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Seneca Australian Shares Fund

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Description

The Seneca Australian Shares Fund is a relative return fund that aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 Acc Index.

We will construct a portfolio of 20-40 Australian shares with a focus on high quality businesses trading at fair valuations. Our preference is for growth companies with strong balance sheets, sustainable competitive advantage and large, growing addressable markets.

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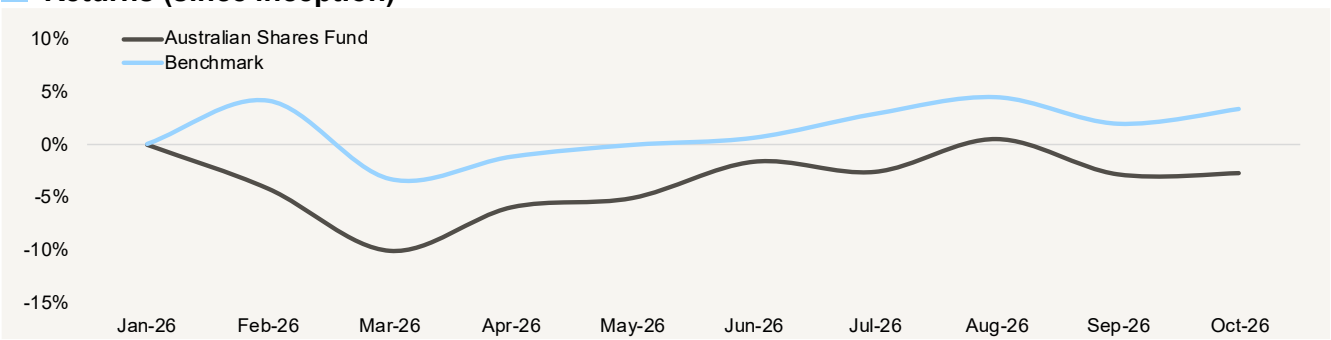
Portfolio Details

Portfolio Managers	Luke Laretive, Ben Richards
Inception Date	31 January 2026
Management Fee	0.75% p.a
Performance Fee	Nil
Benchmark	S&P/ASX 200 Index TR
Minimum Investment	$50,000
Liquidity	Monthly
Time Horizon	At least 5 years
Authorised Investments	ASX-listed securities
Number of Companies	20 to 40
Cash Allocation	0 to 50%
Investor Eligibility	Wholesale Investors Only

Performance

	1m	3m	6m	1y	2y ann.	Incep. ann.	Incep. cum.
Australian Shares Fund	0.11%	-0.12%	3.47%	-	-	-2.70%	-2.70%
Benchmark	1.38%	0.45%	4.60%	-	-	3.33%	3.33%
Excess return	-1.26%	-0.58%	-1.14%	-	-	-6.03%	-6.03%

Returns (since inception)



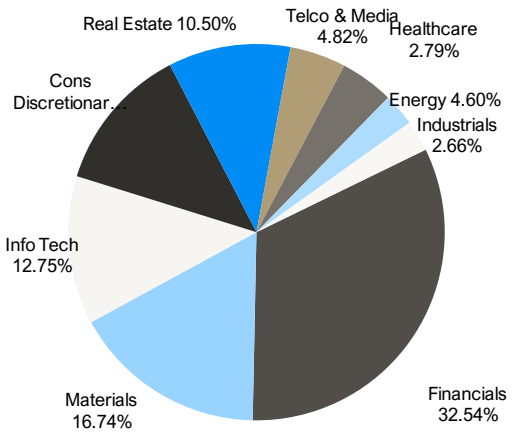
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Top 5 Holdings (alphabetical)

ANZ GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED	ANZ	Financials
BHP GROUP LIMITED	BHP	Materials
HMC CAPITAL LIMITED	HMC	Financials
INGENIA COMMUNITIES GROUP	INA	Real Estate
MACQUARIE GROUP LIMITED	MQG	Financials

Sector Allocation



Portfolio Commentary

The Seneca Australian Shares Fund returned 0.11% in October, underperforming the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index, which gained 1.38%.

Positive contributions from technology, financials and corporate activity were offset by weakness across our resource holdings. Large banks and healthcare companies supported the index.

Contributors and Detractors

Siteminder (SDR) was our largest positive contributor, gaining 25% as management clarified organic growth expectations at its AGM. The company expects annual recurring revenue growth in the mid-20s in FY27, alongside meaningful margin expansion supported by scale, operating efficiencies and increased adoption of its hotel commerce products.

Ingenia Communities (INA) continued its strong performance, with our holding returning 10% as competing takeover proposals emerged. AVID entered the contest at $5.35 per security, prompting Warburg Pincus to increase its proposal to $5.45, plus a permitted distribution of up to five cents. Both proposals remained conditional and non-binding at month-end. The competitive process continues to highlight the strategic value of Ingenia's assets.

Australian Finance Group (AFG) returned 13%. Its quarterly mortgage index showed the AFG Securities loan book had expanded 28% over the previous year, despite softer lodgement volumes. Lending activity improved through the quarter, with September the strongest month since the May Federal Budget.

Our new position in IDP Education (IEL) contributed positively, returning 11% over our holding period. At its AGM, management reaffirmed FY27 adjusted EBIT guidance of $95–115m and outlined further cost reductions as its transformation program progresses through a challenging international education market.

Nickel Industries (NIC) was our largest detractor, declining 22%. Its quarterly report showed record mining earnings, but weaker processing margins and water shortages affecting production and the ramp-up of Excelsior Nickel Cobalt. The company's growth projects continue to advance, with the timing of production, sales and cash generation remaining central to our investment case.

DigiCo Infrastructure REIT (DGT) fell 13%, despite announcing a significant commercial milestone: a 15-year, 71MW contract that takes its SYD1 facility to fully contracted capacity. The agreement materially extends the Australian portfolio's lease duration and supports future earnings as the expansion is delivered. We increased our holding during October.

Ramelius Resources (RMS) declined 13%. Wet weather disrupted high-grade ore haulage during the September quarter, weighing on production and costs. However, management maintained full-year guidance, with production expected to increase and unit costs decline as the year progresses.

During October, we exited five positions and initiated four new ones. Most buying activity was directed towards existing holdings.

Outlook

Our macroeconomic views have not changed materially, although declining bond yields and the recent improvement in breadth an encouraging sign. We remain constructive on most sectors presently, with earnings risk skewed to the upside in our view, and valuations below longer-run averages.

Private equity and cashed-up corporates clearly share this view, with M&A activity picking up and acting as an important catalyst for our portfolio holdings. The competing proposals for Ingenia demonstrate the willingness of long-term buyers to commit capital where they see attractive assets and growth opportunities. We believe similar valuation gaps remain elsewhere in the Australian market.

Our purchases during October reflect this view. We continue to favour businesses with identifiable earnings growth, strong balance sheets and exposure to supportive industry fundamentals, alongside selective resource investments with clear production and development catalysts. With valuation dispersion elevated, we see a fertile backdrop for active management and stock selection.

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