

Yarra Global Small Companies Fund

Gross returns as at 30 November 2024

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years in % p.a.	Since nception* % p.a.
Yarra Global Small Companies Fund	6.53	9.16	35.84	12.90	12.13	13.70	9.84
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	7.04	9.92	28.32	6.87	9.29	11.43	8.03
Excess Return [‡]	-0.51	-0.76	7.52	6.03	2.84	2.26	1.81

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Net returns as at 30 November 2024

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years in	Since ception*
	%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.
Yarra Global Small Companies Fund	6.43	8.82	34.16	11.51	10.75	12.27	8.35
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	7.04	9.92	28.32	6.87	9.29	11.43	8.03
Excess Return‡	-0.62	-1.10	5.84	4.64	1.46	0.83	0.33

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* Inception date of Yarra Global Small Companies Fund: November 1999.

^ Effective 8 February 2016, the benchmark for the Yarra Global Small Companies Fund is the MSCI World Small Cap Index net of dividend withholding taxes, measured in A\$.

Excess return: The excess return figures shown represent the difference between the Fund's return and the benchmark.

Market review

The MSCI World Index (USD, NTR) gained 4.59% in the month of November 2024.

Among related benchmarks, during the same period, the MSCI USA Index (USD, NTR) gained 6.22%, while the MSCI World ex US Index (USD, NTR) gained 0.24%.

Among countries, on a relative basis, stocks in the US and Canada contributed most positively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by gains from Information Technology and Financials sectors. On the flip side, stocks in Switzerland and France contributed most negatively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by challenged performance in Consumer Staples and Health Care sectors.

In terms of size factor, Large caps remained flat with respect to Small caps, during the period under consideration, while in terms of style factors, Value remained flat with respect to Growth.

Portfolio review

The Yarra Global Small Companies Fund returned +6.43% during the period, underperforming its benchmark, MSCI World Small Cap in AUD (net) (+7.04%), by 62 bps on a net basis.

Among investment themes*, within the Themes and Trends pillar detracted during the period. Signals within High-Quality Business Models also hurt relative performance. Conversely, signals within the Fundamental Mispricings, and Sentiment Analysis pillars remained relatively flat during the period.

The factors looking at economic linkages within the Themes and Trends pillar hurt relative performance. These factors use machine learning and natural language processing techniques to identify underlying connections between stocks that the broader market may not fully recognize. Moreover, within High-Quality Business Models, signals gauging financial quality detracted during the period. On the other hand, within Sentiment Analysis, analyst & management sentiment factors performed significantly well. These factors use natural language processing and machine learning techniques to synthesize sell-side reports and earnings call transcripts to gauge analyst and management sentiment. Meanwhile, signals gauging changes in valuation within the Fundamental Mispricings pillar helped relative performance meaningfully.

Among sectors, holdings within the Materials sector detracted the most from relative performance, with an overweight position within the Metals & Mining industry being especially challenged. On the upside, holdings within the Industrials sector contributed the most to excess returns, with an overall overweight position within the Construction & Engineering industry contributing particularly strongly. At an individual stock level, an overweight position in Resolute Mining Ltd, held primarily due to views on High-Quality Business Models related factors did not do well. Conversely, an overweight position in Rocket Lab USA Inc, held primarily due to views around Sentiment Analysis related factors, performed well.

Among countries, the position in Australia detracted the most from relative performance. On the other hand, the positioning in Japan helped relative performance during the period.

Country allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
US	65.88	64.64	1.24
France	1.80	1.03	0.77
Japan	12.24	11.60	0.64
Netherlands	1.04	0.44	0.60
Sweden	2.19	1.66	0.53
Denmark	0.90	0.58	0.32
Italy	1.26	0.95	0.31
Austria	0.37	0.31	0.06
Hong Kong	0.57	0.51	0.06
Germany	1.15	1.14	0.02

Market cap allocation

A\$ million	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
0 - 2,000	22.91	10.51
2,000 - 10,000	51.34	56.24
>10,000	25.75	33.25

Sector allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Communication Services	3.84	3.25	0.59
Consumer Discretionary	13.85	13.04	0.81
Consumer Staples	5.11	4.56	0.55
Energy	2.40	4.34	-1.94
Financials	18.92	16.42	2.50
Health Care	10.22	9.52	0.70
Industrials	18.72	19.94	-1.23
Information Technology	10.77	11.13	-0.36
Materials	8.05	7.30	0.76
Real Estate	7.19	7.90	-0.71
Utilities	0.92	2.60	-1.68

Top 10 holdings

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Sprouts Farmers Market Inc	1.12	0.18	0.94
Commvault Systems Inc	1.09	0.09	1.00
Tenet Healthcare Corp	0.96	0.16	0.80
Atkore Inc	0.92	0.04	0.88
Skechers USA Inc	0.91	0.10	0.81
ACI Worldwide Inc	0.89	0.07	0.82
M/I Homes Inc	0.88	0.05	0.83
SCOR SE	0.85	0.04	0.80
Comfort Systems USA Inc	0.85	0.21	0.64
BJs Restaurants Inc	0.84	0.01	0.83

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Income and growth

	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.
Growth return	33.18	10.45	9.76	11.43
Distribution return	0.98	1.06	0.99	0.84

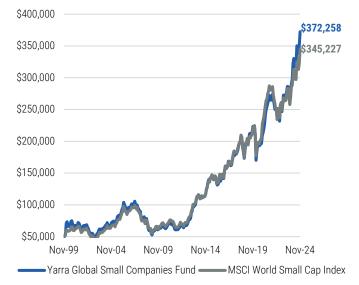
The Growth Return is measured by the movement in the Fund's unit price (inclusive of fees), ex-distribution, and can be positive or negative as the unit price can fluctuate with changes in the underlying market value of the Fund's assets. The Distribution Return is the amount that is paid to unitholders by way of income distribution in a 12-month period. It does not include capital distributions.

Features

Investment objective	To achieve medium-to-long term capital growth through exposure to smaller companies globally. In doing so, the aim is to outperform the MSCI World Small Cap Index net of dividend withholding taxes, measured in A\$ over rolling three year periods.		
Recommended investment time frame	5 - 7 + years		
Fund inception	November 1999		
Fund size	A\$352.9 mn as at 30 November 2024		
APIR code	JBW0103AU		
Estimated management cost	1.25 p.a.		
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.10		
Number of holdings	802 as at 30 November 2024		
Platform availability	AMP North Asgard BT Panorama Hub24 IOOF Wrap Macquarie Wrap	Mason Stevens MLC Navigator Netwealth uXchange Xplore Wealth	

Investment performance comparison of \$50,000

After fees, since inception of the Yarra Global Small Companies Fund, November 1999 to November 2024.



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Applications and contacts

Investment into the Yarra Global Small Companies Fund can be made by Australian resident investors only.

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