Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund (Australian Unit Trust)



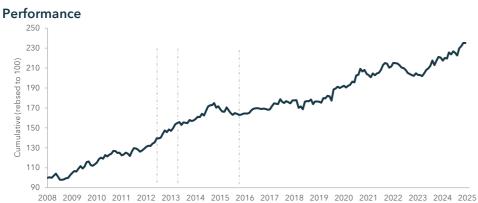
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A AUD Share Class

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Investment Objective

The Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund aims to achieve long-term absolute returns in all market conditions over a rolling five-year period, with lower volatility than equity markets and in excess of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cash rate.



The track record shown represents the net total return from four different time periods: 1) From 16/09/08 until 31/03/12 the Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return strategy - source Fulcrum Asset Management LLP. 2) From 01/04/12 to 13/12/12 the TM Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund Class C GBP adjusted for the interest rate differential between AUD\$ cash and GBP cash - source Fulcrum Asset Management LLP. 3) From 14/12/12 to 31/03/15 the TM Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund Class C AUD. 4) From 01/04/15 the Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund (Australian unit trust). NAV source third party administrator. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and future returns are not guaranteed.

Returns (Periods over 1 year are annualised)

	July	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Total Returns (%)	0.0	2.4	6.7	3.6	4.2	5.2

Calendar Year Returns

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Returns (%)	5.1	7.5	-1.2	2.9	4.1	7.9

12 Month Rolling Returns to July

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Returns (%)	6.7	7.7	-3.2	3.5	6.9

Performance contribution by strategy¹



Source: Fulcrum Asset Management LLP

Key Facts	
Legal Structure	Australian Unit Trust
Domicile	Australia
Fund Launch	31/03/2015
Redemption Price	1.0299
Fund AUM	AUD \$1.3bn
Strategy AUM	AUD \$9.1bn
Company AUM	AUD \$12.0bn

Share Class

Primary Share Class	A AUD
APIR	ETL0424AU
Management Fee	1.00%
Currency Classes	AUD

Fund Facts

Administrator	J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A
Custodian	J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (Sydney Branch)
Responsible Entity	Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited
Valuation Point	Official Market Close
Deal Cut Off	14:00 Australian time
Auditor	KPMG
Dealing Frequency	Daily, 14:00 Australian time
Report Date - Annual	30 June

¹ DM represents Discretionary Macro Strategies

Market commentary

There was a stabilisation in the economic and policy environment in July as the Trump administration reached deals on trade tariffs with a number of nations.

There were some signs of tariff effects starting to be felt in inflation data, with core CPI in the US rising to 2.9% in June. Meanwhile, US economic activity improved, with declining levels of unemployment and jobless claims, and second-quarter GDP was above expectations. At the July Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, officials kept rates on hold, emphasising the strength of the labour market and the need to wait for more data to gauge inflation, against a backdrop of overt pressure from Trump to cut interest rates.

The European Central Bank (ECB) also opted to keep interest rates on hold in July. With inflation at target and rates seen to be at a neutral level, President Lagarde affirmed a 'wait-and-watch' approach to setting monetary policy. In Japan, concerns around the strength of populist parties in upper-house elections saw the 10-year yield reach its highest level since 2008.

Against this backdrop, global equities rose over the month, while global bonds sold off. The US dollar rallied, marking its first monthly gain in 2025. Meanwhile, global commodities rose, led by a strong rise in energy commodities, but with a decline in industrial metals.

Performance commentary

Performance was flat in July, with Dynamic Asset Allocation (DAA) ending the month slightly higher, Discretionary Macro (DM) strategies ending the month slightly lower, and Diversifying Strategies (DS) ending the month flat.

Within the DAA sleeve, there were gains from a long position in equities as equity markets ground higher, underpinned by low levels of volatility. There was a slight drag from the bond allocation and a flat contribution from commodities.

Diversifying Strategies were little changed over the month, with gains from equities and commodities exposure being offset by losses from a short dollar orientation.

Discretionary Macro experienced a more challenging month than of late, albeit with a mix of gains and losses across the underlying strategies. The challenges came in Currencies, namely the long Japanese yen position, and Fixed Income, particularly the long duration position in UK and US rates. The Thematic Equities strategy was impacted by a short, sharp momentum reversal early in the month, before settling to see gains from positions in European banks and AI winners, while positions in the energy (oil pipelines vs. oil producers, US gas producers) and consumer sectors detracted.

At the other end of the spectrum, Equity Macro benefitted from a long position in the Hang Seng as optimism remained about the outlook for the Chinese tariff negotiations, a tactical long Silver position was helpful in Precious Metals and a tactical long EuroStoxx position early in the month in Cross Asset was also beneficial.

Macro Models contributed positively to performance, with gains led by a short orientation in global bonds as well as by trading in agricultural commodities.

Positioning & Outlook

Dynamic Asset Allocation

The allocation to equities rose in July, supported by a continued decline in asset class volatility, while the bond allocation rose as an increase in the term spread raised the attractiveness of duration. The commodity exposure also increased as stabilising economic conditions raised expected returns and asset class volatility fell sharply.

Discretionary Macro

In Fixed Income, we maintain a long duration stance, primarily in the European and UK bond markets, given tepid activity growth. There are further downside risks to both growth and inflation in Europe from trade tariffs, while the UK has seen a slowdown in the labour market. In Equities, we maintain exposure to UK and Chinese equities, both of which we believe have upside potential relative to other markets.

On the Currencies side, we maintain a short orientation in the US dollar expressed primarily in a long Japanese yen position. Whilst the yen suffered during the dollar advance in July, it remains historically undervalued and the domestic backdrop in Japan remains reflationary, underscored by a recent increase in the Bank of Japan's inflation forecast, which should support a continued normalisation in short-term interest rates.

In Commodities we maintain a long exposure to precious metals, managed tactically to benefit from the increased appeal of precious metals as a hedge in periods of policy-induced market volatility.

Elsewhere, in Dynamic Convexity we hold negative exposure to duration alongside a positive dollar stance, a hedge against the tail risk of a more hawkish policy path from the Federal Reserve.

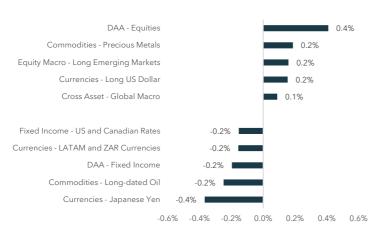
Diversifying Strategies

The trend-following strategy extended its long equities positioning in July and built a positive exposure to oil, while moderating its long duration stance following the bond sell-off during the month.

Overall

Amid significant uncertainty in global economic and policy developments, we remain nimble in our positioning, with significant diversification across strategies as well as hedging against emergent risks.

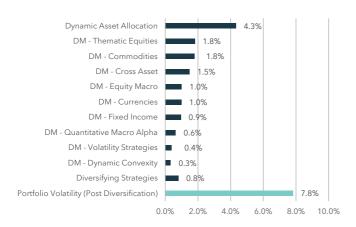
Top 5 performance contributors and detractors



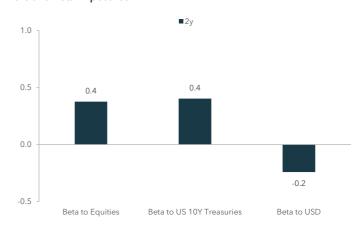
Top positions by strategy	Risk Contribution 5.6%	
DAA - Equities		
DM - Commodities - Precious Metals	1.6%	
DAA - Commodities	1.4%	
DM - Commodities - Long-dated Oil	1.3%	
DAA - Fixed Income	1.2%	
DM - Cross Asset - Brazil Macro	0.8%	
DM - Currencies - Japanese Yen	0.8%	
Diversifying Strategies	0.8%	
DM - Equity Macro - US Equities	0.7%	
DM - Macro Models - QMA	0.6%	

Source: Fulcrum Asset Management LLP

Risk by strategy



Portfolio Beta Exposures²

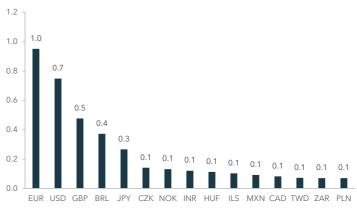


Portfolio exposures

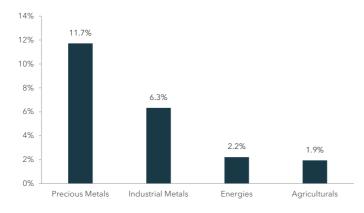
Equity - Net exposures by Region (26.3%)



Fixed Income - Duration exposure (4.1 years)



Commodities - Net exposures by commodity (22.2%)



Currencies - Net exposures, top 5 long/short



Material matters

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The Fund is classified as a hedge fund in accordance with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, Regulatory Guide 240 'Hedge funds: Improving disclosure'. This classification is based on the fact that the Fund currently exhibits two or more characteristics of a hedge fund, being:

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- · use of leverage;
- use of derivatives;
- use of short selling;
- charges a performance fee.

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Risk Summary

Leverage techniques may be used by the fund. A relatively small price movement in an underlying asset may amplify losses and the fund may be exposed to losses which are greater than the initial amount invested. Any derivatives usage can result in substantial losses to the fund where expectations as to how a derivative will perform prove to be incorrect or inefficient, or in adverse market conditions. Losses may occur if an organisation through which the fund transacts becomes insolvent or fails to meet its obligations. This risk may be reduced by obtaining assets as collateral from these organisations. For a full explanation of specific risks and the fund's overall risk profile, as well as all its share classes, please refer to the PDS, available on the firm's website.

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