

# Yarra Global Small Companies Fund

## Gross returns as at 31 January 2025

	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	3.67	9.48	29.75	14.16	12.61	12.91	9.89
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$ <sup>^</sup>	2.70	8.77	21.97	8.73	9.28	10.65	8.04
Excess Return <sup>‡</sup>	0.97	0.71	7.79	5.43	3.33	2.26	1.85

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## Net returns as at 31 January 2025

	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	3.56	9.14	28.15	12.75	11.22	11.49	8.40
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$ <sup>^</sup>	2.70	8.77	21.97	8.73	9.28	10.65	8.04
Excess Return <sup>‡</sup>	0.86	0.37	6.18	4.02	1.94	0.84	0.36

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

<sup>^</sup> 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\$.

<sup>‡</sup> 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 3.53% in the month of January 2025.

Among related benchmarks, during the same period, the MSCI USA Index (USD, NTR) gained 3.02%, while the MSCI World ex US Index (USD, NTR) gained 4.97%.

Among countries, on a relative basis, stocks in the US and France contributed most positively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by gains from Financials and Communication Services sectors. On the flip side, stocks in Hong Kong and Denmark contributed most negatively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by challenged performance in Health Care and Industrials 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 also, Value remained flat with respect to Growth.

### Portfolio review

The Global Small Companies Fund returned 3.56% during the period, outperforming its benchmark, MSCI World Small Cap in AUD (net) (2.70%), by 86 bps on a net basis.

Among investment themes\*, signals within the High-Quality Business Models pillar contributed most positively to relative returns followed by the suite of signals within Sentiment Analysis, Fundamental Mispricings, and Themes and Trends.

Within High-Quality Business Models, alternative profitability factors performed well. These factors look at alternative data metrics to help gauge companies that may be the beneficiaries of increased consumer attention. Meanwhile, signals gauging hedge fund short sentiment within the Sentiment Analysis pillar helped relative performance. Additionally, within Fundamental Mispricings, factors evaluating industry rotation added to the relative returns of the portfolio. Finally, economic linkages related signals helped the performance of the Themes and Trends pillar.

Among sectors, holdings within the Health Care sector contributed the most to relative performance, with an overweight position within the Health Care Providers & Services industry contributing particularly strongly. On the downside, holdings within the Financials sector detracted the most from excess returns, where an overweight position within the Insurance industry hurt relative performance.

At an individual stock level, an overweight position in Sprouts Farmers Market Inc, held primarily due to views around High-Quality Business Models related factors, performed well. Conversely, an overweight position in Mercury General Corp,

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

held primarily due to views on High-Quality Business Models related factors did not do well.

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

## Country allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
US	65.08	63.48	1.61
Netherlands	1.38	0.45	0.93
Germany	1.76	1.22	0.54
Hong Kong	0.93	0.51	0.42
Sweden	2.23	1.82	0.41
France	1.47	1.15	0.32
Canada	3.93	3.62	0.31
Denmark	0.84	0.61	0.23
Belgium	0.55	0.43	0.11
Austria	0.42	0.35	0.07

## Market cap allocation

A\$ million	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
0 – 2,000	18.62	10.18
2,000 – 10,000	54.62	55.52
>10,000	26.76	34.30

## Sector allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Communication Services	4.27	3.38	0.89
Consumer Discretionary	13.89	13.28	0.60
Consumer Staples	4.23	4.48	-0.25
Energy	3.41	4.21	-0.81
Financials	18.71	16.55	2.16
Health Care	10.53	9.63	0.90
Industrials	19.46	19.74	-0.29
Information Technology	11.34	11.41	-0.07
Materials	6.53	7.10	-0.57
Real Estate	6.98	7.71	-0.72
Utilities	0.67	2.51	-1.85

## Top 10 holdings

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Sprouts Farmers Market Inc	1.18	0.19	0.99
Natera Inc	1.14	0.25	0.89
Tenet Healthcare Corp	1.02	0.16	0.86
Antero Resources Corp	0.98	0.13	0.85
SkyWest Inc	0.97	0.01	0.96
Adtalem Global Education Inc	0.96	0.05	0.91
Skechers USA Inc	0.95	0.12	0.83
Commvault Systems Inc	0.92	0.08	0.83
Upstart Holdings Inc	0.85	0.06	0.79
Cinemark Holdings Inc	0.80	0.04	0.77

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## Income and growth

	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.
Growth return	27.21	11.68	10.22	10.66
Distribution return	0.94	1.07	0.99	0.83

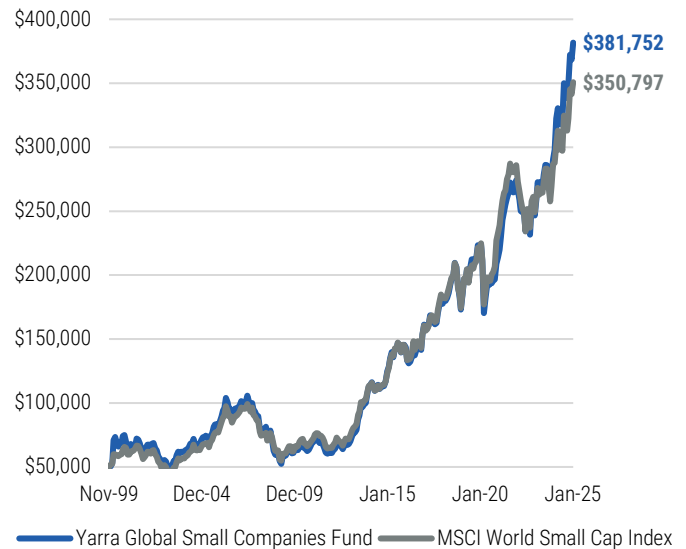
The Growth Return is measured by the movement in the Fund's unit price (inclusive of fees), ex-distribution, and can be positive or negative as the unit price can fluctuate with changes in the underlying market value of the Fund's assets. The Distribution Return is the amount that is paid to unitholders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

## 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\$398.4 mn as at 31 January 2025	
APIR code	JBW0103AU	
Estimated management cost	1.25 p.a.	
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.10	
Number of holdings	780 as at 31 January 2025	
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 January 2025.



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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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