

# Acadian Geared Core Australian Equity Fund



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## Features of the strategy

- Strategy aims to maximise long-term returns by using gearing to magnify returns from the underlying core Australian equity strategy†. The target gearing level for this fund is 55%, with a usual tolerance of 5%.
- Acadian Australia's investment approach employs structured stock and peer group valuation models, which are designed to capture a broad range of relevant characteristics such as quality, value, earnings growth and price-related factors. This aims to systematically unearth securities with unrecognised value, as well as improving earnings prospects to help unlock that value.
- Acadian Australia's portfolios leverage global investment capabilities underpinned by a large team with over 120 members across all strategies, sophisticated quant models that access 518 million data points daily, and a 39-year track record of its systematic quant process.

## Investment returns as at May 31, 2025 (%)

(Returns beyond 1 year are annualised)

	1 Mth	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Inception
Fund (Gross)	11.0	8.4	-	-	-	-	4.8
Fund (Net)	10.8	7.8	-	-	-	-	3.6
Benchmark Index	4.2	4.3	-	-	-	-	3.5
Excess (Net - Index)	6.6	3.5	-	-	-	-	0.1

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Inception date is 18 November 2024.

Top 10 Stocks	Industry	%
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	Banks	12.4
BHP GROUP LTD	Materials	8.4
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED	Banks	4.1
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD	Banks	3.8
CSL LTD	Pharma, Biotech & Life Sci	3.5
WESFARMERS LTD	Consumer Disc, Distr, Retail	3.3
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	Banks	3.1
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	Financial Services	2.6
ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LTD	Consumer Services	2.4
BRAMBLES LTD	Comm & Prof Services	2.2
Total		45.8

† A geared fund will not always magnify gains (particularly in a low return environment) but will always magnify losses. Investors will therefore experience increased volatility (potentially large fluctuations up and down) in the value of their investment.

## Key Facts

### Strategy Snapshot

A portfolio designed to maximise long-term returns by borrowing to invest in stocks on the ASX while carefully controlling portfolio risk and transaction costs.

### Investment Objective

To outperform the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index over rolling seven-year periods before fees and taxes.

### Benchmark Index<sup>1</sup>

S&P/ASX 300 (total)

### Inception Date

18 November 2024

### Number of Stocks

100 - 140

### Fund Size

\$329 million

### Management Fee

0.98% (g) / 2.14% (n)

### Buy/Sell Spread

0.05 - 0.20%

### Distribution Frequency

Semi annually

### Minimum Investment

\$25,000 or platform minimum

### APIR

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### Research Ratings

Lonsec "Recommended"<sup>2</sup>

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