

At a glance, as at 31 August 2019, the Fund achieved:

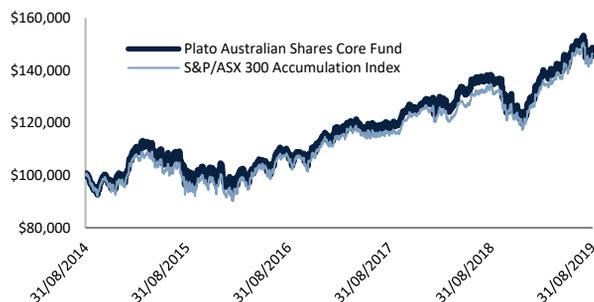
- Excess total return of -0.3% after fees for the month
- 11.5% p.a. total return after fees over the last 3 years
- 0.2% p.a. excess total return after fees over the last 3 years

Fund statistics

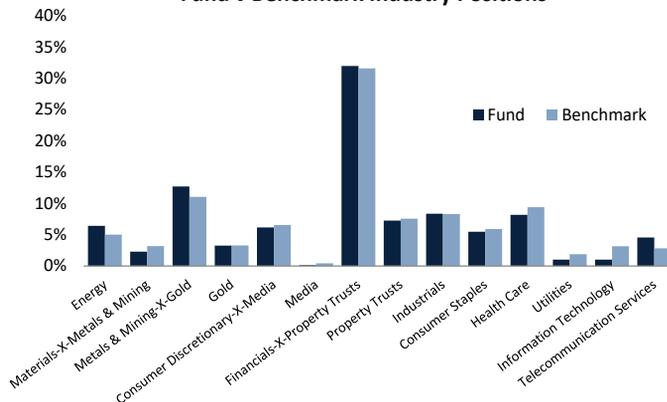
- Fund PE = 13.1 vs Benchmark PE = 15.8
- Fund Gross Dividend Yield = 5.8% vs. Benchmark = 5.7%
- Fund ROE = 17.5% vs. Benchmark ROE = 17.1%

PERFORMANCE	1 MTH %	3 MTH %	1 YR %	3 YRS % P.A.	5 YRS % P.A.	INCEPTION ¹ % P.A.
FUND TOTAL RETURN BEFORE FEES ²	-2.6	3.9	8.3	12.0	8.7	7.0
FUND TOTAL RETURN AFTER FEES ³	-2.6	3.8	7.8	11.5	8.3	6.3
BENCHMARK TOTAL RETURN ⁴	-2.3	4.3	9.1	11.3	7.9	6.1
EXCESS TOTAL RETURN BEFORE FEES ²	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9
EXCESS TOTAL RETURN AFTER FEES ³	-0.3	-0.5	-1.3	0.2	0.4	0.2

Fund (after fees) vs Benchmark Cumulative Performance based on growth of AUD\$100,000 – last 5 yrs



Fund v Benchmark Industry Positions



Summary

The Plato Australian Shares Core Fund ('Fund') delivered a total return of -2.6% after fees in August compared to the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index ('Benchmark') return of -2.3%.

For the first time in 2019, the Australian market finished the month lower, falling just over 2% in August but finishing well above its mid-month 5% fall. This fall was in line with global markets as trade war rhetoric heated up. Australia's 10-year bond yield fell another 30bps to end the month of June at 0.89%, the lowest level in Australia's history, making it even more difficult for retirees to generate income from bonds or term deposits. This again resulted in the outperformance of defensive, lower risk stocks. The top performing sectors were Healthcare and Real Estate in contrast to Materials and Energy stocks which lagged.

The largest positive contributors to the Fund during the month were overweight positions in Lend Lease, Qantas which announced an off-market buyback (see our analysis [here](#)), Resmed, Woolworths and JB Hi-fi. However, overweight positions in Rio Tinto, St Barbara and Cimic underperformed and underweights in Newcrest and CSL detracted from relative performance.

The Fund remains positioned to outperform its Benchmark in a risk-aware manner by investing in cheap, good quality stocks that have improving business momentum.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	NAME
ANZ	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group
BHP	BHP Billiton
CBA	Commonwealth Bank
CSL	CSL Limited
MQG	Macquarie Group
NAB	National Australia Bank
RIO	Rio Tinto
TLS	Telstra
WBC	Westpac
WOW	Woolworths

¹ Inception date 31 October 2006.

² Returns are before applicable fees, costs and taxes.

³ Returns are after applicable fees, costs and taxes.

⁴ Benchmark is the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index.

All data is as at 31 August 2019 unless indicated otherwise.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

INVESTMENT MANAGER	PLATO INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
OBJECTIVE	The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index after fees over rolling 3-5 year periods.
INVESTMENTS	Australian listed entities, cash and possibly futures.
BENCHMARK	S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index
INVESTMENT APPROACH	The investment process aims to outperform the Benchmark by investing in good quality, value stocks with improving business momentum.
PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90% to 100% invested in Australian listed shares and futures* 0% to 10% invested in cash, although the Fund is intended to be fully invested with cash held for liquidity purposes <p>*Futures, specifically listed futures, may be held for liquidity purposes and to manage risk, cashflow and investment exposure.</p>
INVESTMENT TIMEFRAME	Long term, being 5 to 7 years.
NO. OF STOCKS	Generally, minimum 50 stocks at any one time
RISK LEVEL	Moderate to high. This means there is a high risk of losing money in any year. Conversely, the Fund is likely to produce higher returns over the long term.
MANAGEMENT COSTS	0.41% p.a. (inclusive of the net effect of GST and RITC).
BUY/SELL SPREAD	+0.20% / -0.20%.
MINIMUM INVESTMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indirect investors: refer to the operator of your service. Direct investors: minimum initial investment \$100,000.



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