

Yarra Australian Equities Fund

Gross returns as at 28 February 2026

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception* % p.a.
Yarra Australian Equities Fund	3.99	5.45	14.29	11.20	10.98	10.01	10.57
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index†	4.11	7.34	16.19	12.21	10.78	10.76	9.48
Excess return (before fees)‡	-0.12	-1.89	-1.90	-1.01	0.20	-0.75	1.09

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Net returns as at 28 February 2026

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception* % p.a.
Yarra Australian Equities Fund	3.93	5.24	13.38	10.26	10.02	9.02	9.57
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index†	4.11	7.34	16.19	12.21	10.78	10.76	9.48
Excess return (after fees)‡	-0.19	-2.09	-2.80	-1.95	-0.76	-1.74	0.09

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* Inception date Yarra Australian Equities Fund: July 1996

† The benchmark for the Yarra Australian Equities Fund has been amended since the Fund's inception. Effective 28 February 2008 the benchmark is the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index, replacing the S&P/ASX 200 ex Property Accumulation Index Monthly. Further information on changes to the Fund's benchmark is available upon request.

‡ Excess return: The difference between the portfolio's return and the benchmark return.

Market review

The Australian equities market rose during the month of February.

The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returned +4.1% for the month, taking its 12-month return to +16.2%. The broader S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index returned +3.9%, whilst globally, the MSCI World Index delivered +1.0% for the month.

Financials (+9.2%) was the largest sector contributor. Banks performed strongly following good results and a rate rise increase by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). The increase was led by Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA, +18.5%), National Australia Bank (NAB, +13.0%) and Westpac Banking Corporation (WBC, +9.6%), with ANZ Group (ANZ, +9.1%) also contributing. QBE Insurance (QBE, +10.1%) provided some offset within Insurance, although Insurance Australia Group (IAG, -10.8%) and Suncorp Group (SUN, -13.0%) detracted.

Materials (+9.1%) driven by positive commodities sentiment. BHP (BHP, +15.5%) and Rio Tinto (RIO, +10.4%) rose, while Lynas Rare Earths (LYC, +27.4%) and lithium producer PLS Group (PLS, +21.0%) also performed well.

Health Care (-13.3%) was the primary sector detractor following a weak reporting season. CSL (CSL, -19.1%), Pro Medicus (PME, -29.2%) and Cochlear (COH, -26.0%) fell

sharply, while Ramsay Health Care (RHC, +18.5%) provided some offset.

Consumer Discretionary (-5.8%) detracted with weakness in Aristocrat Leisure (ALL, -10.2%) and Light & Wonder (LNW, -19.7%). Wesfarmers (WES, -3.3%) also declined, while The Lottery Corporation (TLC, +8.6%) and JB Hi-Fi (JBH, +3.8%) offered some support.

Real Estate (-3.6%) detracted with Goodman Group (GMG, -5.8%) and Stockland (SGP, -5.2%) weaker.

Information Technology (-9.1%) was again a detractor as investors focused on AI led disruption within the sector, particularly software names. Stocks that fell sharply included WiseTech Global (WTC, -18.0%) and Xero (XRO, -11.3%), while NextDC (NXT, +4.2%) provided a modest offset.

Portfolio review

Key Contributors

BHP (BHP, overweight) – our overweight position in the diversified miner was a source of outperformance during February. The company's 1H26 result was 3% ahead of consensus NPAT expectations, with the interim dividend of US73cps 18% above consensus expectations. Copper earnings were >50% of total EBITDA for the first time. The

company also announced a US\$4.3bn streaming deal over silver production from the Antamina copper mine.

CSL (CSL, underweight) – the ASX's largest diversified biotech company underperformed over the month following the abrupt announcement that CEO Paul McKenzie would retire on the eve of the company releasing their half year results, with Gordon Naylor appointed as interim CEO effective the following day. Results were weak overall, driven largely by competition, with the company maintaining FY26 guidance implying a significant rebound in the second half. We maintain an underweight to CSL based on our view that earnings growth from its core blood plasma division will face ongoing challenges due to cost pressures, increased product competition, a shift in relative product growth away from higher margin specialty products and longer-term product substitution risk.

Tabcorp (TAH, overweight) – the wagering operator outperformed during the period after a strong 1H26 result, delivering a material beat to consensus expectations. Lead indicators of TAH's growth strategy were also evident as the company captured market share, with progress on its in-venue, tote unification, international and media strategies evident. In our view TAH has continued to execute on its turnaround, leaving the company well placed to benefit from an improvement in the domestic wagering market and operating leverage, which appears to be nearing an inflection point.

Key Detractors

Bapcor (BAP, overweight) – the automotive aftermarket supplier underperformed during the period following its 1H26 result and simultaneous discounted capital raise. Bapcor reported softening operating momentum, which saw another rebasing of the business, a buildup of inventory and an uncertain earnings outlook amid weaker trading across its Trade, Retail and Wholesale divisions. We remain somewhat cautious on the short-term outlook with the business still in turnaround but are of the view that value will be unlocked if BAP executes on its strategic initiatives.

National Australia Bank (NAB, underweight) – the Australian bank outperformed during the period following its first-quarter update, which showed strong underlying trends supported by solid loan growth and cost control, albeit cost growth is expected to pick up over the remainder of the year. We continue to believe that the elevated valuations of Australian banks are not supported by the low growth and return outlook for the sector.

Capstone Copper (CSC, overweight) – the copper producer underperformed during February following disappointing 2026 guidance. The company expects 2026 production to be broadly flat on 2025, 12% below market expectations. In addition, the company faced commodity price headwinds as copper declined 2% in February. While near-term guidance was disappointing, we maintain a positive view on CSC due to its pure-play leverage to attractive copper markets coupled with the potential to nearly double production by decade end.

Market outlook

Australian equity markets delivered a strong performance in February 2026, underpinned by robust corporate earnings, supportive commodity prices, and renewed confidence in domestic growth momentum. These positives outweighed the headwind from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) with equity markets reaching fresh record highs and the Australian dollar appreciating further over the month. The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returned 4.1% in February, completing the strongest two month start to a calendar year since 2019. Large resource companies led the gains, rising with the S&P/ASX 200 Resources and Small Resources producing returns of 8.7% and 0.9%, respectively. The S&P/ASX 100 Index outperformed the Small Ordinaries by 7.4%.

In comparison, global equities returned 0.7% in February; however, for unhedged investors, the 2.2% rise in the Australian dollar during the month resulted in a decline of 1.4%. This is the third month of sequential declines for unhedged global equity holders.

Bond holders had a solid month of returns in February, with returns of 0.9% m/m for domestic fixed income, while global bonds returned 1.1%. Rising inflation concerns in Australia ultimately encouraged the RBA to act on its tightening bias in February with a 25bp hike, and this helped underpin demand for inflation-linked bonds which returned 1.1% in February. Strength in commodity prices also stoked inflation concerns, with commodity prices rising 2.4% in February, following a 9.8% surge in January. A 7.9% rise in gold prices during the month was a main contributor to the rise.

Rising concerns over a potential conflict with Iran became evident later in the month and overshadowed February's reporting season which exceeded consensus expectations overall. Earnings upgrades outnumbered downgrades, particularly in the resources and financial sectors. Consumer exposed sectors showed more mixed results as cost-of-living pressures weighed on volumes.

Looking forward, the escalation of the Iran conflict will dominate near term market movements, however, rising solvency concerns over some private credit funds and the escalation of disruption fears from AI are also important developments. From Australia's perspective, the combination of a rapid decline in the economy's dependence upon crude oil and the rise in the Australian dollar should contain the economic shock of higher oil prices to a relatively modest jump in retail fuel prices. A \$10 per barrel rise in oil prices translates to a 6c rise in retail petrol prices. Given petrol has a 3.4% weighting in the CPI, the initial impacts of oil prices stabilising around \$95 per barrel are quite small. The overall economic impacts are even less, given Australia's large export presence in LNG markets which benefit from oil-price linkage contracts.

Domestically, the main focus has been that strong upward revisions to Australia's GDP growth have collided with the RBA's fear that Australia was already growing in excess of its 'potential' economic growth. Despite the RBA noting that most of the inflationary pressure in Australia is currently one-off

sector specific pressures that will soon moderate, they are increasingly concerned that future inflation may be higher than projected particularly should inflation expectations become unanchored. At this stage, there is no evidence that longer term inflation expectations have moved but there is evidence that consumer confidence has fallen precipitously. The risk of a further hike in May can't be dismissed; however, financial conditions have tightened sharply during the past month, and we expect both activity and labour market data to cool in coming months.

Our forecast for the Australian dollar to exceed US75c by mid-2026 will further tighten financial conditions and ultimately, we think that this will contribute to the reason why the RBA will remain on hold. In concert with our forecast for two rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve in 2H26 and solid consensus earnings growth expectations, we remain of the view that equity markets will provide around a 10% return in 2026, albeit if most of those gains occur late in the calendar year. Volatility across financial markets is likely to persist through the June quarter, however, we expect financial markets to focus more on earnings than geopolitics as a driver of returns as the year progresses.

We are most overweight stocks within the Information Technology, Communication Services and Materials, and are underweight Financials, Consumer Discretionary and Industrials.

Sector allocation

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
Communication Services	7.22	3.48	3.74
Consumer Discretionary	2.78	6.54	-3.76
Consumer Staples	1.24	3.45	-2.21
Energy	4.35	3.91	0.44
Financials	21.49	33.94	-12.46
Health Care	9.59	5.99	3.60
Industrials	4.08	7.21	-3.13
Information Technology	5.79	1.96	3.83
Materials	29.82	26.19	3.64
Real Estate	5.50	5.94	-0.44
Utilities	4.88	1.39	3.49

Top 3 holdings

	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
BHP Group	14.07	10.61	3.46
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	7.42	10.45	-3.03
Westpac Banking	7.22	5.21	2.01

Key active positions

Overweights	Portfolio %	Benchmark %	Active %
BHP Group	14.07	10.61	3.46
NextDC	3.46	0.32	3.14
ResMed	3.54	0.73	2.81
Underweights			
National Australia Bank	0.00	5.37	-5.37
ANZ	0.73	4.27	-3.54
Wesfarmers	0.00	3.23	-3.23

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Income and growth

	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.
Growth return	7.71	5.58	1.01	0.22
Distribution return	5.67	4.67	9.01	8.80

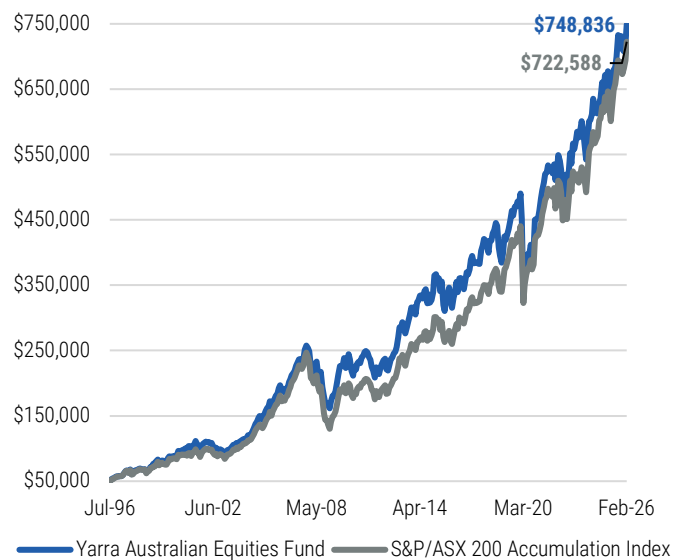
The Growth Return is measured by the movement in the Fund's unit price (inclusive of fees), ex-distribution, and can be positive or negative as the unit price can fluctuate with changes in the underlying market value of the Fund's assets. The Distribution Return is the amount that is paid to unitholders 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 companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. In doing so, the aim is to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index over rolling 3-year periods.	
Recommended investment time frame	5 - 7 + years	
Fund inception	July 1996	
Fund size	A\$146.1 mn as at 28 February 2026	
APIR code	JBW0009AU	
Estimated management cost	0.90% p.a.	
Buy/sell spread	+/- 0.15%	
Platform availability	Asgard Ausmaq BT Panorama BT Super Wrap FirstWrap GrowWrap	Hub24 IOOF Pursuit Macquarie Wrap Netwealth Oasis Powerwrap

Investment performance comparison of \$50,000

After fees, since inception of the Yarra Australian Equities Fund, July 1996 to February 2026.



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Applications and contacts

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