

# Australian Shares Fund

## Forager Australian Shares Fund Performance Summary (As at 31 January 2026. Net of all fees and expenses)

	1 month return	3 month return	1 year return	3 year return (p.a.)	5 year return (p.a.)	7 year return (p.a.)	10 year return (p.a.)	Since inception* (p.a.)
Australian Shares Fund	-3.73%	-7.80%	16.70%	17.00%	11.64%	11.12%	9.61%	10.93%
Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	2.74%	2.65%	22.76%	12.08%	7.49%	8.73%	9.51%	5.76%
All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	1.62%	0.31%	7.63%	9.95%	10.01%	10.39%	10.28%	8.51%

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\*30 October 2009

The above figures assume all distributions have been reinvested. The All Ordinaries Accumulation Index is the previous benchmark, still shown for comparison purposes

The trends of late 2025 accelerated in the first month of 2026. Precious metals, particularly gold and silver, traded like meme stocks. The price of a troy ounce of gold rocketed 25% and then fell 10% during the month (with much of the fall coming after Australian stock markets had closed). The silver price was even more volatile.

That flowed through to the gold-heavy ASX Small Ordinaries Index, which rose 2.7% for the month including dividends and was up 6.0% at its peak. The All Ordinaries Accumulation Index rose 1.6%.

The Forager Australian Shares Fund fared worse, losing 3.7% in January. The Fund has very little exposure to precious metals and the industrial stocks that we do own suffered as FOMO (fear of missing out) accelerated the shift towards commodities stocks.

As we explained in the [December quarterly](#), these are the momentum-driven times in which we live. While it started with some sound logic about monetary debasement and central bank independence, the frenzy over gold and silver became a full blown, social media driven wave. A wave that we weren't on and one that we aren't about to chase.

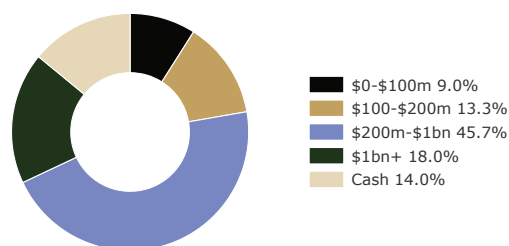
With weakness elsewhere throwing up new and old opportunities alike, the Fund's cash holdings fell from 16.0% at the end of 2025 to 14.0% at the end of the month. Catapult (CAT) and Paragon Care (PGC) have both returned to the portfolio. And we have added to several existing holdings on share price weakness.

### Top 5 holdings (as % of NAV)

Cuscal Ltd	(CCL AU)	8.5%
IDP Education Limited	(IEL AU)	6.5%
NZX LTD	(NZX NZ)	5.6%
EML Payments	(EML AU)	5.2%
Praemium Limited	(PPS AU)	5.0%
Cash		14.0%

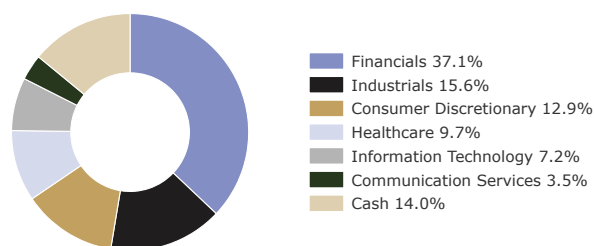
A number of these—including **Praemium** (PPS), **Plenti** (PLT) and **Wisr** (WZR)—released encouraging quarterly updates during January. More of the same through February's reporting season would be welcome.

### Portfolio Distribution According to Market Capitalisation



Source: S&P Capital IQ

### Stock Exposure by Sector



Source: Forager

### Fund Objective

The Fund targets securities that Forager believes are undervalued and invests predominately in securities listed on the ASX. The Fund's investment objective is to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over rolling 5-year periods. The Fund aims to produce superior long-term returns from a portfolio of 15–50 businesses, irrespective of short-term share price movements.^

## Fund Performance by Month and Financial Year (Net of all fees and expenses)

FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
2010					-0.69%	2.52%	-1.66%	0.08%	-0.34%	4.60%	-4.27%	-4.40%	-4.41%
2011	4.97%	-2.40%	-2.80%	-1.54%	3.12%	6.59%	1.58%	0.47%	-1.49%	3.40%	-5.39%	-0.82%	5.12%
2012	-1.00%	-2.61%	-7.20%	9.89%	-0.02%	-4.62%	1.53%	8.90%	5.02%	2.17%	-0.51%	-2.64%	7.76%
2013	8.70%	0.44%	2.83%	-3.07%	4.57%	0.33%	5.83%	4.86%	4.51%	1.41%	2.65%	-0.69%	36.87%
2014	10.46%	1.13%	4.77%	2.50%	-0.11%	0.37%	1.05%	0.48%	-1.28%	-3.44%	1.28%	-0.15%	17.73%
2015	6.71%	2.56%	-1.22%	-2.06%	-0.21%	-1.15%	0.94%	3.38%	4.87%	-2.42%	3.13%	-2.34%	12.31%
2016	7.94%	-4.46%	-1.38%	12.87%	-2.97%	0.22%	-1.33%	2.70%	4.40%	2.48%	1.51%	-3.91%	18.06%
2017	6.99%	3.25%	4.50%	-1.99%	-4.65%	1.76%	7.20%	1.29%	1.60%	1.16%	1.16%	1.00%	25.16%
2018	2.32%	-0.95%	2.69%	0.95%	0.21%	4.06%	-0.57%	-3.18%	-2.64%	2.77%	-0.97%	1.91%	6.50%
2019	-0.62%	-1.90%	-2.19%	-6.16%	-3.78%	-3.68%	0.98%	4.46%	-0.95%	-2.02%	-3.97%	-1.46%	-19.66%
2020	6.67%	-1.09%	4.38%	1.54%	-3.22%	-1.50%	2.46%	-10.97%	-39.71%	20.57%	18.04%	-2.16%	-18.36%
2021	3.70%	18.80%	2.00%	7.79%	13.22%	3.56%	-3.05%	4.07%	1.21%	13.23%	0.26%	1.62%	87.09%
2022	5.01%	2.58%	0.45%	1.57%	-1.35%	2.81%	-7.55%	-7.48%	2.86%	-7.29%	-9.60%	-12.30%	-27.91%
2023	12.28%	1.67%	-6.53%	7.58%	5.75%	-3.87%	5.95%	-4.62%	-3.85%	2.61%	0.34%	0.34%	17.13%
2024	4.18%	1.51%	-0.54%	-6.45%	4.76%	7.14%	-1.07%	4.43%	1.59%	1.24%	-0.51%	1.66%	18.69%
2025	1.57%	1.22%	3.29%	1.58%	8.17%	1.63%	2.93%	-0.86%	-2.87%	-0.29%	10.05%	1.64%	31.06%
2026	5.01%	7.70%	1.76%	2.42%	-3.65%	-0.60%	-3.73%						8.67%

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### Facts

Fund inception	30 October 2009
Minimum investment	\$20,000
Recurring Payment	Min. \$1000/mth
Distribution	Semi-Annual, 30 June, 31 December
Applications/Redemption	Daily

### Unit price summary

Date	31 January 2026
Buy Price	\$2.1252
Redemption Price	\$2.1168
Mid Price	\$2.1210
Portfolio Value	\$202.1 million

### About Forager

With approximately \$450 million of funds under management and a focus on long-term investing, Forager Funds is a unique Australian asset management company. Following a strong 15-year track record, Forager is a sustainable business but is nimble enough to invest in smaller listed companies not accessible to many investment managers.

The company is majority owned by staff. Forager's shareholders support the desire to place performance before revenue. That means capping the size of funds before too much money becomes an impediment to performance. Key investment staff are strongly aligned with investors through co-investment and / or equity in the Forager business.

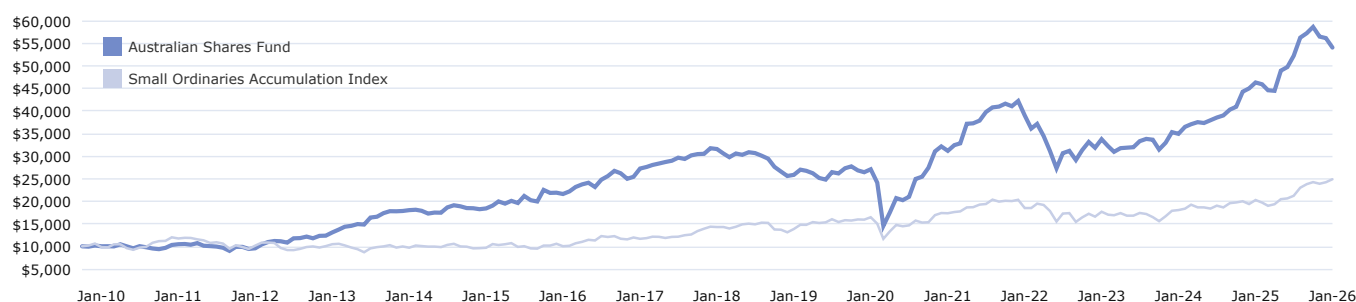
### Fund Characteristics

- Concentrated portfolio of ASX-listed stocks
- Long track record in identifying unloved gems
- Restricted fund size allows investment in smaller businesses
- Strong focus on managing portfolio risks
- Daily applications and redemptions

### Available on:

- Hub24 (IDPS and Super), MacWrap (IDPS), Netwealth (IDPS), FNZ (IDPS)

### Comparison of \$10,000 investment over time (returns are net of all fees and expenses)



Source (All Ords): S&P Capital IQ. The above figures assume that all distributions have been reinvested. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

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