

# Performance report | 31 October 2023

## Bennelong Australian Equities Fund

### Net returns

|                        | 1 mth  | 3 mths | CYTD   | 1 year | 3 years p.a. | 5 years p.a. | 10 years p.a. | Since inception <sup>2</sup> p.a. |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fund                   | -5.34% | -9.18% | 2.23%  | -1.91% | -0.10%       | 7.01%        | 7.46%         | 10.94%                            |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> | -3.80% | -7.29% | -0.46% | 2.51%  | 8.68%        | 7.15%        | 6.57%         | 9.01%                             |
| Value added            | -1.54% | -1.89% | +2.69% | -4.42% | -8.78%       | -0.14%       | +0.88%        | +1.93%                            |

Performance figures are net of fees and expenses. 'Value added' calculation does not use rounded performance figures. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### About the Fund

The Bennelong Australian Equities Fund is a high conviction 'core' fund. It aims to grow investment value over the long term via a combination of capital growth and income, by investing in a diversified portfolio of Australian securities.

The Fund typically holds 25-50 securities across the spectrum of the Australian share market (primarily from the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index).

### Benefits of the Fund

- Provides investors with appropriate diversification across the ASX
- Competitively priced, with no performance fees
- Track record of adding value by outperforming the market over the long term
- Managed in accordance with BAEP's robust, disciplined and proven investment philosophy and process

### About BAEP

Bennelong Australian Equity Partners (BAEP) is a boutique fund manager investing in Australian listed equities. It was founded in 2008 by Mark East, in partnership with Bennelong Funds Management.

BAEP is a genuinely active, award-winning and highly-rated fund manager with an experienced and performance-oriented team. Its investment philosophy is to selectively invest in high quality companies with strong growth outlooks and underestimated earnings momentum and prospects. Its investment process is research-intensive, with a focus on proprietary field research, and is supported by macro-economic and quantitative insights.

### Portfolio sector allocation

| Sector           | Fund Weight | Benchmark <sup>1</sup> Weight | Active Weight |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Discretionary    | 42.1%       | 7.0%                          | 35.1%         |
| Communication    | 9.0%        | 4.0%                          | 5.0%          |
| Health Care      | 13.6%       | 8.7%                          | 4.9%          |
| Liquidity        | 3.2%        | 0.0%                          | 3.2%          |
| REIT's           | 5.5%        | 5.9%                          | -0.4%         |
| Utilities        | 0.0%        | 1.6%                          | -1.6%         |
| IT               | 0.9%        | 2.6%                          | -1.7%         |
| Consumer Staples | 0.0%        | 4.4%                          | -4.4%         |
| Energy           | 0.0%        | 5.8%                          | -5.8%         |
| Materials        | 18.1%       | 24.8%                         | -6.7%         |
| Industrials      | 0.0%        | 6.9%                          | -6.9%         |
| Financials       | 7.5%        | 28.3%                         | -20.8%        |

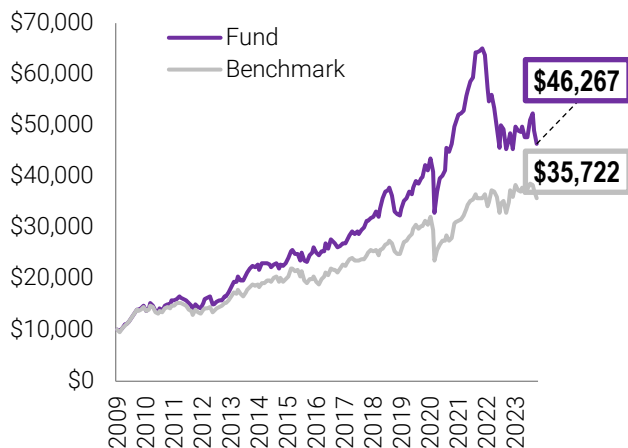
### Portfolio characteristics

|                  | Fund  | Benchmark <sup>1</sup> | Profile              |
|------------------|-------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Return on Equity | 16.5% | 12.1%                  | Premium Quality      |
| Debt/Equity      | 14.2% | 34.5%                  |                      |
| Sales Growth     | 9.6%  | 2.6%                   | Superior Growth      |
| EPS Growth       | 12.3% | -0.2%                  |                      |
| Price/Earnings   | 18.2x | 14.5x                  | Reasonable Valuation |
| Dividend Yield   | 2.5%  | 4.4%                   |                      |
| Beta             | 1.22  | 1                      |                      |
| Active Share     | 75%   | na                     | Genuinely Active     |
| No. of Stocks    | 23    | 300                    |                      |

Source: broker consensus estimates for the next 12 months

## Long-term performance

Growth of \$10,000 since inception<sup>2,3</sup>



## Top five active holdings

At month end, in alphabetical order

| Company                            |
|------------------------------------|
| Aristocrat Leisure Limited         |
| CSL Limited                        |
| Flight Centre Travel Group Limited |
| IDP Education Limited              |
| James Hardie Industries PLC        |

## Top three contributors

To monthly relative performance, in alphabetical order

| Company            | Avg active position |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Carsales.Com       | Overweight          |
| IDP Education      | Overweight          |
| Liontown Resources | Underweight         |

## Top three detractors

To monthly relative performance, in alphabetical order

| Company     | Avg active position |
|-------------|---------------------|
| AP Eagers   | Overweight          |
| Credit Corp | Overweight          |
| CSL         | Overweight          |

## The Fund at a glance

| Feature                                | Fund facts   |
|--|--|
| APIR code                              | BFL0001AU  |
| Benchmark                              | S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index                               |
| Investment objective                   | 2% p.a. above benchmark measured over rolling 3-year periods |
| Active stock limit                     | ± 6%   |
| Cash limit                             | 0 - 10%  |
| Inception date                         | 30 January 2009  |
| Recommended investment period          | Medium to longer term (five years plus)                      |
| Buy/sell spread                        | +/-0.20%   |
| Entry/exit fees                        | Nil  |
| Management fees and costs <sup>4</sup> | 0.98% p.a of Net Asset Value of the Fund                     |
| Performance fee                        | None   |

## How to invest

The Fund is open to investors via the PDS (available on our [website](#)), mFund (code: BAE01), or the following platforms.

- AMP (Elements Investment, Elements Pension, eWrap Investment Acc, eWrap Pension Acc, iAccess, Investment Service, Multifund, MyNorth, North, Pension Service, Portfolio Care, Portfolio Care eWrap, Summit, Super Service, Synergy, Wealthview eWrap Inv)
- Allan Gray Solutions (Super, Pension, Investment)
- BT Asgard (Master Trust, Employee Super, Infinity eWrap)
- BT (Panorama)
- Centric Wealth (IDPS)
- CFS (FirstWrap, IX (PIS))
- Dash
- Hub 24 (Super, IDPS)
- Mason Stevens
- Macquarie Wrap (IDPS, Super, Accumulator)
- Netwealth (Super Service, Wrap Service, IDPS)
- Oasis (Wealthtrac, Voyage)
- One Answer (Frontier, OnePath)
- Praemium (Super, Non-Super)
- Wealthtrac

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1 S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

2 Inception date is 30 January 2009

3 Calculations are based on net returns (after fees and expenses) and assume the reinvestment of distributions.

4 Management fees and costs consist of annual management fee rate and capped recoverable expenses. For a detailed split of the fees and costs, please refer to the fund(s) PDS.

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