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Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund (Retail)

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Investment objective	The Fund aims to outperform (before fees) the S&P 200 Index (Total Returns) over rolling four-year periods.
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Performance*	Return	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
		%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.
	Growth	2.57	4.68	7.98	-1.35	-1.59	2.19	-4.62	-7.11
	Distribution	0.00	1.20	5.45	6.47	6.42	6.27	4.66	11.39
	Total	2.57	5.88	13.43	5.12	4.83	8.46	0.04	4.28
	Benchmark ¹	1.39	5.84	14.59	7.98	7.40	9.17	7.05	9.50

*The Fund performance relates to retail investors only. If you are a wholesale investor, you can obtain up to date returns at maple-brownabbott.com.au.
Inception date: 1 October 2002
¹Benchmark: S&P/ASX 200 Index (Total Returns)

Market commentary	The Australian equity market had a good month, with the S&P/ASX 200 Index (Total Returns) rising 1.39%. Local economic data was a touch soft, with second quarter inflation below market expectations, slowing retail sales growth and weakness in house prices. The Australian government 10-year bond yield edged higher and the Australian Dollar was also slightly up against the US Dollar. Commodity prices were generally weaker. Looking at performance by sector, Telecommunication Services (+8%) was strongest, followed by Industrials (+3%), Consumer Discretionary (+2%) and Health Care (+2%). Utilities (-1%) was weakest, followed by Information Technology (-1%), Consumer Staples (0%) and Materials (0%).
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Fund commentary	<p>The Fund returned 2.57% (after fees) for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1.18%. The gearing level of the Fund as at end of July was 43.3%.</p> <p>Our overweight holding in Brambles (+11%) was a key positive contributor to performance. The stock performed very well, supported by increased market confidence in its ability to recover higher lumber and freight costs and its exposure to a strengthening US economy. Our overweight holding in Telstra Corporation (+8%) outperformed, with the market reacting favourably to a suite of management changes that were seen to enhance the ability of the company to execute on its new strategy. Our decision not to hold Insurance Australia Group (-6%) was also supportive. The stock's underperformance contrasted good performance from the other general insurers, with the market seemingly questioning the premium multiple on which it trades.</p> <p>Our resource holdings were mixed, with overweight positions in Origin Energy (-3%) and Rio Tinto (-3%) detracting from performance and BHP Billiton (+3%) contributing positively. Our decision not to hold any of the gold miners was also supportive. Commodity prices were key drivers of performance, with oil, coking coal, base metals and gold weaker over the month. Iron ore traded modestly higher. In addition to a resilient iron ore price, the solid performance from BHP Billiton reflected a better than expected sale price for its US onshore shale assets. Our overweight position in AMP (-4%) contributed negatively. The company released a trading update, effectively pre-releasing its first half result and showing underlying profit modestly below market expectations. They also announced a swathe of one-off costs relating to the Royal Commission, including a substantial provision for customer remediation and significant compliance, legal and administrative expenses.</p>
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Actual asset allocation by sector		Fund %	Benchmark %
	Energy	9.8	5.7
	Materials	22.7	18.3
	Industrials	3.0	7.2
	Consumer discretionary	3.3	4.8
	Consumer staples	11.6	7.9
	Healthcare	2.5	8.5
	Financials	34.5	33.5
	Information technology	0.1	2.3
	Telecommunication services	3.9	2.4
	Utilities	2.3	2.0
	Real Estate	2.4	7.4
	Cash	3.9	0.0
	Total	100.0	100.0



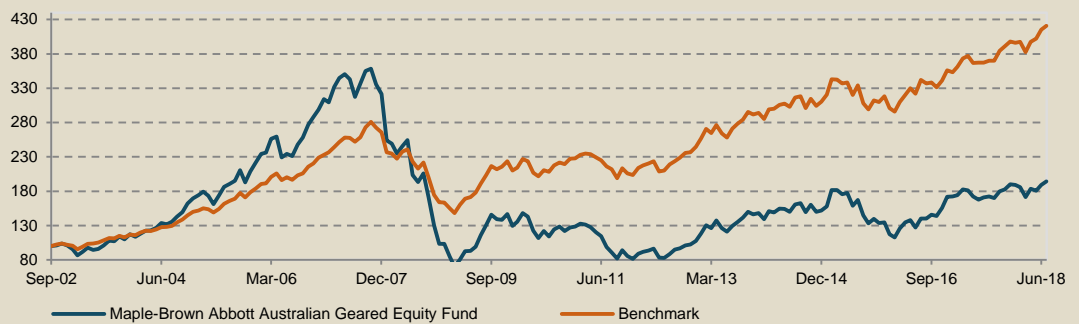
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Top 10 holdings

	Fund %	Benchmark %
BHP Billiton	10.9	6.7
Westpac Banking Corporation	7.5	6.0
Australia & New Zealand Banking Gp	7.4	5.0
National Australia Bank	6.4	4.6
Woodside Petroleum	5.5	2.0
Wesfarmers	5.4	3.3
Rio Tinto	4.6	2.0
Origin Energy	4.2	1.0
Telstra Corporation	3.9	2.0
QBE Insurance Group	3.7	0.8

Value of \$100 invested at inception



Key features

Fund size	\$21.7 million
APIR code	ADV0077AU
Date established	October 2002
Distribution frequency	June, December
Minimum investment	\$1,500 (\$1,000 with a regular savings plan) ¹
Minimum withdrawal	\$500
Management costs ³	2.05% pa ²
Distribution reinvestment	Yes
Buy/Sell spread (%)	0.38/0.38
Exit Fee	Nil

¹ Refer to the Product Disclosure Statement and Additional Information Booklet available on our website for further details.

² Fees quoted are on a GST inclusive basis and net of any applicable Reduced Input Tax Credits

³ The Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund charges a management costs 2.05% pa of the 'total assets' of the Fund, that is, your investment plus borrowings, instead of 'net assets', which is used for other Funds. If comparing on a net asset basis, assuming a gearing ratio of 50%, this would represent an ongoing fee of 4.10% pa.

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