

Alpha Australian Blue Chip Fund

April 2017

Alpha Australian Blue Chip Equities - Snapshot

Morningstar Category Australia Fund Equity Australia Large Growth Inception Date 2/04/2007

Fund and Market Commentary

The S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index rose by 0.98% during April with the Alpha Australian Blue Chip Fund outperforming the benchmark by 0.52%. Better performing sectors were Industrials and Information Tech, while Telecom Services and Consumer Staples underperformed. Since inception, the Fund has achieved outperformance relative to the benchmark.

Australian equities were higher over April, building on the rise of 3.28% in March with low volatility. Even though the unemployment rate reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for March remained unchanged at 5.9%, which was disappointing, employment rose by 60,900 with 74,500 full-time jobs created in March. This was the biggest absolute change since October 2015, but market participants were suspect attributing it to errors associated with the smaller survey sample used by the ABS. Retail turnover stayed relatively flat month on month, bringing the total annualised increase to 2.5%. The annual inflation rate improved by 0.6% to 2.1% over the March quarter, within the Reserve Bank of Australia's target rate of 2-3%. Iron ore prices have struggled over April falling 20%, an about-turn since the stellar gains achieved since October 2016.

The China Caixin Purchasing Managers' Index continued to decrease, falling to 50.3 in April, which shows the Chinese manufacturing economy is growing, but barely.

Considering the prospects for assets beyond short-term volatility, our preference is to take a longer term approach to the markets. This does not mean we are not actively managing the fund. To the contrary, the structure of our fund is always reflective of our current assessment of market risk. In structuring the fund, Alpha Fund Managers seek to select high-quality managers and blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

Top Ten Holdings - April 2017

Stock Name	Sector
CSL Ltd	Healthcare
Westpac Banking Corp	Financial Services
National Australia Bank Ltd	Financial Services
Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	Technology
Domino's Pizza Enterprises Ltd	Consumer Cyclical
BWX Ltd	Consumer Defensiv
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd	Consumer Defensiv
BHP Billiton Ltd	Basic Materials
Reliance Worldwide Corp Ltd	Basic Materials
Skydive the Beach Group Ltd	Consumer Cyclical

Risk Matrix

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Time Period: 1/05/2012 to 30/04/2017			
	Alpha	S&P/ASX	
	Blue	300	
	Chip	TR	
Alpha	0.48	0.00	
Std Dev	10.83	11.92	
Sharpe Ratio	0.22	0.20	
Sortino Ratio	0.30	0.26	

Investment Growth (net of fees) versus Benchmark*



Returns (net of fees) versus Benchmark*

As of Date: 30/04/2017 Data Point: Return

Month Quarter 6 Mth 1Yr 2Yr pa 3Yr pa 4Yr pa 5Yr pa

Alpha Australian Blue Chip Equities 1.50 6.33 8.46 13.69 8.15 7.48 8.37 11.13

S&P/ASX 300 TR 0.98 6.57 13.43 17.50 5.84 7.26 7.97 10.76

Risk (i.e. Volatility of Returns) versus Benchmark

As of Date: 30/04/2017

20.7

15.6

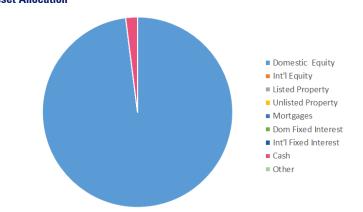
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Alpha Australian Blue Chip Equities Asset Allocation



Investment Objective

The Alpha Blue Chip Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index (after fund fees and expenses, and before taxes) over rolling 3 to 5 year periods. The fund invests predominantly in a diversified portfolio of large market capitalisation Australian shares.

Alpha Fund Managers seek to achieve this objective by the blending of a small number of high conviction (not closet index) investment managers, each with a different investment process, in a complementary manner so as to produce consistent outperformance with similar or less risk than the benchmark.

Fund Style: Actively Managed Australian Equity Large Blend Portfolio

Current Manager Line-up

Intrinsic Investment Management is a specialist manager actively managing high quality, concentrated Australian equity portfolios for institutional and individual clients. The investment team has on average 30 years of portfolio management experience, and brings a significant record of accomplishment and seniority within the industry. Utilising a 'style neutral' investment philosophy combined with a rigorous stock selection process, the strategy can manoeuvre within different market cycles and has demonstrated superior skill in alpha generation.

Manager Style: High Conviction Australian Equity Style Neutral Fund

Bennelong Australian Equity Partners is a Sydney based boutique fund manager. The manager believes that stock prices are driven by earnings, and high quality companies deliver superior earnings/returns. The manager selects stocks based on its proprietary tools and focuses on quality companies which have higher than average profitability, earnings stability, financial strength as well as superior performance in capital management and ES&G issues (i.e. Environment, Social and Corporate Governance). Technical factors, such as market sentiment, are also considered when initiating stock positions.

Manager Style: Concentrated Australian Equity Large Blend

State Street Global Advisors (SSGA) is a global leader in institutional asset management, managing more than \$2.4 trillion in assets. The firm, part of the wider State Street business, has 35 years of experience assisting clients navigate a range of market cycles and conditions. The firm employs over 2,200 people in 17 countries worldwide, with nine investment centers across the Americas, Europe and Asia.

Manager Style: Quantitative Process, Targets Lower Volatility, Benchmark Agnostic

Smallco commenced operations in April 2000 and currently manages approximately \$700m of funds spread across the Smallco Investment Fund, the Smallco Broadcap Fund and a Broadcap mandate from a family office. The firm was founded by Rob Hopkins and Bill Ryan on the premise that inefficiencies exist in the pricing of smaller companies within the Australian listed securities market

Manager style: Style Neutral Australian Equity Fund

About Alpha Fund Managers

Alpha Fund Managers' investment philosophy is based on the premise that there are particular investment managers that have the ability to consistently generate "alpha" over the medium to long-term, and through all financial market cycles irrespective of any style bias (growth vs. value, large cap vs. small cap, etc.). "Alpha" in this context is defined as an investment manager's unique ability to select a portfolio of securities that differs from and outperforms its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. In other words, it is an investment manager's ability to beat the index. Alpha Fund Managers' investment process is based on a balanced approach to quantitative and qualitative research and analysis techniques to assess and select the underlying investment managers in each Alpha Fund Series fund. Alpha Fund Managers seek to add value by selecting investment managers who demonstrate a high-level of investment conviction, unique investment processes and a proven record in managing risk and generating long-term "alpha" over full market cycle. Alpha Fund Managers then blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

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Purchase Information	
Month End Price	0.8478
Month End Price Date	30/04/2017
Net Assets (\$Mil)	52
Ticker	15576
APIR Code	ETL0091AU

Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Minimum Balance	\$25,000
Minimum Additional Investment/Withdrawal	\$10,000
Buy-sell Spread	0.35%
Income Distribution	Half Yearly
Valuation/Unit Pricing	Daily
Management Fee	1.173%
Performance Fee	Applicable - refer to PDS on Website

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