

Yarra Global Small Companies Fund

Gross returns as at 31 December 2024

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception* % p.a.
Yarra Global Small Companies Fund	-0.87	9.27	28.48	11.72	12.20	12.85	9.77
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	-1.06	9.16	19.19	6.10	9.15	10.72	7.95
Excess Return [‡]	0.19	0.12	9.29	5.63	3.05	2.14	1.81

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Net returns as at 31 December 2024

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception* % p.a.
Yarra Global Small Companies Fund	-0.98	8.93	26.89	10.34	10.82	11.43	8.28
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	-1.06	9.16	19.19	6.10	9.15	10.72	7.95
Excess Return‡	0.08	-0.22	7.70	4.25	1.66	0.72	0.33

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Market review

The MSCI World Index (USD, NTR) slipped -0.16% in the fourth quarter of 2024.

During the quarter, at a monthly level, the index moved -1.98% in the month of October, followed by 4.59% in November, and finally closing with -2.61% in December.

Among related benchmarks, during the same period, the MSCI USA Index (USD, NTR) gained 2.69%, while the MSCI World ex US Index (USD, NTR) slipped -7.43%.

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

In terms of size factor, Large caps outperformed Small caps moderately during the period under consideration, led by relative performance in Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology sectors, while in terms of style factors, Value underperformed Growth significantly.

Portfolio review

The Global Small Companies Fund returned +8.93% during the period, underperforming its benchmark, MSCI World Small Cap in AUD (net) (+9.16%), by 22 bps on a net basis.

Among investment themes*, signals within the Fundamental Mispricings pillar contributed particularly strongly to relative returns followed by the suite of signals within Sentiment Analysis. Conversely, signals within the High-Quality Business Models pillar were challenged during the period. Signals within Themes and Trends also hurt relative performance.

Within Fundamental Mispricings, industry rotation factors performed well. These signals focus on industry-level valuations that have changed as a result of changes in market environments. Meanwhile, signals gauging analyst & management sentiment within the Sentiment Analysis pillar helped relative performance meaningfully. On the downside, factors looking at alternative profitability within the High-Quality Business Models pillar hurt relative performance the most. These factors look at alternative data metrics to help gauge companies that may be the beneficiaries of increased consumer attention. Moreover, within Themes and Trends, signals gauging economic linkages detracted considerably during the period.

^{*} 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 AS.

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

^{*} Refer Yarra Global Small Companies Fund PDS for further information regarding key investment themes.

Among sectors, holdings within the Industrials sector contributed the most to relative performance, with an overweight position within the Construction & Engineering industry contributing particularly strongly. On the downside, holdings within the Consumer Discretionary sector detracted the most from excess returns, where an overweight position within the Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure industry hurt relative performance.

At an individual stock level, an overweight position in Rocket Lab USA Inc, held primarily due to views around Sentiment Analysis related factors, performed well. Conversely, an overweight position in Resolute Mining Ltd, held primarily due to views on High-Quality Business Models related factors did not do well.

Among countries, the position in UK contributed the most to relative performance. Meanwhile, the positioning in US detracted during the period.

Country allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
US	64.83	63.39	1.45
Netherlands	1.21	0.46	0.75
France	1.87	1.13	0.74
Sweden	2.22	1.76	0.46
Hong Kong	0.98	0.54	0.44
Denmark	0.84	0.61	0.23
Canada	3.87	3.73	0.14
Germany	1.29	1.19	0.10
Belgium	0.51	0.44	0.07
Austria	0.39	0.33	0.05

Market cap allocation

A\$ million	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
0 - 2,000	20.71	10.56
2,000 - 10,000	54.66	57.38
>10.000	24.64	32.05

Sector allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Communication Services	4.14	3.38	0.76
Consumer Discretionary	14.43	13.29	1.14
Consumer Staples	4.62	4.59	0.03
Energy	3.33	4.33	-1.00
Financials	18.44	16.30	2.14
Health Care	10.19	9.38	0.80
Industrials	18.59	19.77	-1.19
Information Technology	11.42	11.47	-0.05
Materials	6.89	7.09	-0.20
Real Estate	7.28	7.80	-0.53
Utilities	0.68	2.59	-1.90

Top 10 holdings

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Natera Inc	1.09	0.23	0.85
Sprouts Farmers Market Inc	1.01	0.16	0.85
Antero Resources Corp	0.96	0.13	0.83
Skechers USA Inc	0.93	0.11	0.82
Commvault Systems Inc	0.93	0.08	0.85
SkyWest Inc	0.86	0.01	0.85
Tenet Healthcare Corp	0.82	0.15	0.67
Sojitz Corp	0.82	0.06	0.76
SCOR SE	0.81	0.05	0.76
Atkore Inc	0.79	0.04	0.75

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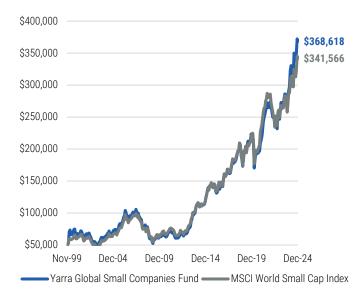
Income and growth

	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.
Growth return	25.96	9.30	9.82	10.60
Distribution return	0.93	1.05	0.99	0.83

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.

Investment performance comparison of \$50,000

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



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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\$376.3 mn as at 31 December 2024		
APIR code	JBW0103AU		
Estimated management cost	1.25 p.a.		
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.10		
Number of holdings	791 as at 31 December 2024		
Platform availability	AMP North Asgard BT Panorama Hub24 IOOF Wrap Macquarie Wrap	Mason Stevens MLC Navigator Netwealth uXchange Xplore Wealth	

Applications and contacts

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

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