

Applying global insights to profit from anomalies in the Australian market

Australian Companies Fund	Inception Date	Exit Price (\$, cum)	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	Since inception pa
Fund performance ¹	01-2000	3.2371	-1.8%	-2.6%	-3.5%	3.9%	11.2%	9.2%	8.3%	10.1%
S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index			-3.8%	-2.6%	9.9%	9.2%	8.9%	8.6%	7.5%	8.3%

Growth of AUD \$100,000



Chart reflects Fund growth net of actual fees. Calculations are based on exit price with distributions reinvested, after ongoing fees and expenses but excluding individual tax. Fund Inception 20 January 2000. These figures represent past performance only. No guarantees exist of future returns above or below these figures. Past performance is no indication of future performance. Neither PM Capital Limited nor any other person makes any representation as to the future performance or success of, the rate of income or capital return from, recovery of money invested in, or income tax or other taxation consequences of, any investment in the Fund.

Portfolio investment theme	Weighting	Current stock example		Investments by Market Capitalisation (AUD)^		
Commodities - Industrial Metals	26%	BHP				
Commodities - Energy	12%	Woodside Energy		Mega (>\$100bn) 26%		
Real Estate	11%	Centuria		Large (<\$100bn) 32%		
Industrials	7%	Siemens AG		Small (<\$500m) 2%		
Diversified Financials	7%	Challenger				
Banking	5%	ING Groep		^Breakdown of portfolio's long equity holdings into market cap. bands.		
Leisure & Entertainment	3%	Sands China				
Online Classifieds & Internet	1%	Frontier Digital Ventures				
Other	5%	Currency exposure*	100%			
Long Equities Position	77%	AUD	99%			
Short Equities Position	-2%	USD	1%			
Net Invested Equities	75%	*Stated at effective value.				
Corporate Debt & Bonds	17%	_				
Net Invested	92%					



Fund commentary

The domestic market struggled in February, weighed down by global trade tensions affecting the materials sector and disappointing bank earnings impacting financials.

Key Detractors

Mineral Resources was a key detractor, despite delivering a solid December-quarter earnings result. The Market focus instead shifted to concerns over the iron ore haul road connecting the new Onslow iron ore mine to the port, which requires repairs and upgrades despite only recently beginning operations. The combination of higher capital expenditure, production delays, and peak net debt has fueled concerns of a highly dilutive and costly capital raise. However, at current commodity prices, we view this remains unlikely and have maintained our position.

Coronado stock declined 15% in February. While the company has shown improved operational efficiency, it continues to face challenging commodity prices. At current steelmaking coal prices, the broader industry is under pressure—even the lowest-cost producers are operating on thin margins, while higher-cost producers are incurring losses. Notably, several small U.S. producers have begun idling production, signalling the early stages of a supply response.

Although current prices are unsustainable, they could persist longer than expected, and Coronado is not profitable at today's prices, and while the stock remains highly attractive on a long-term basis at normalized prices, the market will likely wait for a meaningful coal price recovery before reassessing its valuation. We maintain our position.

Key Contributors

Imdex Limited rose 15%, on the back of a solid results announcement that once again demonstrated its outperformance relative to the broader drilling market (primarily gold and copper exploration). The result was particularly noteworthy for its strong EBITDA performance and cash flow conversion, both of which exceeded expectations. However, management commentary did not suggest an imminent inflection in core end markets, and with the current valuation now reflecting this at today's share price, we reduced our position over the month.

Rural Funds Group (RFF) also contributed positively, with the stock rallying 10% in February. The company posted a solid December-guarter result, with supportive commodity prices and productivity improvements, which helped alleviate concerns about elevated balance sheet leverage.

Top 10 stocks		
Stock name	Sector	
BHP	Materials	
Centuria Industrial REIT	Real Estate	
Challenger	Diversified Financials	
ING Groep	Banks	
Newmont Corporation	Materials	
Royalty Pharma	Healthcare	
Rural Funds Group	Real Estate	
Siemens AG	Industrial	
Stanmore Resources	Energy	
Woodside Energy	Energy	

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Key Fund Details

Fund category

Australian equities

Investment style

Fundamental, bottom-up research intensive approach

Inception date

20 January 2000

Fund size

\$126.9 million

Strategy size

\$126.9 million

Number of stocks

As a guide, 15-25 stocks

Minimum direct investment

\$20,000

Recommended investment time

Seven years plus

Fees (pa)

Mgmt fee: 1.09% Perf. fee: 20% (subject to a high water mark) of the excess above the greater of the RBA cash rate and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index

Buy/sell spread

Investor profile

The Fund may be appropriate for investors seeking capital appreciation over a seven plus year investment horizon.

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