

COMMENTARY

PERFORMANCE

The fund returned negative 1.10% for the month of March 2022. Net exposure averaged 23% long, while gross averaged 109%. This brings our Calendar Year Return to positive 0.61%, Financial Year Return to positive 16.29% and since inception return to positive 23.81% p.a. net of fees.

THE UNCERTAIN MACRO ENVIRONMENT

"Uncertainty is an uncomfortable position. But certainty is an absurd one" - Voltaire

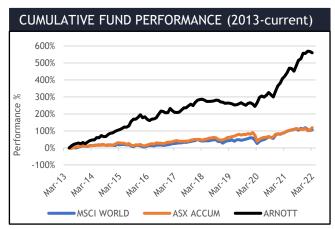
To say there is a lot of uncertainty in global financial markets would be an understatement. As we entered 2022, we were faced with inflation levels unseen since the 1970's, Central Banks lifting interest rates and simultaneously ending Quantitative easing and commencing Quantitative Tightening, ending the nearly 2-year period of gushing liquidity into financial markets. A little less than 2 months into this year, market participants have had to grapple with an invasion in Europe, that many believe will lead to both an energy and food crisis as the Russian economy is cut off from the West, ultimately resulting in a global and economic recession. So now as we enter a period of tapering last seen in 2015, the backdrop is very different.

Unlike 2021 when the Fed seemed convinced that inflation was transitory, now they seem convinced (or at least wish to signal) that it is more permanent. It is possible as much as they ran monetary policy too loosely in 2021, they now risk running policy too tightly in 2022. On the other hand, fiscal flows will continue to provide a tailwind for equity markets. Although this support is likely to be more specific, assisting specific industries and parts of the economy rather than the broad effect of easy monetary policy.

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PERFORMANCE METRICS				
	From May 2013			
	Arnott	MSCI		
Annualised returns	23.81%	8.61%		
% Positive months	65.09%	65.09%		
Average monthly return	1.87%	0.77%		
Avg return in MSCI up months	1.67%	2.92%		
Avg return in MSCI down months	2.23%	-3.25%		
Best month	13.07%	12.66%		
Worst month	-6.09%	-13.47%		
Largest drawdown	-11. 61 %	-21.44%		
Longest drawdown (mths)	24	20		
Sortino	4.39	0.88		
Sharpe ratio	1.81	0.64		

CORRELATION TO ASSETS (2013 to Current)				
MSCI Index	0.05			
US Government Bond Index	-0.05			
US\$ Gold	0.01			
Bloomberg Commodities Index	-0.06			
Hedge Fund L/S	-0.00			



MONTHLY SUMMARY METRICS						
NET RETURN	AV GROSS EXP	AV NET EXP				
-1.10%	109%	23%				

STRATE	STRATEGY HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (%)												
	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	1.30	5.37	-0.24	40.90
2022	2.07	-0.34	-1.10										0.61

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WE ARE CONSTRUCTIVE ON THEMATIC OPPORTUNITIES

Despite this overly challenging economic outlook, we are incredibly constructive on the opportunity set that we are presented with as global unconstrained asymmetric investors on both the long and short side of the portfolio. Uncertainty brings opportunity and we are investing across a broad range of themes, seeking to take advantage of the significant structural shifts that are transpiring across areas such as energy and resource security, the energy transition, Inflation hedges - primarily focusing on real assets with CPI linked cash flows and monetary hedges with gold and the Australian Dollar.

ENERGY PARADOX

The newest theme in the portfolio, Energy Paradox, is a prime example of how we are seeking to invest amidst the uncertain economic backdrop.

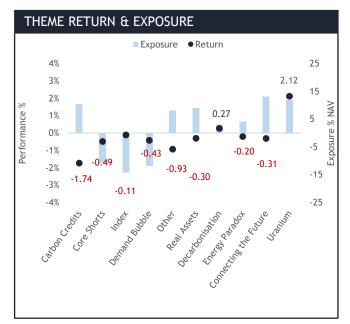
The world has well and truly commenced the transition to a cleaner greener future. This has resulted in investors (both public and private) avoiding the investment of capital into industries that do not meet the environmental standards required for ESG investing. The significant outflow of capital from industries that are critical to our energy infrastructure has resulted in equities in these industries being priced as though the energy transition will be painlessly achieved in short order and the world will be powered solely from renewable energy at some point this decade.

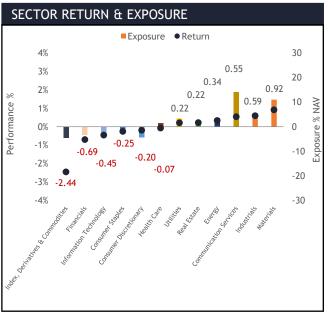
It feels as though the last investors have exited industries such as oil refining, coal fired power generation, oil and gas distribution and construction and shipping at the same time as energy security is reaching a level of critical importance for every sovereign nation around the world. This need for energy security combined with an unwillingness to invest in these industries will, in our view, drive a super profit cycle for businesses with existing legacy infrastructure, which is priced as though it will go to zero well and truly within the current decade. We do not dispute that these industries are in terminal decline, however we believe the combination of energy security and the lack of capital investment will drive super profit cycles for companies exposed to these industries, with profits returned to shareholders, before their ultimate demise.

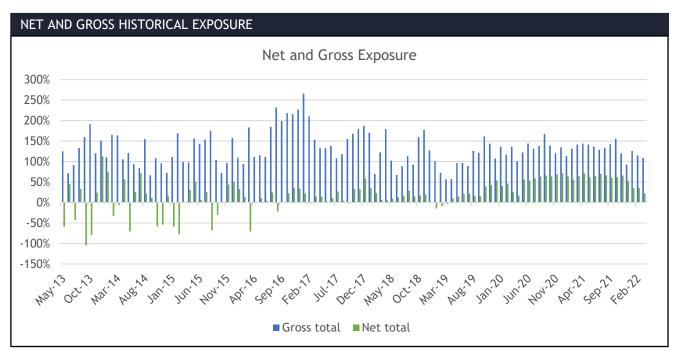
Take a company like AGL energy, Australia's largest electricity generator. From the beginning of 2020 to present their share price is down over 65% as they battle the dual headwinds of capital flight, as investors have deemed coal fired power generation businesses 'un-investable' and unusually low electricity prices post Covid-19. However, as we transition away from fossil fuel-based energy sources, an increasing amount of coal fired generation capacity has been shutting down. This is occurring at a time where we as a nation have no other forms of baseload generation such as nuclear, so when the wind does not blow, or the sun is not shining we are facing an ever-declining supply of energy generation. This has set up the perfect storm for a surge in the price of electricity generation domestically. The old adage of high prices, cures high prices as increased supply comes in does not apply in an ESG investing world. We cannot see how anyone would be allowed to / would invest in developing new coal fired generators, setting the stage for companies such as AGL energy to generate super profits until technological innovation closes the supply gap.

We are finding lots of AGL's across multiple of the aforementioned industries where valuations and incredibly depressed forecast earnings are behind the curve and the chances of capital being deployed to erode these super profits is at or near zero.









INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund adopts an absolute return strategy, focusing on thematic investment opportunities with an equity bias. We seek to achieve the investment objective through our asymmetric investment approach which includes:

- 1. Finding what we perceive to be good quality investments based on our analysis; and
- 2. Not losing money in the pursuit of realising these 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; and
- 4. Generate an asymmetric return profile.

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STRATEGY INCEPTION	1999	CIO KENNY ARNOTT	kma@arnott.com.au		
MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTIONS	AUD \$100,000	CONTACT DETAILS	investor@arnott.com.au		
WITHDRAWALS	Monthly	PRIME BROKER	Morgan Stanley International PLC J.P. Morgan Securities PLC		
PERFORMANCE FEE	20%	FUND ADMINISTRATOR	Apex Group Ltd.		
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