



# MAPLE-BROWN ABBOTT

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## Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Share Fund (Wholesale)

28 February 2018

<b>Investment objective</b>	The Fund aims to outperform (before fees) the S&P 200 Index (Total Returns) over rolling four-year periods.
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<b>Market commentary</b>	<p>The Australian equity market was up modestly over the month, with the S&amp;P/ASX 200 Index (Total Returns) rising 0.4%. The key focus of the Australian market was on the half-yearly company reporting season, which delivered results somewhat above expectations. Local economic data was slightly soft on average, with continued weak wages growth and a slowdown in retail sales. Commodity prices were mixed, with iron ore stronger and oil notably weaker. The Australian Dollar weakened against the US Dollar and the Australian Government 10-year bond yield was broadly steady. Looking at performance by sector, Health Care (+7.0%) was strongest, followed by Consumer Staples (+2.2%), Information Technology (+1.3%), Financials (+0.7%) and Materials (+0.4%). Telecommunication Services (-6.0%) was weakest, followed by Energy (-3.7%) and A-REITs (-3.3%).</p>
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<b>Fund commentary</b>	<p>The Fund had a negative return of 0.73% (after fees) for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 1.09%. Our overweight holding in Coca-Cola Amatil (+6.9%) outperformed, with the full-year result showing signs of stabilising volume trends in the key Australian beverages business. Our overweight position in Primary Health Care (+9.9%) also contributed positively. The company delivered a half-year result broadly in line with expectations, but cash flow was solid and management's re-affirmation of full-year guidance was viewed favourably.</p> <p>Our decision not to hold CSL (+11.4%) and A2 Milk (+47.5%) were significant detractors from performance. Despite trading on what in our view were excessive valuations, both stocks outperformed following the release of strong half-year results. Our overweight holding in Woodside Petroleum (-8.9%) was another notable detractor. Whilst it delivered a full-year result broadly in line with expectations, the market was unimpressed with the announcement of an acquisition and rights issue, which will prove earnings per share dilutive over the medium-term. The stock was further impacted by the weaker oil price. Elsewhere in the commodities space, our overweight holding in Rio Tinto (+5.6%) performed well. The company released a solid full-year result, with particular strength in cash flow and debt reduction creating additional options for capital management. The stock was further supported by higher spot iron ore prices. Our overweight position in Harvey Norman Holdings (-11.3%) contributed negatively. The company released a half-year result below expectations, with higher costs in the Australian franchised business and write-downs from non-core operations.</p>
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<b>Actual asset allocation by sector</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Fund %</th> <th>Benchmark %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Energy</td> <td>8.5</td> <td>5.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Materials</td> <td>21.9</td> <td>18.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrials</td> <td>1.1</td> <td>7.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consumer discretionary</td> <td>3.5</td> <td>4.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consumer staples</td> <td>12.6</td> <td>7.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthcare</td> <td>4.2</td> <td>7.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financials</td> <td>35.1</td> <td>35.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information technology</td> <td>0.1</td> <td>2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Telecommunication services</td> <td>4.1</td> <td>2.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utilities</td> <td>1.7</td> <td>2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Real Estate</td> <td>1.5</td> <td>7.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash</td> <td>5.7</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>100.0</td> <td>100.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Fund %	Benchmark %	Energy	8.5	5.1	Materials	21.9	18.1	Industrials	1.1	7.0	Consumer discretionary	3.5	4.6	Consumer staples	12.6	7.5	Healthcare	4.2	7.8	Financials	35.1	35.5	Information technology	0.1	2.0	Telecommunication services	4.1	2.8	Utilities	1.7	2.0	Real Estate	1.5	7.6	Cash	5.7	0.0	Total	100.0	100.0
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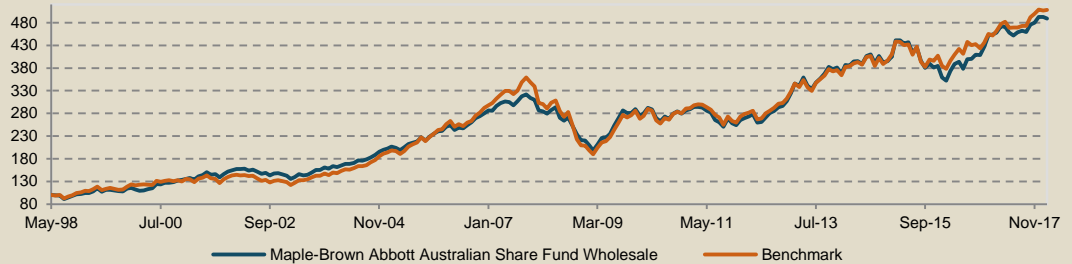
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## Top 10 holdings

	Fund %	Benchmark %
BHP Billiton	10.3	6.1
Westpac Banking Corporation	7.7	6.5
Australia & New Zealand Banking Gp	7.7	5.3
National Australia Bank	7.0	5.1
Wesfarmers	5.4	2.9
Rio Tinto	4.7	2.1
Woodside Petroleum	4.5	1.7
Telstra Corporation	4.1	2.5
Origin Energy	4.1	1.0
Woolworths	4.0	2.2

## Value of \$100 invested at inception



## Key features

Fund size	\$398.8 million
APIR code	ADV0046AU
Date established	June 1998
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Minimum investment	\$25,000 ( \$1,500 with a regular savings plan) <sup>1</sup>
Minimum withdrawal	\$10,000
Management costs <sup>1</sup>	0.92% pa <sup>2</sup>
Distribution reinvestment	Yes
Buy/Sell spread (%)	0.20/0.20
Exit Fee	Nil

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

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

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