

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Fund Performance (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs p.a.	5 Yrs p.a.	10 Yrs p.a.	15 Yrs p.a.	20 Yrs p.a.	Since Inception p.a
Fund growth return	2.91%	1.05%	-1.06%	-2.28%	1.35%	0.24%	-0.63%	2.46%	0.96%	2.80%
Fund distribution return	2.30%	2.25%	2.21%	7.22%	8.27%	7.95%	6.85%	6.10%	7.04%	6.64%
Total Fund (net)	5.20%	3.30%	1.15%	4.94%	9.62%	8.19%	6.21%	8.56%	8.00%	9.44%
Benchmark return	7.26%	8.40%	7.57%	12.42%	9.24%	10.28%	7.93%	9.42%	8.79%	9.34%
Excess Return	-2.05%	-5.09%	-6.42%	-7.48%	0.38%	-2.09%	-1.72%	-0.86%	-0.79%	0.11%

Source: Citi. Fund growth return is the change in redemption prices over the period. Fund distribution return equals Total Fund minus fund growth return. Fund net returns are post fees, pre tax using redemption prices and assume reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. Benchmark: S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index. Inception date: March 1995.

The Fund underperformed the benchmark over the month.

Key contributors to relative performance:

- G8 Education's share price soared higher on a trading update that beat market expectations.
 Whilst occupancy remains subdued the new CEO has made good progress on costs and portfolio optimisation.
- Our position in plumbing innovator Reliance
 Worldwide was a positive contributor in the
 month. Building materials companies were
 generally well supported by expectations of lower
 rates and diminished recession risk.
- 29Metals rebounded strongly during December after having fallen significantly in the prior three months. The recent partial recovery in the share price also coincided with a rebound in the copper price since mid-November, one of its key commodities.

Key detractors from relative performance:

 The overweight holding in QBE Insurance detracted from performance as bond yields continued to decline in anticipation of future cash

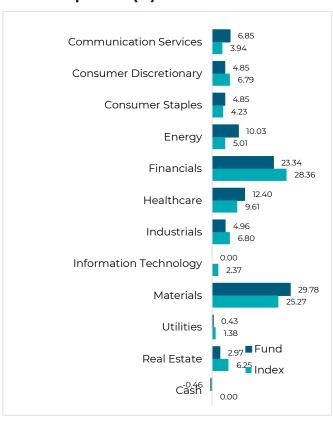
- rate cuts which negatively impact investment earnings on the premium float.
- Iluka continued to underperform during December as market sentiment in its key mineral sands markets remained poor due to ongoing concerns regarding the Chinese residential property construction market. In addition, during the month Iluka announced a higher revised capex estimate for its Eneabba Rare Earths Refinery project of "up to" \$1.8 billion, which was above the market expectations of around \$1.5 billion.
- The nil holding in Fortescue detracted from performance as it performed strongly during the month on the back of the continued strengthening in the iron ore price.
- SkyCity underperformed during the month as the company downgraded earnings expectations due to softer trading conditions from a tightening consumer. We still see value as SkyCity trades at depressed multiples especially considering its monopoly licenses, favourable competitive landscape, and minimal CAPEX commitments.
- Telstra lagged in the strong December market rally. Defensives continued to be a source of funding for the risk-on trade.



Top 10 Holdings

Security Name	% of Fund
BHP Group	14.21
CSL	7.41
ANZ Bank	6.71
Rio Tinto	6.16
Telstra	6.09
QBE Insurance	4.92
Woodside Energy Group	4.67
Santos	3.71
ResMed	3.65
Coles Group	3.43

Sector Exposure (%)



Top 5 Over/Underweight Positions (%)



Fund Metrics

	Price to Earnings Ratio*	Forecast Dividend Yield (%)*
Fund	13.63	4.35%
Benchmark	16.42	3.85%

Actual figures may vary. Forecasts are 12 months forward. * Based on Broker Consensus forecast.





Market Commentary

The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index increased by 7.26% over the month. In local currency terms the MSCI World Index rose by 4.16% over December 2023 while the S&P 500 Index also rose by 4.51%.

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept the cash rate at 4.35% at its December meeting. The decision to hold the rate steady was based on economic data received over the past month showing that inflation continued to decline but remained high.

Domestic data releases through December were mixed. The ABS Business Turnover Data recorded in October falls in 7 of the 13 published industries with the largest fall being in Arts and Recreation services and the largest increase in Mining. Seasonally adjusted unemployment increased in November by 0.2 percentage points to 3.9%.

CoreLogic's national Home Value Index (HVI) marked another rise in December. Overall CoreLogic's national Home Value Index (HVI) rose 8.1% in 2023, a significant turnaround from the -4.9% drop seen in 2022, but well below the 24.5% surge recorded in 2021. December's 0.4% increase saw 2023 finish with a relatively soft monthly rise in home values.

Australia's NAB Monthly Business Survey in November noted softening in both economic outlook and activity. "Both confidence and conditions declined in the month and after a period of relative stability through mid-2023 appear to be softening further," said NAB Chief Economist Alan Oster, "Outside of the pandemic period, business confidence is now its weakest since around 2012, when conditions were significantly weaker and growth in advanced economies was slowing."

The Westpac-Melbourne Institute Consumer Sentiment index was slightly up in December to 82.1 from 79.9 in November. The survey noted that the RBA's decision to leave rates unchanged in the latest meeting provided some relief for Australian families in a year where incomes were under extraordinary pressures.

All sectors performed well, led by real estate (11.29%), health care (9.10%) and materials (8.84%) followed by information technology (7.62%), communications services (7.07%), consumer discretionary (6.29%), financials (6.21%), industrials (5.97%) and consumer staples (5.09%). Energy returned 3.42% and utilities returned 2.50%.



ESG is incorporated into each and every valuation

Fund Objective

The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index by more than 2.5% p.a. over rolling five-year periods, before fees, expenses and tax.

Key Facts

Responsible Entity

Yarra Funds Management Limited

APIR Code

TYN0028AU

Portfolio Manager

Brad Potter, Jason Kim

Asset Allocation

Australian Shares 80% - 100% International Shares Cash

Minimum Investment

AUD 10,000 or platform nominated minimums

Buy/Sell Spread

0.20%/0.20%

Management Cost

0.80% p.a.

Distribution Frequency

Half yearly

Fund Size

AUD 440 million

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