

# Yarra Global Small Companies Fund

## Gross returns as at 30 April 2025

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years ii	Since nception*
	%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.
Yarra Global Small Companies Fund	-1.75	-7.25	12.46	13.71	15.60	11.41	9.47
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	-1.93	-8.66	7.48	8.30	11.28	8.88	7.58
Excess Return <sup>‡</sup>	0.18	1.42	4.99	5.41	4.32	2.53	1.89

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## Net returns as at 30 April 2025

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years ir	Since ception*
	%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.
Yarra Global Small Companies Fund	-1.85	-7.53	11.08	12.30	14.17	10.01	7.99
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	-1.93	-8.66	7.48	8.30	11.28	8.88	7.58
Excess Return‡	0.08	1.14	3.60	4.01	2.89	1.14	0.41

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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 0.89% in the month of April 2025.

Among related benchmarks, during the same period, the MSCI USA Index (USD, NTR) slipped -0.54%, while the MSCI World ex US Index (USD, NTR) gained 4.56%.

Among countries, on a relative basis, stocks in Japan and Germany contributed most positively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by gains from Industrials and Information Technology sectors. On the flip side, stocks in Norway and the US contributed most negatively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by challenged performance in Energy 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 underperformed Growth significantly.

## **Portfolio review**

The Global Small Companies Fund returned -1.85% during the period, outperforming its benchmark, MSCI World Small Cap in AUD (net) (-1.93%), by 8 bps on a net basis.

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

Within Themes and Trends, price momentum factors performed significantly well. These signals are based on a stock's historical performance that is believed to persist in the future. Meanwhile, signals gauging financial quality within the High-Quality Business Models pillar helped relative performance meaningfully. Additionally, within Sentiment Analysis, factors evaluating hedge fund short sentiment added to the relative returns of the portfolio. Finally, industry rotation related signals helped the performance of the Fundamental Mispricings pillar.

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 underweight position within the Specialty Retail industry hurt relative performance.

At an individual stock level, an overweight position in Healthcare Services Group Inc, held primarily due to views around Sentiment Analysis related factors, performed well. Conversely, an overweight position in RH, held primarily due to views on High-Quality Business Models related factors did not do well.

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

#### **Country allocation**

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
US	60.18	58.81	1.38
Netherlands	1.69	0.48	1.21
Sweden	2.67	2.08	0.58
France	1.69	1.26	0.43
Germany	2.00	1.61	0.39
Belgium	0.80	0.64	0.17
Austria	0.56	0.44	0.12
Canada	3.90	3.84	0.06
Japan	13.68	13.64	0.04
Hong Kong	0.57	0.57	0.00

## Market cap allocation

A\$ million	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
0 - 2,000	18.39	11.26
2,000 - 10,000	59.26	60.35
>10,000	22.35	28.39

## Sector allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Communication Services	3.68	3.54	0.13
Consumer Discretionary	12.80	12.64	0.15
Consumer Staples	4.65	4.99	-0.33
Energy	4.21	4.02	0.19
Financials	18.27	16.11	2.17
Health Care	10.45	9.20	1.25
Industrials	20.08	20.27	-0.18
Information Technology	9.52	10.13	-0.61
Materials	7.72	7.75	-0.03
Real Estate	7.45	8.34	-0.88
Utilities	1.16	3.02	-1.86

#### **Top 10 holdings**

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
MasTec Inc	1.04	0.10	0.93
Antero Resources Corp	1.02	0.13	0.89
Mueller Industries Inc	0.96	0.10	0.86
Adtalem Global Education Inc	0.93	0.05	0.88
Cal-Maine Foods Inc	0.92	0.05	0.87
Blueprint Medicines Corp	0.91	0.07	0.84
Bruker Corp	0.90	0.05	0.85
Euronet Worldwide Inc	0.90	0.05	0.85
Skechers USA Inc	0.90	0.08	0.82
Alight Inc	0.85	0.03	0.82

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#### Income and growth

	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.
Growth return	10.26	11.24	13.15	9.19
Distribution return	0.81	1.06	1.02	0.82

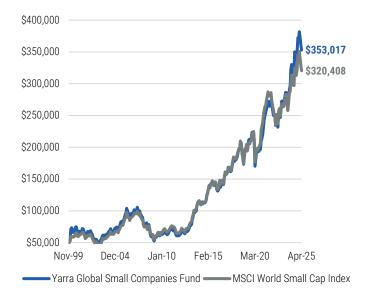
The Growth Return is measured by the movement in the Fund's unit price (inclusive of fees), ex-distribution, and can be positive or negative as the unit price can fluctuate with changes in the underlying market value of the Fund's assets. The Distribution Return is the amount that is paid to unitholders 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\$392.6 mn as at 30 April 2025			
APIR code	JBW0103AU			
Estimated management cost	1.25 p.a.			
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.30			
Number of holdings	565 as at 30 April 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 April 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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