund manager since 07-08-2018

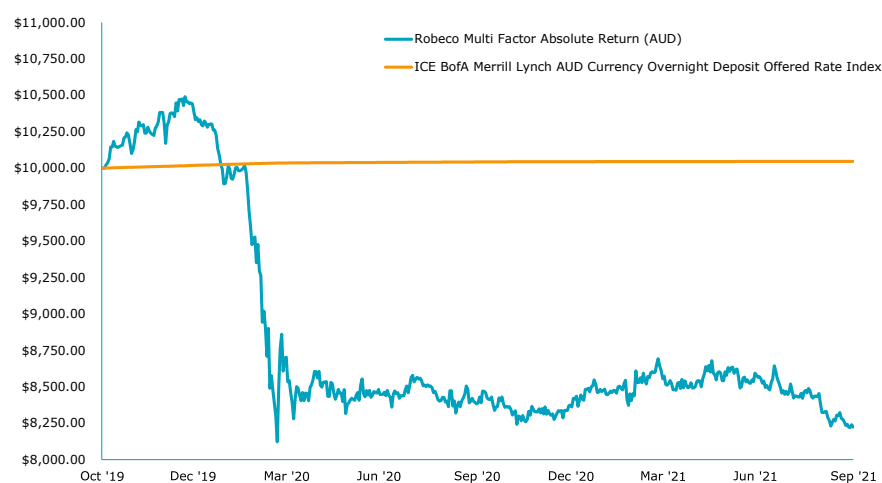
Net Performance (AUD)%

	Fund	Index
1 month	-1.90%	0.00%
3 month	-4.30%	0.01%
6 month	-3.86%	0.02%
1 year	-1.89%	0.04%
Calendar to date	-1.79%	0.02%
Performance since inception*	-9.44%	0.23%

*Annualised (for periods longer than one year)

Fund return after fees, before taxes. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Net Performance Growth of \$10,000



Fund inception date 26 August 2019

Reference Index

ICE BofA Merrill Lynch AUD Currency Overnight Deposit Offered Rate Index

Key Information

APIR Code	ETL6152AU
Type of fund	Asset Allocation
Currency	AUD
Fund inception date	26/08/2019
Total size of fund	AUD \$ 1,643
Daily tradable	Yes
Responsible entity	Equity Trustees Limited

Fees

Management fee	0.79%
Buy/Sell spread	0.17% / 0.15%

Manager's Comments

Performance

September was a challenging month for factor premiums. Value and Quality contributed positively, while Low risk, Momentum, Carry and Flow detracted. From an asset class perspective currency and commodity allocation contributed positively, while equity selection and allocation as well as government bond allocation detracted. Credit selection and allocation performance was close to neutral.

Investment Objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide long term capital growth and low long-run correlation to the traditional asset classes by harvesting factors across all major asset classes in a risk-balanced and ESG-aware manner.

Factor Premiums

The fund harvests six factor premiums; value, momentum, low-risk, quality, carry and flow. These factors have strong risk adjusted performance, are robust to falsification, are persistent, explainable and executable. The fund utilizes enhanced factor exposures that mitigate unrewarded risks and efficiently deal with transaction costs. We optimize harvesting efficiency by utilizing a substantial investable universe, including 4,500 different equities, 15,000 different corporate bonds and over 50 liquid derivatives. Factor premiums are present in every major market as well as across markets. Bundling them in one strategy provides a highly diversified, academically founded and robust return generating solution.

Low-risk	Value	Momentum	Quality	Carry	Flow
"Be conservative"	"Buy low, sell high"	"Follow the trend"	"Pursue sound fundamentals"	"Collect income"	"Exploit supply & demand"
Low-risk assets offer higher risk-adjusted returns than high-risk assets	Low valued assets outperform expensively valued assets	Recent winners outperform and recent losers underperform	High quality names outperform assets with low quality	High yielding assets outperform low yielding assets	Accommodating asset flows is rewarding

ESG integration policy

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors are systematically integrated in our highly disciplined investment process in several ways. Firstly, the portfolio's ESG score is substantially better than the market. This score is developed by sustainability expert RobecoSAM. Also the environmental footprint on greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, water use and waste generation is expected to be substantially lower than the market. Furthermore, we apply an extensive exclusion list covering various controversial sectors or business practices and we continuously monitor our universe for companies with corporate governance issues, major litigations or regulatory risk. Finally, we conduct proxy voting and engagement activities to improve companies' behavior on ESG themes. Our enhanced form of ESG integration ensures we avoid the risk of being overexposed to less sustainable companies and captures financially material mid- to long term risks and opportunities like corporate governance and climate change.

SI fund classification

	Yes	No	N/A
Voting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ESG Integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Strategic allocation



Factor	
Low-risk	10%
Value	20%
Momentum	25%
Quality	25%
Carry	10%
Flow	10%



Asset class	
Stocks	25%
Credits	5%
Equity indices	20%
Government bonds	20%
Credit indices	10%
Currencies	15%
Commodities	5%

Broad exposure to different factors and asset classes is important for achieving stable returns. To this end, we build a portfolio that is well-diversified across factors and asset classes at all times. We steer our strategic risk allocation to enhanced risk parity. This approach aims at equalizing the risk contributions of the different factors and asset classes, optimizing diversification to achieve our goal of generating stable returns. We strategically deviate from 'naïve' risk parity by incorporating additional information, such as breadth (we can invest for example in 5,200 stocks), return potential and portfolio considerations such as tail risks and leverage restrictions, achieving an optimal allocation of risk for the portfolio.

Robeco. Strategic risk allocation over factors and markets, these percentages are targets and realised volatility contributions move around their targets over time.

Our portfolio achieves the above strategic risk allocation by holding a large chunk of the portfolio in stocks and single-name credits, both via direct cash investments. On top of that the funds holds a liquid and sizable cash pool that underlies derivatives-based hedging and factor positions. Table 2 and the figures on the next page contain summary positioning graphs around the end of Q1 2021. As can be seen, the portfolio is widely diversified across individual securities, asset classes and markets.

	Number of Positions	Leverage
Single-Name Stocks	417	0%
Single-Name Corp. Bonds	682	0%
Cash Bonds	2	0%
Equity Futures	17	153%
Bond Futures	10	304%
CDX	4	70%
Commodities	25	12%
FX Forwards	9	119%
Total	1166	657%

Disclaimer

This document has been prepared and issued in Australia by Robeco Hong Kong Limited ("Robeco") (ARBN 156 512 659), which is exempt from holding an Australian Financial Services License pursuant to ASIC Class Order 03/1103. Robeco is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission under the laws of Hong Kong and those laws may differ from Australian laws. This document is distributed only to "wholesale clients" as that term is defined under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). This document is not for distribution or dissemination, directly or indirectly, to any other class of persons. It is being supplied to you solely for your information and may not be reproduced, forwarded to any other person or published, in whole or in part, for any purpose. Equity Trustees Limited (Equity Trustees) ABN 46 004 031 298 | AFSL 240975, is the Responsible Entity for the Robeco Multi Factor Absolute Return Fund (AUD) (ARSN 634 759 363) (the Fund). Equity Trustees is a subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited ABN 22 607 797 615, a publicly listed company on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT). The Investment Manager for the Fund is Robeco Hong Kong Limited Limited ("Robeco") (ARBN 156 512 659). This publication has been prepared by Robeco to provide you with general information only. In preparing this publication, we did not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular person. It is not intended to take the place of professional advice and you should not take action on specific issues in reliance on this information. Neither Robeco, Equity Trustees nor any of their related parties, their employees or directors, provide any warranty of accuracy or reliability in relation to such information or accept any liability to any person who relies on it. Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance. You should obtain a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement before making a decision about whether to invest in this product.

The Fund's Target Market Determination is available here <https://www.eqt.com.au/insto/>. A Target Market Determination is a document which is required to be made available from 5 October 2021. It describes who this financial product is likely to be appropriate for (i.e. the target market), and any conditions around how the product can be distributed to investors. It also describes the events or circumstances where the Target Market Determination for this financial product may need to be reviewed.