

# **Yarra Global Small Companies Fund**

# Gross returns as at 30 June 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	2.80	8.13	22.56	19.73	16.51	11.91	9.81
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	2.85	6.10	16.66	13.96	12.07	9.29	7.86
Excess Return <sup>‡</sup>	-0.04	2.03	5.90	5.77	4.44	2.62	1.95

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# Net returns as at 30 June 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	2.70	7.80	21.04	18.25	15.07	10.51	8.33
MSCI World Small Cap Index in A\$^	2.85	6.10	16.66	13.96	12.07	9.29	7.86
Excess Return‡	-0.15	1.70	4.39	4.29	3.00	1.22	0.47

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#### Market review

The MSCI World Index (USD, NTR) gained 11.47% in the second quarter of 2025.

During the quarter, at a monthly level, the index moved 0.89% in the month of April, followed by 5.92% in May, and finally closing with 4.32% in June.

Among related benchmarks, during the same period, the MSCI USA Index (USD, NTR) gained 11.25%, while the MSCI World ex US Index (USD, NTR) gained 12.05%.

Among countries, on a relative basis, stocks in the US and Japan contributed most positively to benchmark returns, primarily driven by gains from Information Technology and Communication Services 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 Yarra Global Small Companies Fund returned 7.80% during the period, outperforming its benchmark, MSCI World Small Cap in AUD (net) (6.10%), by 170 bps on a net basis.

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

The factors looking at management quality within the High-Quality Business Models pillar hurt relative performance the most. These factors aim to identify companies with strong management teams that are able to generate value for their shareholders. Moreover, within Fundamental Mispricings, signals gauging relative valuation detracted during the period. On the other hand, within Themes and Trends, economic linkages factors performed significantly well. These factors use machine learning and natural language processing techniques to identify underlying connections between stocks that the broader market may not fully recognize. Meanwhile, signals gauging analyst & management sentiment within the Sentiment Analysis 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 themost to excess returns, with an overall

<sup>\*</sup> 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 AS.

<sup>#</sup> Excess return: The excess return figures shown represent the difference between the Fund's return and the benchmark.

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

overweight position within the Machinery industry contributing particularly strongly.

At an individual stock level, an overweight position in Asana Inc, held primarily due to views on Sentiment Analysis related factors did not do well. Conversely, an overweight position in Blueprint Medicines Corp, held primarily due to views around Sentiment Analysis related factors, performed well.

Among countries, the position in US 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	61.95	60.46	1.50
Netherlands	1.87	0.49	1.38
Germany	2.03	1.64	0.40
Sweden	2.31	1.94	0.36
Austria	0.65	0.43	0.23
Canada	3.87	3.71	0.16
Hong Kong	0.67	0.54	0.13
Switzerland	1.84	1.73	0.11
Belgium	0.62	0.55	0.07
Portugal	0.13	0.15	-0.01

#### Market cap allocation

A\$ million	Portfolio %	Benchmark %
0 - 2,000	14.46	9.25
2,000 - 10,000	58.61	56.37
>10,000	26.93	34.38

#### **Sector allocation**

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Communication Services	4.45	3.73	0.72
Consumer Discretionary	12.10	12.66	-0.56
Consumer Staples	3.60	4.63	-1.03
Energy	4.40	4.15	0.26
Financials	18.19	16.05	2.13
Health Care	9.45	8.94	0.51
Industrials	23.02	20.82	2.20
Information Technology	10.71	11.34	-0.63
Materials	6.63	7.02	-0.39
Real Estate	6.16	7.89	-1.74
Utilities	1.28	2.76	-1.48

## **Top 10 holdings**

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Invesco Ltd	0.94	0.06	0.87
Antero Resources Corp	0.92	0.14	0.78
Alight Inc	0.91	0.03	0.88
Waystar Holding Corp	0.90	0.03	0.87
Lyft Inc	0.90	0.07	0.83
Mueller Industries Inc	0.89	0.10	0.80
Babcock International Group PLC	0.88	0.05	0.84
Cal-Maine Foods Inc	0.88	0.05	0.83
MDA Space Ltd	0.88	0.03	0.84
MasTec Inc	0.87	0.12	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	20.40	17.33	14.11	9.67
Distribution return	0.65	0.92	0.97	0.84

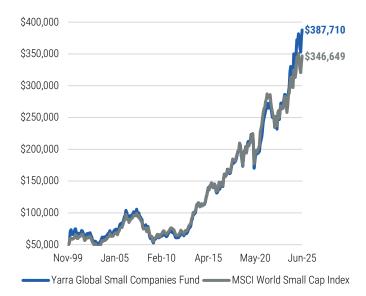
The Growth Return is measured by the movement in the Fund's unit price (inclusive of fees), ex-distribution, and can be positive or negative as the unit price can fluctuate with changes in the underlying market value of the Fund's assets. The Distribution Return is the amount that is paid to unitholders 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\$447.2 mn as at 30 June 2025		
APIR code	JBW0103AU		
Estimated management cost	1.25 p.a.		
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.30		
Number of holdings	622 as at 30 June 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 June 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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