

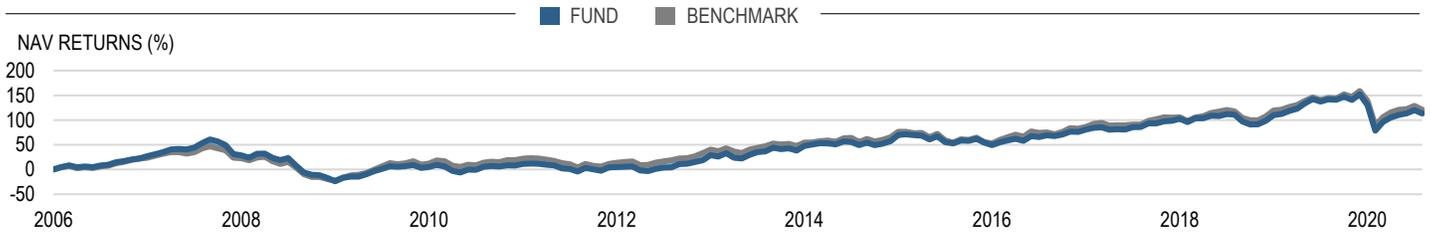
ACADIAN WHOLESALE AUSTRALIAN EQUITY LONG SHORT FUND

SEPTEMBER 2020

The Acadian Wholesale Australian Equity Long Short Fund seeks to maximise risk-adjusted, long-term returns by investing in undervalued stocks and short selling overvalued stocks listed on the Australian Securities Exchange while carefully controlling portfolio risk and transaction costs. The option aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index over rolling four year periods before fees and taxes.

APIR Code FSF0789AU
Inception Date 27 February 2006
Management Cost 1.11%
Buy / Sell spread 0.15 / 0.15%
Exit Unit Price 1.1747
Product Size \$101.9 million
Benchmark S&P / ASX 300 Accumulation Index

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE

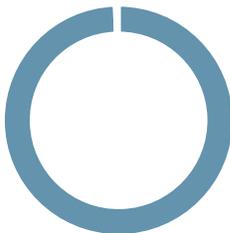
	FUND (NAV)	BENCHMARK	VALUE-ADDED VS.BENCHMARK
One Month Return	-3.0	-3.6	0.6
Three Month Return	1.5	-0.1	1.6
Year-to-Date Return	-11.3	-10.6	-0.7
One Year Annualized Return	-11.8	-10.0	-1.8
Three Year Annualized Return	4.7	4.9	-0.2
Five Year Annualized Return	6.9	7.4	-0.5
SINCE INCEPTION ANNUALIZED RETURN	5.3	5.6	-0.3

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% OF PORTFOLIO
CSL LTD	6.9
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	6.2
BHP GROUP LTD	5.3
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LTD	3.4
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	3.2
WOOLWORTHS GROUP LTD	3.0
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD	3.0
GOODMAN GROUP	2.9
RIO TINTO LTD	2.7
FORTESCUE METALS GROUP LTD	2.6
NUMBER OF SECURITIES	162
% OF PORTFOLIO FOR TOP 10 CURRENT HOLDINGS	39.2
% OF NON-BENCHMARK PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS	7.2

CURRENT POSITIONING - REGION

% OF GROSS EXPOSURE



AU/NZ	99.4%
NAM	0.5%
EM	0.0%

CURRENT POSITIONING - SECTOR

% OF GROSS EXPOSURE



MAT	18.9%
FIN	18.1%
REI	13.3%
HTH	9.9%
STP	9.5%
DIS	8.5%
IND	6.9%
TCH	5.7%
COM	3.9%
ENR	3.1%
UTL	2.1%

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QUARTERLY REVIEW

Fund Performance and Activity

The Fund returned 1.99% for the quarter (gross of fees), outperforming the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index by 2.04%. Stock selection and sector allocations contributed to returns.

Key sources of positive active return included stock selection in Consumer Discretionary, a combination of stock selection and an overweight position in Materials, and a combination of stock selection and an overweight position in Information Technology. Leading advances within these sectors respectively included a position in Kogan.com Ltd, a holding in Fortesque Metals Group, and an investment in Codan. Detractors included stock selection in Energy and stock selection in Utilities. Leading declines within these sectors in turn included a position in Whitehaven Coal and holding in AGL Energy Ltd.

Key Holdings¹

Positive

- Our overweight position in Netwealth Group Ltd yielded 48 basis points of active return. Netwealth Group Ltd, Australia's largest non-institutional platform provider, saw its share price surge 69.2%* over the quarter. Positive price movement was further sustained after it reported a 35% increase in funds under administration for the financial year. The specialist wealth management platform partnered with Milliman, Inc., a global consulting and actuarial firm, to distribute the new SmartShield Managed Account solutions, one of the fastest growing platforms in Australia.

Negative

- Our overweight holding in A2 Milk Co. Ltd NPV cost the fund 24 basis points in active return. Share prices fell 24.7%* over the period as analyst sentiment on the stock soured. Analysts significantly downshifted both revenue and earnings per share (EPS) forecasts for the company.

Market Review

The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index declined 0.06% over the third quarter. In September, the risk assets retreated after a massive rebound to new highs in August off of the March lows. The trend reversal was evident across all of Australia's largest sectors as performance declined quarter-over-quarter, most dramatically within Energy and Information Technology. Information Technology lost momentum yet remained the best performing sector (13.0%) whereas Energy was the worst (-13.5%).

Commodity prices wavered amid concerns over the pace of economic recovery – led by iron ore and gold. Iron ore prices surged alongside the Chinese economy picking up pace, only to swell even more dramatically after the Brazilian Vale suspension. Gold prices continue to climb as investors look to hedge against frothy equities, record low interest rates, and sluggish global growth. Oil prices stalled on declining travel and lower fuel demand whereas copper prices hit a multi-year high in mid-September, encouraged by an upbeat recovery trend in China. The Australian dollar rebounded from its mid-March pandemic lows on rallying gold and iron ore prices, while also benefitting from weakness in the U.S. dollar and the strengthening Chinese economy. Furthermore, the average PMI reading for the third quarter (54.3) showed improvement, particularly in the Australian manufacturing sector, which garnered steam with rising output and new orders over most of the quarter. While the second-wave outbreak in Victoria was a tailwind, export orders returned to growth over the quarter and firms added more workers for the first time in ten months.

The China-dependent Australian economy was initially hit hard by the corona-virus induced slowdown but has benefitted from China's stronger-than-expected recovery. Investor sentiment remained cautiously optimistic, spurred on by a flattening contagion curve, expectations of additional policy support in the not too distant horizon, and on hopes of an effective vaccine. Monetary policy remains accommodative and is working as expected. The influx of liquidity and record low borrowing costs have sheltered the economy from a more disadvantageous outcome. Reducing the high rate of unemployment remains a national priority and the RBA affirmed that it would maintain highly accommodative policy settings until meaningful progress is made towards full employment.

Outlook and Strategy

A recovery is underway in most of Australia; however, the recovery is likely to be protracted and uneven. The second-wave outbreak in Victoria was a tailwind and contributed to the recent moderation in the recovery. The national recovery remains uncertain, with outcomes strongly intertwined with the evolution of the pandemic, the measures required to contain it, and the time until an effective vaccine is deployed. New cases continue to rise in some regions of the world, led by some emerging market countries and a second wave in Europe. Further, the severity and progression of the disease could intensify as the northern hemisphere enters fall and winter seasons.

The China-dependent Australian economy has benefitted from the upbeat recovery trend in China yet worries of dissipating global stimulus, U.S. election uncertainty, and rising COVID-19 cases in Europe weighed on sentiment. Investors remain cautiously optimistic, spurred on by a flattening contagion curve within the country, expectations of additional policy support in the not too distant horizon, and on hopes of an effective vaccine. Though progress has been made on the development of a vaccine, there remain many unknowns around accessibility, adoption rate, and degree of protection any vaccine can provide.

In September, the OECD upgraded its 2020 GDP growth estimates for Australia to -4.1% for 2020, up 0.9% from its June projection. Prompt and effective policy support provided critical relief, averted a more significant contraction and set the stage for quicker-than-expected recovery. Monetary policy remains accommodative and is working as expected. The influx of liquidity and record low borrowing costs have sheltered the economy from a more disadvantageous outcome. The economy has also benefitted from the substantial easing of fiscal policy. Fortunately, additional fiscal capacity is available for prolonged support due to healthy public sector balance sheets. Reducing the high rate of unemployment remains a national priority and the country has affirmed that it will maintain highly accommodative policy settings until meaningful progress is made towards full employment.

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