

Monash Absolute Investment Fund

(APIR MON001AU)



6% p.a Target
Distribution



Double Digit returns
since inception



Long/Short
Australian Equities



Proven Track
Record¹

September 2022 Fund Update

Despite being stock size agnostic, we tend to find the most opportunities in smaller companies. In an environment where smaller companies have performed so poorly we have not suffered to the same degree. Over the last six months the total return of Small Ords is down 20.76%, the ASX200 is down 11.56% and the portfolio is “only” down 6.55% (after fees).

In the September quarter the Fund rose 0.34% (after fees). This compares to a rise of 0.39% for the S&P/ASX200 and a fall of 0.47% for the Small Ords.

In the month of September, the Fund fell 7.02% (after fees). This compares to a decrease of 6.17% for the S&P/ASX200 and a fall of 11.20% for the Small Ords.

The catalyst for the fall was a stronger than expected core inflation number in the USA followed by an aggressive response by the Fed. This was exacerbated by the poor reception by markets to the UK government’s budget and the Bank of England’s response.

Unsurprisingly the strongest contributors were the short positions in the Fund. Of note a well-known travel company dropped 21% and a cash burning travel bookings company fell 10%, both in the absence of any particular company specific news flow.

Our biggest detractor was Telix (ASX: TLX) which fell 23% on its decision to withdraw its marketing authorisation application for investigational product Illuccix in Europe. The price drop was an exaggerated response during a time of market weakness. In the first four days of October the price had already recovered by 18%.

The portfolio’s net exposure (adjusted for a couple of stocks held under cash take-over) is now back to its long term average, as we have taken advantage of price weakness following drops in the market.

It is a feature of our investment approach that the characteristics of the portfolio changes over time with changing opportunities. As a result our portfolio is currently biased strongly towards “quality” companies that have strong pricing power, strong competitive advantages and structural growth despite economic headwinds¹.

¹ Inception date is 2 July 2012. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Return Summary¹ (after all fees)

1 Month	3 Months
-7.00%	+0.30%
1 Year	3 Years
-13.10%	+7.40% _{pa}



Our Investment team: Sebastian Correia, Simon Shields and Shane Fitzgerald

This fund is appropriate for investors with “High” and “Very High” risk and return profiles. A suitable investor for this fund is prepared to accept high risk in the pursuit of capital growth with a medium to long investment timeframe. Investors should refer to the [TMD](#) for further information.

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Monthly Portfolio Metrics

Outlook Stocks (Long)	14 Positions: 63%
Outlook Stocks (Short)	2 Position: -4%
Event, Pair and Group (Long)	6 Positions: 29%
Event, Pair and Group (Short)	1 Positions: -2%
Cash	14%
Gross Exposure	98%
Net Exposure	86%

Return Summary Since Inception (after fees)²

CYTD	-18.50%
FYTD	0.34%
1 Month	-7.02%
3 Month	0.34%
6 Month	-6.55%
1 Year	-13.11%
2 Years (p.a.)	6.57%
3 Years (p.a.)	7.35%
4 Years (p.a.)	10.30%
5 Years (p.a.)	10.00%
7 Years (p.a.)	7.43%
Since Inception (p.a.)	9.84%

Portfolio Analytics Since Inception²

Sharpe Ratio	0.51
Sortino Ratio	0.89
Standard Deviation (p.a.)	16%
Positive Months	61%
Maximum Drawdown	-29%
Avg. Gross Exposure	91%
Avg. Net Exposure	79%
Avg. Beta	0.67

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