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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	-1.76	-1.86	1.38	-5.64	-0.99	1.16	-9.04	-7.49
	Distribution	0.00	3.78	5.27	6.41	6.39	6.18	6.16	11.60
	Total	-1.76	1.92	6.65	0.77	5.40	7.34	-2.88	4.11
	Benchmark ¹	0.36	1.72	10.10	5.07	7.36	8.01	5.40	9.37

*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 was up modestly over the month, with the S&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%).
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Fund commentary	The Fund had a negative return of 1.76% (after fees) for the month, underperforming the benchmark by 2.12%. The gearing level of the Fund as at end of February was 43.2%. 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. 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.
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Actual asset allocation by sector		Fund %	Benchmark %
	Energy	8.5	5.1
	Materials	22.1	18.1
	Industrials	1.2	7.0
	Consumer discretionary	3.5	4.6
	Consumer staples	12.7	7.5
	Healthcare	4.2	7.8
	Financials	35.6	35.5
	Information technology	0.1	2.0
	Telecommunication services	4.2	2.8
	Utilities	1.8	2.0
	Real Estate	2.2	7.6
	Cash	3.9	0.0
	Total	100.0	100.0



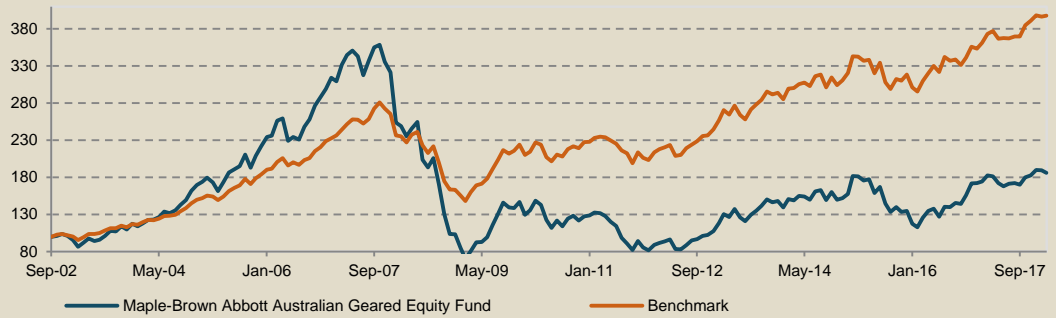
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Top 10 holdings

	Fund %	Benchmark %
BHP Billiton	10.3	6.1
Westpac Banking Corporation	7.7	6.5
Australia & New Zealand Banking Gp	7.6	5.3
National Australia Bank	6.8	5.1
Wesfarmers	5.5	2.9
Rio Tinto	4.6	2.1
Woodside Petroleum	4.4	1.7
Telstra Corporation	4.2	2.5
Origin Energy	4.1	1.0
Woolworths	4.0	2.2

Value of \$100 invested at inception



Key features

Fund size	\$21.5 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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