

# Fund Profile

## Antares Elite Opportunities Fund



December 2020

### Fund description and investment return objective

The Fund is an actively managed concentrated portfolio of equities listed (or expected to be listed) on the Australian share market. The Fund's objective is to outperform the Benchmark (after fees) over rolling five-year periods.

### Fund commentary

The Antares Elite Opportunities Fund delivered a return of 0.9% (net of fees) for the month of December 2020.<sup>1</sup>

Australian shares recorded more modest gains than most global equities markets. While news of a virus outbreak in Sydney in late December served as a dampener, some sectors ended December on a very positive note including Information Technology which reflected the robust gains on Wall Street. The Resources sector also performed strongly as the iron ore price surged by more than 20% on news of lower Brazilian production. Oil and gold prices also rallied. Utilities and health care sectors declined during the month.

Performance was boosted by overweight holdings in Iluka Resources (ILU), Metcash (MTS) and BHP. As investors increasingly focus on alternative energy, ILU presented at a global rare earths conference in early December. Metcash posted solid gains after delivering a robust set of results with strong sales and operating leverage coming through the business. BHP shares were beneficiaries of the near 25% increase in the iron ore price during December.

Detracting from performance were decisions not to own Fortescue Metals (FMG) or Afterpay (APT) and an overweight position in A2 Milk (A2M). As a pure iron ore producer FMG's share price rose strongly. The change in market direction helped some of the "COVID-winners" including APT recover their momentum. An upbeat trading update in November by APT and the company's entry into the S&P/ASX 20 in December also aided positive sentiment. Shares in A2M fell during December after the company provided downbeat earnings guidance. While the market had been expecting some weakness in A2M's sales in 2021 as it struggled to replace the lucrative Daigou channel into China, the update revealed that the Daigou channel weakness has also found its way into the e-commerce channel in China, a bigger hit than had been previously anticipated.

Australia's economic data continues to strengthen, suggesting a sustainable recovery provided the Sydney virus outbreak is contained. Strong job gains and retail spending were recorded in November with the ending of Melbourne's virus lockdown. Business and consumer surveys show very positive responses given the Federal Budget's investment allowance initiatives as well as income tax cuts. With coronavirus vaccines being rolled out across the northern hemisphere, the imminent inauguration of President-elect Biden in the US and completion of Brexit, the global outlook is positive, although a shadow remains over Australia's relationship with China.

### Fund facts

<b>Inception date:</b>	18 November 2002
<b>Fund size at 31 December 2020:</b>	\$206.8m
<b>Benchmark:</b>	S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index
<b>Investment timeframe:</b>	At least 5 years
<b>Relative risk:</b>	High - Very High
<b>Relative return<sup>1</sup>:</b>	High - Very High

### Top 10 share holdings

as at 31 December 2020 (alphabetical order)

- ANZ Banking Group
- Aristocrat Leisure
- BHP Group
- Commonwealth Bank
- CSL
- South32
- Telstra Corporation
- Transurban Group
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Woolworths Group

### Investment returns as at 31 December 2020<sup>1</sup>

Period	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa	7 years pa	10 years pa	Since inception pa
<b>Net return<sup>2</sup> %</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Gross return %	0.9	14.8	-1.8	3.8	8.0	7.4	7.6	10.7
Benchmark return %	1.2	13.7	1.4	6.7	8.7	7.4	7.8	9.0
<b>Net excess return %</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Gross excess return %	-0.3	1.1	-3.2	-2.9	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns are not guaranteed and actual returns may vary from any target returns described in this document.

<sup>2</sup> Investment returns are based on exit prices, and are net of management fees and assume reinvestment of all distributions.

## Investor profile

The concentrated nature of the Fund means that there may be a greater level of risk. The Fund's returns may be quite volatile. As such, the Fund may suit investors who are willing to accept a higher level of risk in exchange for the opportunity to earn greater returns.

## Investment details

<b>Minimum investment:</b>	\$20,000
<b>Minimum additional investment:</b>	\$5,000
<b>Distribution:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Entry fee:</b>	Nil
<b>Exit fee:</b>	Nil
<b>Management fee:<sup>4</sup></b>	0.70% per annum of the Fund's net asset value (including GST net of Reduced Input Tax Credit).
<b>Performance fee:<sup>5</sup></b>	20% of the Fund's net performance in excess of the performance hurdle. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Certain sophisticated and professional investors or wholesale clients (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)) may be able to negotiate this fee by contacting Client Services.

<sup>5</sup> Performance hurdle is the benchmark return +5%p.a.

## Investment guidelines and ranges

	Minimum	Benchmark Allocation	Maximum	As at 31 Dec 20
<b>Australian shares</b>	95%	100%	100%	98%
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	0%	0%	5%	2%

## Distribution history <sup>6</sup>

Quarter end	Cents per unit
31 December 2020	0.48
30 September 2020	0.54
30 June 2020	0.08
31 March 2020	0.64
31 December 2019	1.27
30 September 2019	1.03
30 June 2019	5.39
31 March 2019	1.28
31 December 2018	1.18
30 September 2018	2.11
30 June 2018	8.50
31 March 2018	1.23
31 December 2017	2.27
30 September 2017	1.71
30 June 2017	6.41
31 March 2017	1.88
31 December 2016	2.42
30 September 2016	1.42
30 June 2016	0.85

<sup>6</sup> Distribution rates have been rounded to two decimal places. As a result, the actual payment rate may differ slightly to the rates listed above.

## Franking levels

Year end	
30 June 2020	116.00%
30 June 2019	60.60%
30 June 2018	27.48%
30 June 2017	33.99%
30 June 2016	110.02%
30 June 2015	27.94%

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