

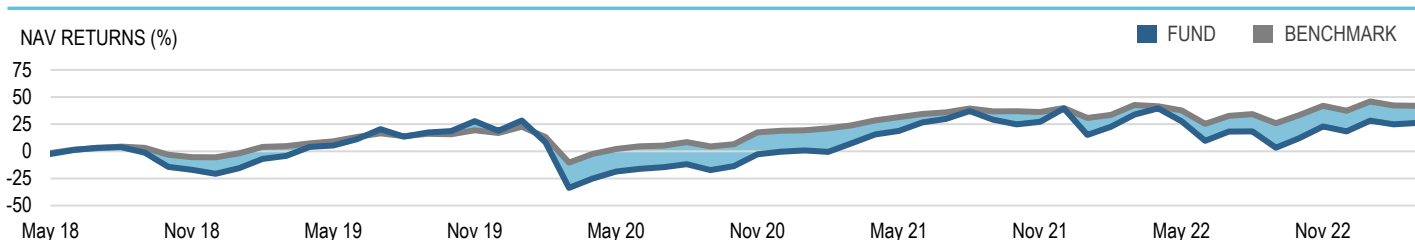
ACADIAN WHOLESALE GEARED AUSTRALIAN EQUITY

MARCH 2023

The Acadian Wholesale Geared Australian Equity seeks to maximise long-term returns by borrowing to invest, predominantly in a selection of Australian companies within the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, while carefully controlling portfolio risk and transaction costs.

APIR Code	FSF0453AU
Inception Date	14 May 2018
Management Cost	0.96% / 2.07%
Buy / Sell spread	0.15/0.40%
Exit Unit Price	0.8817
Product Size	\$306 million
Benchmark	S&P / ASX 300 Accumulation Index

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



PERFORMANCE

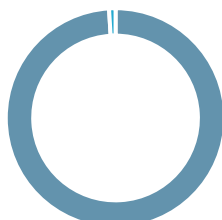
	FUND (NAV)	BENCHMARK	VALUE-ADDED VS.BENCHMARK
One Month Return	1.0	-0.2	1.2
Three Month Return	6.5	3.3	3.2
Year-to-Date Return	6.5	3.3	3.2
One Year Annualized Return	-5.8	-0.6	-5.2
Three Year Annualized Return	23.9	16.6	7.3
SINCE INCEPTION ANNUALIZED RETURN	4.9	7.4	-2.5
SINCE INCEPTION SHARPE RATIO	0.1	0.4	
SINCE INCEPTION BETA	1.8	1.0	

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% OF PORTFOLIO
BHP GROUP LTD	7.8
CSL LTD	5.4
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	4.2
VIVA ENERGY GROUP LTD	3.5
BRAMBLES LTD	3.5
SONIC HEALTHCARE LTD	3.4
TELSTRA GROUP LTD	3.4
RIO TINTO LTD	3.3
COLES GROUP LTD	3.3
MEDIBANK PVT LTD	3.2
NUMBER OF SECURITIES	76
% OF PORTFOLIO FOR TOP 10 CURRENT HOLDINGS	40.9
% OF NON-BENCHMARK PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS	0.1

CURRENT POSITIONING - REGION

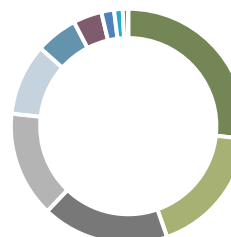
ABSOLUTE



■ AU/NZ	96.9%
■ NAM	0.9%

CURRENT POSITIONING - SECTOR

ABSOLUTE



■ MAT	26.1%
■ STP	17.5%
■ FIN	17.1%
■ HTH	14.3%
■ IND	9.6%
■ COM	5.7%
■ ENR	3.9%
■ TCH	1.7%
■ REI	1.2%
■ DIS	0.7%
■ UTL	0.1%

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QUARTERLY REVIEW

Fund Performance and Activity

The Portfolio returned 6.52%, -5.80% and 4.87% net of fees for the quarterly, 1 year and Since Inception periods, versus returns of 3.33%, -0.60% and 7.43% for the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index. The underlying portfolio outperformed the benchmark¹ by 0.42% for the quarter, therefore the impact of gearing contributed to outperformance.

Key sources of positive active returns included a combination of stock selection and an underweight position in financials, a combination of stock selection and an overweight position in healthcare, and a combination of stock selection and an underweight position in energy. Detractors included stock selection in consumer staples, an underweight position in consumer discretionary, and stock selection in information technology. Approximately 58% of the portfolio was held in the lowest beta stocks, compared to roughly 28% for the index. The effect of the portfolio's exposure to the lowest beta quintile was positive, contributing 18 bps.

Key Holdings²

Positive

Our overweight to Viva Energy Group Ltd., an Australia-based energy company, was rewarded with 40 basis points of active returns as shares gained 11.4% in the quarter. The company expects its margins in the period to be driven by the impact of sanctions on Russian oil and refined products. It also expects to benefit from robust fuel demand in the period between January and March.

Negative

Our overweight to Elders Ltd, a provider of agricultural products and services to rural and regional customers primarily in Australia, cost the portfolio 36 basis points of active return as share prices slumped 15.7% over the period. The company is worried that the recent extreme rainfall across the eastern states has created uncertainties about crops reaching their full harvest potential and this might weigh on its margins.

Market Review

Australian equities (S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index) rose 3.3% in Q1 2023 on cooling inflation and falling energy prices. After the leaving the cash rate unchanged in January, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) hiked rates twice in the following months, by 25bps, leaving it a record high of 3.6% by the end of the quarter. It also stated that its aggressive tightening has not had much of an impact on inflation. The board remains committed to bringing inflation back to the 2%-3% target range and expects further monetary tightening to contain inflation. Meanwhile, the monthly inflation reading fell to 6.8% y/y in February, indicating that inflation might have peaked. Goods price inflation is expected cool over the next few months on soft global and domestic demands. According to the Westpac Melbourne Institute Consumer Sentiment Index survey, consumer sentiment in Australia remained unchanged at 78.5 in March after slipping into "deep pessimism" in February. The metric hovered near 30-year lows as high cost of living continued to weigh on household consumption. There was, however, some financial turbulence after Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) was shut down by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Losses from the realization of interest rate risks related to securities held by SVB rattled the markets. However, the timely intervention of the US government and the Fed to resolve the banking crisis boosted investors' confidence. Meanwhile, the RBA acknowledged that the Australian banking system remains well capitalized and highly liquid. Notably, the labour market remained tight, with unemployment levels at multi-decade low amid high number of job vacancies. While some employers were struggling to fill the vacancies, economists believed the pandemic-led boom in job creation was slowly coming to an end.

From a sector perspective, consumer discretionary (10.8%) was the largest contributor, whereas telecommunication services (9.5%) was the second-largest performer. Meanwhile, financial, and real estate stocks (each falling 2.7%) fell the most during the period.

Outlook and Strategy

In Q1, central banks continued to hike rates in order to control inflation. Financial markets remain highly sensitive to both evidence of progress and messaging from policy makers as investors continuously reassess the likely impact of monetary policy on economic growth and corporate earnings. Currently, the OECD projects that G20 inflation will fall from 8.1% in 2022 to 5.9% in 2023, and GDP growth will slow from 3.1% to 2.6%. March brought turmoil in the banking sector. In the U.S., the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank, whose bond portfolio lost value as rates rose, brought disruption to regional banks and the financial sector more broadly. In Europe, UBS took over troubled rival Credit Suisse. The Swiss regulator's treatment of creditors prompted criticism in some quarters since Credit Suisse's additional tier one bonds were wiped out even as the supposedly subordinate equity of the common shareholders was preserved. Despite commonalities, these two high-profile collapses arose from different contexts. Credit Suisse had been weakened by years of regulatory and operational issues, while Silicon Valley Bank's problems were more recent and stemmed from failure to manage its interest rate and liquidity risks. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) expects the economic growth in Australia to slow this year on rising interest rates, higher costs of living and declining real wealth. Australia's GDP is expected to slow to 1.5% in 2023. Meanwhile, a global recession in 2023 remains inevitable, and prospective over-tightening by the RBA might not bode well for the Australian economy. The central bank, however, has maintained its stance that it will tackle rising price in the country through a tight monetary policy while stimulating economic activity through careful investments.

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