

Key Takeaways

- Higher government bond yields and an increase in geopolitical tensions in the Middle East resulted in risk-off sentiment in global equities over the month.
- Asian equities were lower over the month, led by Japanese equities, whilst Chinese equities were also lower despite positive data and signs of more fiscal support.
- The Antipodes Emerging Markets (Managed Fund) underperformed the benchmark over the month, however remains ahead over 12 months.

Commentary*

The combination of higher government bond yields and an increase in geopolitical tensions in the Middle East resulted in a risk off move in October. Global equities were negative for the month in USD/AUD terms, however were higher in NZD due to exchange rate impacts (-3.0%). Utilities, information technology and consumer staples outperformed whilst consumer discretionary, industrials and energy underperformed. US equities outperformed (-2.3%) with macroeconomic data highlighting resilience within the economy despite a higher-for-longer rate environment. Further, US treasury bonds fell due to fears of a forecast increase in treasury issuance. European equities underperformed as macroeconomic data disappointed (-3.7%) and central banks reinforced a higher-for-longer scenario.

Asian equities underperformed (-4.1%). Chinese equities were lower (-3.8%) despite positive economic data and more fiscal support. Continued property sector overhang in addition to the tighter US restrictions on firms exporting AI chips to China weighed on investor sentiment. Japanese equities underperformed globally and regionally (-4.5%) as the Bank of Japan tightened monetary policy in line with increasing inflationary data.

Elsewhere, Brent Crude (-8.3% in USD) was volatile but ended lower, Gold (+7.3%) was higher benefiting from a flight to safety, whilst the US Dollar (+0.5%) saw a marginal appreciation.

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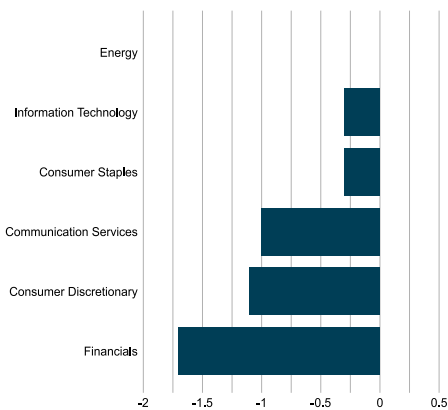
USD performance (%)

	1 month	3 month	CYTD	1 year	Inception p.a.
Fund	(5.7)	(15.2)	(2.7)	15.4	6.9
Benchmark	(3.9)	(12.2)	(2.1)	10.8	6.8
Difference	(1.8)	(3.0)	(0.5)	4.6	0.1

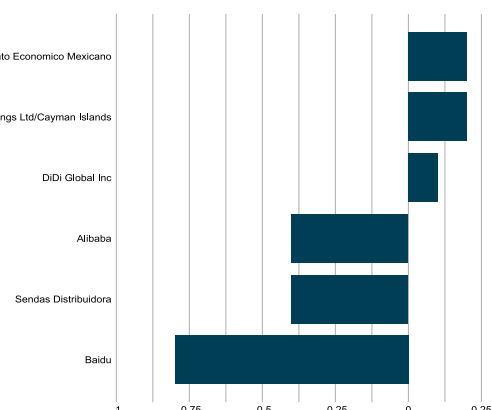
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Top & bottom sector contribution^{1,2} (%)



Top & bottom stock contribution (%)



Market cap exposure³ (%)

Band	Weight	Benchmark
Mega (>\$100b)	24.4	25.1
Large (>\$25b <\$100b)	18.7	26.7
Medium (>\$5b <\$25b)	29.6	38.3
Small (<\$5b)	21.6	9.9

Sector exposure² (%)

Sector	Long	Benchmark
Financials	21.0	22.4
Consumer Discretionary	16.8	13.7
Information Technology	15.1	20.7
Consumer Staples	11.1	6.3
Materials	9.3	7.9
Communication Services	7.4	9.3
Industrials	7.4	6.1
Energy	3.3	5.3
Real Estate	2.9	1.7
Health Care	0.0	4.0
Utilities	0.0	2.6

Regional exposure^{3,4,5} (%)

Region	Long	Benchmark
Developing Asia	45.3	50.5
- China/Hong Kong	39.4	28.8
- Indonesia	3.4	1.9
- Philippines	1.5	0.6
- India	1.0	15.9
- Rest Developing Asia	0.0	3.3
Developed Asia	14.6	26.8
- Korea	9.9	11.7
- Taiwan	4.7	15.1
LATAM/EEMEA	32.0	20.8
- Mexico	15.7	2.4
- Brazil	15.5	5.4
- Rest LATAM/EEMEA	0.8	13.0
Rest of World	2.3	1.9
Total Equities	94.2	100.0
Cash	5.8	0.0
Totals	100.0	100.0

Top 10 equity longs³ (%)

Name	Country	Weight
Fomento Economico Mexicano	Mexico	6.6
Samsung Electronics	Korea	6.0
Alibaba	China/HK	5.1
Itaú Unibanco Holding	Brazil	4.8
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	4.7
Baidu	China/HK	4.3
Galaxy Entertainment Group	China/HK	4.1
KB Financial Group	Korea	3.8
Fresnillo	Mexico	3.6
PT Bank Mandiri (Persero)	Indonesia	3.4

Fund facts

Characteristics	
Investment manager	Antipodes Partners
Inception date	1 October 2022
Domicile/Structure	Australia (Unit Trust) Separately Managed Accounts Cayman Islands (Exempted Company)
Asset value	
Strategy AUM	\$11m

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¹ Based on gross returns in USD

² GICS classification

³ Call (put) options represented as the current option value (delta adjusted exposure)

⁴ Antipodes classification

⁵ Where possible, regions, countries and currencies classified on a look through basis

⁶ All metrics are based on gross of fee returns in USD terms since inception. The upside/downside capture ratio is the percentage of benchmark performance captured by the fund during months that the benchmark is up/down. Standard deviation is a measure of risk with a smaller figure indicating lower return volatility. The Sharpe ratio measures returns on a risk adjusted basis with a figure > 1 indicating a higher return than the benchmark for the respective levels of return volatility.

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Performance & risk summary⁶

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard deviation	29.3%	21.3%
Sharpe ratio	0.07	0.09
Information ratio	0.01	-
Beta	1.35	-
Stock count (long)	38	-
Average net exposure	93.6%	-
Upside capture ratio	134	-
Downside capture ratio	139	-

Fund features

- Objective to achieve absolute returns in excess of the benchmark over the investment cycle (typically 3-5 years)
- The Fund invests in companies that are exposed to emerging markets or listed on emerging market stock exchanges.
- In the absence of finding individual securities that meet minimum risk-return criteria, cash may be held to maximum 25% on Asian shares markets
 - Currency exposure of the underlying stock position (net short currency position not permitted)
 - Equity market exposure via exchange traded derivatives (limited to 10% of NAV)
 - Leverage not permitted
- This product is likely to be appropriate for a consumer seeking capital growth to be used as a small allocation within a portfolio where the consumer has a minimum investment timeframe of 5 years, and a high risk/return profile.