

Forsyth Barr Funds | AUS Companies Fund



Fund update for quarter ending 31 March 2025

This fund update was first made publicly available on 1st May 2025

What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the AUS Companies Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Forsyth Barr Investment Management Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

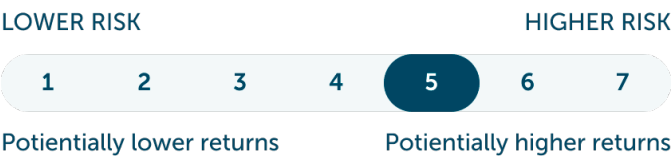
Description of this fund

The AUS Companies Fund aims to achieve positive long term returns by investing in the Octagon Australian Equities Fund which invests mostly in Australian shares, and can invest in New Zealand listed shares, where the company has meaningful operations in Australia.

Total value of the fund	\$21,527,891
The date the fund started	16 August 2023

What are the risks of investing?

Risk indicator¹ for AUS Companies Fund:



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the fund’s assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way.

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler/.

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there are other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund’s future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for the five year period to 31 March 2025. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

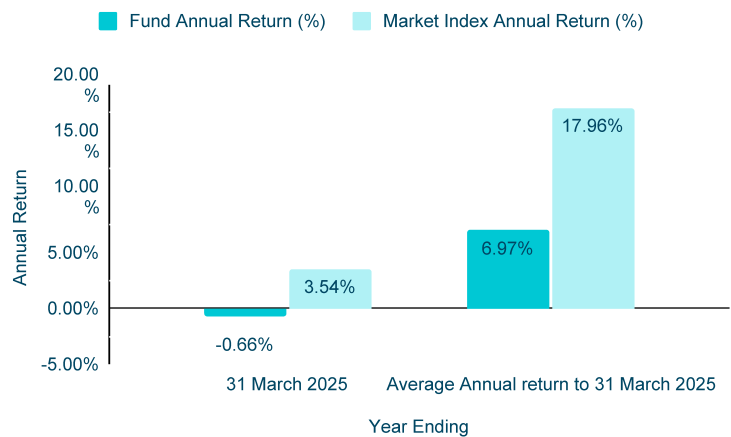
See the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

How has the fund performed?

	PAST YEAR
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	-0.66%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	0.12%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	3.54%

The market index return is based on the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index, 50% hedged to the New Zealand dollar. Additional information about the market index is available on the Forsyth Barr Funds’ entry on the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

Annual return graph



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each year ending 31 March since the fund started. The last bar shows the average annual return since the fund started, up to 31 March 2025.

Important: this does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future. Returns in this update are after tax at the highest prescribed investor rate (PIR) of tax for an individual New Zealand resident. Your tax may be lower.

What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the AUS Companies Fund are charged fund charges based on a percentage of the value of the investments in the fund. As at 31 March 2025 these are:²

	% OF NET ASSET VALUE ³
Total fund charges	1.20%
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	1.20%
Including	
Manager's basic fee ⁴	1.20%
Other management and administration charges	0.00%
Total performance-based fees	0.00%
Other Charges	Dollar amount per investor
	\$0.00

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds), although no such fees currently apply. See the PDS for more information about fees. Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

Example of how this applies to an investor

Phoebe had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Phoebe received a return after fund charges were deducted of \$12 (that is 0.12% of their initial \$10,000). This gives Phoebe a total loss after tax of -\$66 for the year.

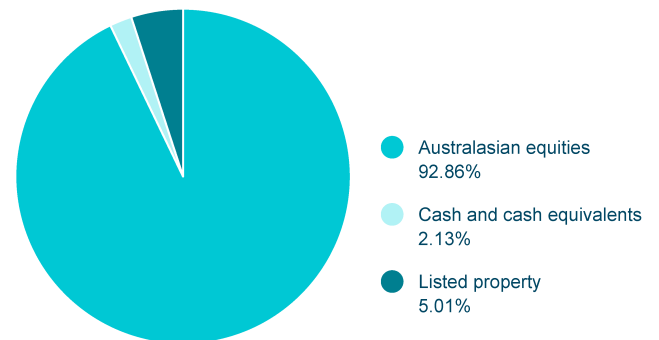
What does the fund invest in?

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.

Target investment mix

ASSET CLASS	ASSET CLASS TARGET ASSET MIX
Cash and cash equivalents	5.00%
New Zealand fixed interest	0.00%
International fixed interest	0.00%
Australasian equities	85.00%
International equities	0.00%
Listed property	10.00%
Unlisted property	0.00%
Commodities	0.00%
Other	0.00%

Actual Investment Mix



Top 10 investments

	NAME	PERCENTAGE OF FUND NET ASSETS	TYPE	COUNTRY	CREDIT RATING (IF APPLICABLE)
1	BHP Group Limited	7.39%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
2	CSL Limited	6.54%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
3	Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited	6.51%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
4	Westpac Banking Corporation	4.60%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
5	National Australia Bank Limited	3.67%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
6	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	3.35%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
7	Macquarie Group Limited	2.73%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
8	Telstra Group	2.61%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
9	Rio Tinto Limited	2.47%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a
10	Wesfarmers Limited	2.42%	Australasian equities	Australia	n/a

The top 10 investments make up 42.28% of the fund.

We do not undertake foreign currency hedging in relation to the funds. That means that the value of the fund will fluctuate with the value of the New Zealand dollar. However, Octagon Asset Management Limited manages currency risk in the Octagon Investment Funds, as described in the fund updates for those funds.

Key personnel

NAME	CURRENT POSITION	TIME IN CURRENT POSITION	PREVIOUS OR OTHER CURRENT POSITION	TIME IN PREVIOUS OR OTHER CURRENT POSITION
Paul Robertshawe	Chief Investment Officer Octagon Asset Management Limited	3 years, 4 months	Portfolio Manager, Forsyth Barr Limited	0 years, 8 months
Jason Lindsay	Head of Equities, Octagon Asset Management Limited	3 years, 4 months	Co-Head of Funds Management, Forsyth Barr Limited	2 years, 2 months
Craig Alexander	Head of Fixed Interest and ESG, Octagon Asset Management Limited	3 years, 4 months	Co-Head of Funds Management, Forsyth Barr Limited	8 years, 5 months
Neil Paviour-Smith	Director of Forsyth Barr Investment Management Limited	17 years, 1 month	Managing Director, Forsyth Barr Limited (current)	24 years, 3 months
Penny Hogg	Director, Strategic Operations, Forsyth Barr Limited	2 years, 4 months	Chief Operating Officer, Tempo Holdings Limited	0 years, 10 months

Further information

You can also obtain this information, the PDS for the Forsyth Barr Funds, and some additional information from the offer register at www.disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz.

Notes

1. This fund was launched on 16th August 2023. We've calculated the risk indicator using market index returns data for periods before that date, and actual fund returns data afterwards. Using market index returns means that the risk indicators may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the funds. If a fund mainly invests into another fund with a different risk indicator, we adopt that number.
2. The fund has not been in existence for the whole of the most recent scheme year, so these are the fund charges that will be charged, rather than the fund charges that were charged in the most recent scheme year.
3. These charges are inclusive of GST.
4. The manager's basic fee is made up of a flat Forsyth Barr fee of 0.85% plus an underlying fund fee of 0.35%. We are also the manager of the underlying fund.