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### COMMENTARY

The fund returned positive 5.75% for the month of September 2021. Net exposure averaged 60% long, while gross average 142%. This brings our Calendar Year return to positive 32.31% and since inception (2013) return to positive 24.37% p.a. net of fees.

Through the month of September, our Uranium theme was a material contributor to fund performance as the spot price of Uranium rallied over 20% to close the month at an eight year high of US\$43.00 p/lb. The primary driver of this rally, was the creation (or better put, the new management) of the Sprott Physical Uranium Trust. Since the end of August, the Sprott Physical Uranium Trust has acquired over US\$400m of Uranium. Whilst US\$400m does not sound like a significant amount, it's roughly equivalent to 8% of annual Uranium demand. This has been acquired in under 2 months, adding significant demand to a market that was already in a sizeable supply deficit.

Whilst this is a material move in a short period of time, it was the market fundamentals made a move like this possible. The Sprott Physical Uranium Trust was just the spark that lit this market alight.

As we have written about at length previously (most recently in our <u>2021 Interim Letter</u>), we have extremely high conviction in our Uranium theme and pleasingly we are observing headwinds that plunged this market into a 13 year bear market, now turning into tailwinds.

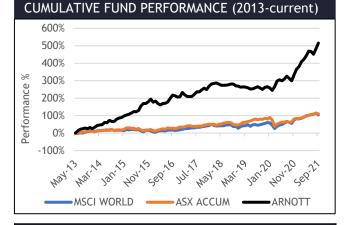
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### PERFORMANCE METRICS

|                                | From <i>I</i>   | May 2013 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
|                                | Arnott          | MSCI     |
| Annualised returns             | 24.37%          | 8.95%    |
| % Positive months              | 66.00%          | 66.00%   |
| Average monthly return         | 1 <b>.91</b> %  | 0.79%    |
| Avg return in MSCI up months   | 1.74%           | 2.87%    |
| Avg return in MSCI down months | 2.22%           | -3.24%   |
| Best month                     | 13.07%          | 12.66%   |
| Worst month                    | - <b>6.09</b> % | -13.47%  |
| Largest drawdown               | -11.61%         | -21.44%  |
| Longest drawdown (mths)        | 24              | 20       |
| Sortino                        | 4.50            | 0.88     |
| Sharpe ratio                   | 1.82            | 0.66     |

# CORRELATION TO ASSETS (2013 to Current)

| MSCI Index                  | 0.06  |
|-----------------------------|-------|
|                             | 0100  |
| US Government Bond Index    | -0.09 |
|                             |       |
| US\$ Gold                   | 0.02  |
|                             | 0.02  |
| Bloomberg Commodities Index | -0.03 |
|                             |       |
| Hedge Fund L/S              | 0.02  |



# MONTHLY SUMMARY METRICS

| NET RETURN | AV GROSS EXP | AV NET EXP |
|------------|--------------|------------|
| 5.75%      | 142%         | 60%        |

| STRATEGT HISTORICAL PERI ORMANCE (%) |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                                      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Annual |
| 2013                                 |       |       |       |       |       | 13.07 | 7.63  | 2.97  | 2.82  | -2.69 | 5.23  | -5.25 | 25.00  |
| 2014                                 | 7.61  | 6.56  | 2.43  | 0.77  | 8.87  | -0.93 | 8.46  | -3.78 | 0.34  | 7.78  | 3.24  | 1.92  | 51.59  |
| 2015                                 | 4.46  | 2.88  | 1.99  | 3.19  | 4.12  | -0.52 | 3.44  | 11.47 | 5.23  | 0.00  | 3.67  | 5.72  | 55.80  |
| 2016                                 | -6.09 | 2.14  | -5.17 | -2.83 | 3.30  | 0.40  | 2.69  | 7.49  | 6.29  | -1.15 | -2.34 | 0.48  | 4.33   |
| 2017                                 | 7.99  | -4.01 | -2.94 | -0.34 | 0.43  | 4.08  | 4.21  | -0.02 | 3.37  | 2.79  | -2.32 | 5.51  | 19.58  |
| 2018                                 | 3.47  | 0.88  | 0.72  | -1.68 | -1.86 | 0.09  | 0.03  | 0.66  | 1.24  | -0.18 | -2.61 | -0.50 | 0.12   |
| 2019                                 | -1.66 | 0.53  | -0.30 | -1.16 | -1.90 | 0.29  | 1.70  | 1.72  | -2.10 | -2.04 | 3.20  | 1.05  | -0.82  |
| 2020                                 | -1.90 | -4.03 | 6.32  | 8.76  | 1.82  | -1.47 | 2.69  | 3.82  | -2.94 | -3.32 | 8.59  | 7.22  | 27.23  |
| 2021                                 | 3.26  | 5.69  | 2.74  | 3.93  | 5.03  | -0.40 | -2.81 | 5.60  | 5.75  |       |       |       | 32.31  |

2013 - 2017 Data. Bondi Capital Investments Pty Ltd (managed account). Performance net of 0 & 25 fees. Currency AUD. Fund administered by Mainstream. Fund was not audited. 2018 - Current Data. Australian Unit trust. Performance net of 0 & 25 fees. Currency AUD. Fund administered by Mainstream. Fund audited by EY.

# STRATEGY HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (%)



Demand is increasing and supply is becoming increasingly scarce, as all industry capex was cut to virtually zero in the preceding decade. The only way to close the growing market deficit is to incentivise new mine development. The spot price required for this is close to US\$60.00 p/lb, markedly higher than the current spot price. Given this, we believe material upside still exists within our Uranium theme. However, risk management is central to our process and a material move as we saw early in September within any of our themes forces a rebalancing of the portfolio. Accordingly, we have reduced our weighting to this theme in the past month by rotating away from uranium miners and retaining our exposure to physical uranium proxies.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

At the present time it feels like there are significantly greater unknowns in the global economy than knowns. Soaring energy and power prices are creating material output gaps in global economies with regions in China & Europe materially reducing manufacturing capacity, as governments grapple with the question of how do we ensure people do not freeze to death over the coming winter? Central Banks are now questioning just how 'transitory' inflation is with supply chain issues persisting into the Northern Hemisphere Autumn, and given the global energy crisis, are likely to worsen. The combination of slowing global growth and a material rise in the cost of living (energy prices touch almost every aspect of our lives) does not bode well for a 'pro-risk' environment.

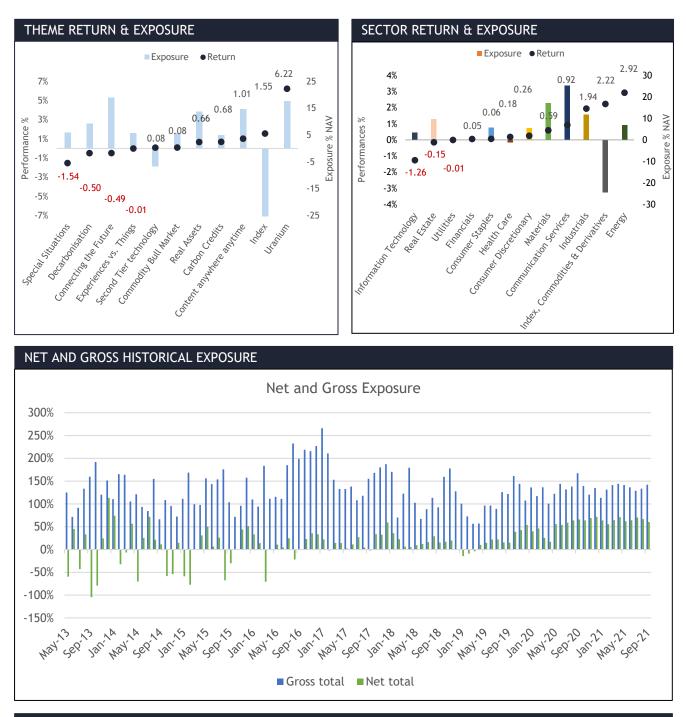
Through the month we commenced materially reducing our net exposure and are operating on the early thesis that we may have seen a 'top' in equity markets. We struggle to see how equity markets can rise materially from current levels given slowing global growth, rising costs of living and a reduction in liquidity driven by central banks such as New Zealand entering a raising interest rate cycle and the commencement of tapering by the Federal Reserve. We expect that average net equity exposure since April 2020 of 50% - 70% net long will be lower in this environment. As always, we are students of the market and will adjust as markets change.

### CARBON CREDITS

One of the defining macroeconomic trends of the next decade we believe will be the decarbonisation of energy supply chains and the global economies path to net zero carbon emissions. Through September we have commenced allocating capital to carbon credits, which we believe will be integral to the climate ambitions of Governments and Companies alike. Given the pending tidal wave of upcoming demand, we are of the belief that carbon credits on a global scale are both undervalued and underinvested in, presenting a phenomenal asymmetric investment opportunity. We are still in the process of building our exposure, so will refrain from providing any more details. However, we are happy to go into more detail with any of our existing investors.

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# INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Arnott Opportunities Strategy is an absolute return strategy, focussing on thematic investment opportunities with an equity bias. We seek to achieve positive average annual returns for investors through our Asymmetric Investment Approach. In simple terms, asymmetric investing is about producing above average returns with below average drawdowns. In order to achieve this, we aim to;

- 1. find good investments, and
- 2. not lose money in the pursuit of realising these good investments.

We strive to achieve asymmetric returns though a thematic investment process. This has four pillars.

- 1. Find asymmetric themes
- 2. Invest in the best ideas within those themes
- 3. Focus on macro drivers for risk & opportunities
- 4. To generate an asymmetric return profile

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| FUND INFORMATION   |               |                        |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| BASE CURRENCY      | AUD           | ARNOTT CAPITAL PTY LTD | AFSL License 233743<br>ABN 23086081889 |  |  |  |
| STRATEGY INCEPTION | 1999          | CIO<br>KENNY ARNOTT    | kma@arnott.com.au                      |  |  |  |
|                    | AUD \$100,000 | CONTACT<br>DETAILS     | investor@arnott.com.au                 |  |  |  |
| WITHDRAWALS        | Monthly       | PRIME BROKER           | Morgan Stanley                         |  |  |  |
| PERFORMANCE FEE    | 20%           | FUND ADMINISTRATOR     | Mainstream                             |  |  |  |
| MANAGEMENT FEE     | 1.5%          | FUND AUDITOR           | Ernst and Young                        |  |  |  |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS      | Monthly       | LEGAL ADVISORS         | Ernst and Young                        |  |  |  |

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