

Specialist Australian Small Companies Fund

On-platform Class A

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide total returns (income and capital growth) after costs and before tax, above the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index on a rolling 3 year basis. The Fund may be suitable for investors who are seeking capital growth through exposure to a portfolio of Australian small companies. Due to the inherent volatility of share prices of listed companies, and particularly the share prices of small company shares, investment returns will fluctuate. The Fund aims to pay distributions half-yearly. You should be aware that although the Fund aims to pay distributions, the amount of each distribution may vary, or no distribution may be payable in a distribution period.

How we manage your money

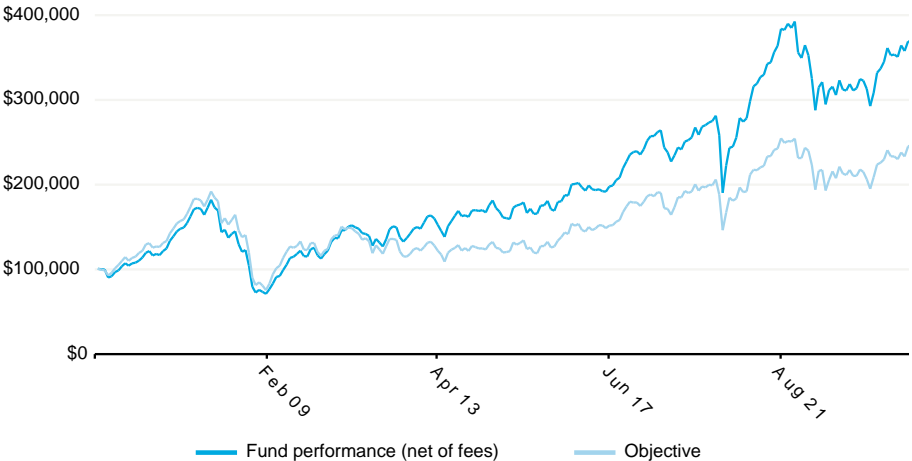
The Fund primarily invests in small companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Small companies are considered to be those outside the top 100 companies, by market value. The Fund may be invested in unlisted companies that are believed to be likely to be listed in the next 12 months on the ASX. The Fund may also invest up to 10% in cash. However, in certain market conditions the Fund may hold higher levels of cash.

Performance as at 31 March 2025

%	1 MTH	3 MTH	1 YR	3 YRS	5YRS	7YRS	SINCE INCEPT
Total Return - Net of Fees	-3.99	-2.81	-1.96	-0.98	13.25	6.01	6.57
Objective	-3.60	-2.00	-1.26	-0.82	10.24	4.49	4.50
Excess return	-0.39	-0.81	-0.70	-0.16	3.01	1.52	2.07

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance is annualised for periods greater than one year. Total returns are calculated using the net asset value per unit for the relevant month end. This price may differ from the actual unit price for an investor buying or selling an investment. Actual unit prices will be confirmed following any transaction by an investor. Returns quoted are before tax, after fees and costs and assume all distributions are reinvested.

\$100,000 invested since inception



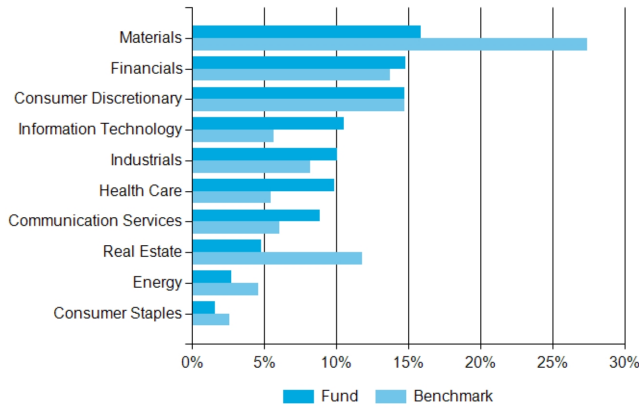
FUND FACTS	
APIR	AMP0973AU
Inception date	10 January 2005
Fund Size	\$146,477,532
Total ongoing annual fees and cost*	1.75% p.a.
Buy/Sell spread*	+0.20%/-0.20%
Distribution frequency	Half-yearly
Minimum investment	\$10,000,000
Minimum suggested time frame	7 years

*Fee information is correct as of 30 June 2024 and is updated biannually. Total ongoing annual fees and costs are made up of management fees and costs, performance fees (if applicable) and transaction costs. You should refer to the current PDS or other offer document for the relevant Fund available at www.amp.com.au/investments for the latest ongoing annual fees and costs as well as member activity-related fees and costs (if applicable).

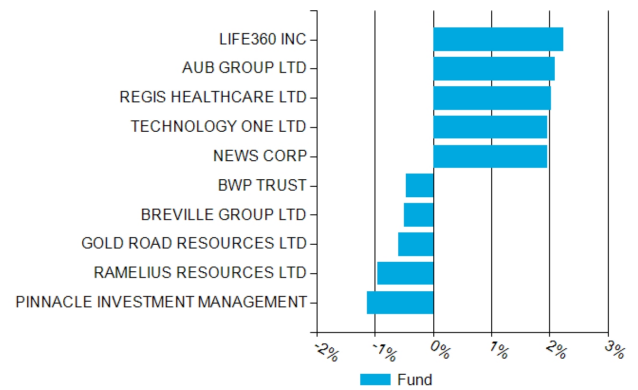
What happened last period

- Australian shares lost ground in the March quarter, with small companies doing slightly better than their larger counterparts overall.
- The Fund posted a negative return and lagged its benchmark.
- One of the three underlying managers produced positive returns and outperformed the benchmark.
- Stock selection added to relative returns, whereas sector allocation detracted.

Sector allocation (%)



Top/Bottom Excess Weights



Fund Performance

The Fund lost ground and underperformed its benchmark over the March quarter, in a period when small companies performed slightly better than their larger counterparts overall. Over longer time periods, the Fund continues to outperform its benchmark, including over 5 years, and since inception. There was significant divergence in underlying managers' returns during the quarter. Spheria (one of the three underlying managers) delivered a stellar positive return to also outperform the benchmark.

Sector allocation detracted from returns on a relative basis, whereas stock selection added value overall. The main exposure that held back the Fund's returns at a sector level was the large underweight position in materials, with overweight exposures to IT and health care also hampering performance. On the flipside, the Fund's overweight position in communication services was the primary contributor.

Regarding stock selection, most sectors' positions added value, with exposures within materials, IT, consumer discretionary and real estate the main drivers. Elsewhere, consumer staples and financials exposures were the main detractors overall.

The largest individual contributor to relative performance was the overweight position in online real estate marketplace Domain Holdings Australia (+69%) which soared after the company received an unsolicited takeover offer from minority shareholder CoStar Group to fully acquire the company, with the offer being further increased later in the period. Other major contributors included the nil position in regenerative biotech company Mesoblast (-37%), which suffered after the company completed a major global capital raising and the overweight exposure to gold miner Genesis Minerals (+50%), which was buoyed by the strength of the gold price that was driven by heightened geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty.

The largest individual detractor from relative performance was the overweight holding in 'buy now pay later' fintech company Zip Co (-46%), which gave up some of its prior outperformance despite announcing reasonable results for the latest quarter. Other detractors included the nil positions in gold miners Perseus Mining (+31%) and West African Resources (+62%), which benefitted from the rising gold price on the back of geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty. In addition, Perseus Mining was buoyed by its latest report showing strong earnings were supported by robust production and the declaration of a record interim dividend, whilst West African Resources also rose after reporting robust full year results, where the company confirmed the construction of the Kiaka Gold Project was on track for Q3 2025.

Market Review

Australian shares, similar to their international counterparts, steadily rose in the first half of the March quarter before pulling back later in the period, closing the quarter down by 2.8% as measured by the ASX200 total return index. Earlier in the quarter, traders took comfort from small signs of improvement in the still-struggling domestic economy, including small increases in retail and business sentiment, as well as building permits, plus the RBA's long-awaited though largely expected rate cut in February. Towards the end of February, some concern kicked in from global markets around the Trump administration's tariffs, which despite being well-telegraphed in the election campaign, turned out to be levied at higher rates than many anticipated (as revealed in early April.) Compared to other countries such as China, Australia exports a relatively low amount of goods to the US, thus any impact to domestic GDP appears likely to be small. IT was the weakest sector for the quarter, driven by falls in the US, while healthcare was also weak amid fears of potential US tariffs. Defensive sectors outside of healthcare, such as utilities and communications, produced the strongest returns for the period.

Outlook

Corporate earnings in Australia, while still struggling in some areas, have generally shown resilience, though earnings growth expectations in the short to medium-term are mild. Generally, containing costs remains a priority over more aggressive targeting of top-line growth. While the low-growth economic environment remains difficult, the stability of Australian earnings and dividends over the long-term, and the ability to generate a growing, tax-effective income stream should be kept in mind. Over the long-term, we believe Australian shares will continue to rise, with volatility being a necessary premium to pay in exchange for higher potential returns.

Portfolio Manager



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Further information

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