

## **COMMENTARY**

The Fund returned -0.03% for the month of February 2025. Net exposure averaged 36% long, while gross averaged 109%. This brings our calendar year return to positive 1.06% and since inception return to positive 18.66% p.a. net of fees.

Gains through the month of February, were generated from the long themes in *Aerospace* (+36 bps) and *Data is the New Oil* (+33 bps). With losses stemming from the *Uranium* theme (-60 bps) and *Japan Corporate Reform* theme (-46 bps).

Entering 2025, Arnott believed one of the key risks for the markets this year was related to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Specifically, the concern of when, or if at all, investors and market participants would begin to see revenues that matched the billions of dollars invested in the AI sector.

As the year unfolded, Arnott has continued to refine the thinking and understanding of this space. It is becoming increasingly clear that the timeline for substantial revenue generation from AI is further out than current valuations and market participants expectations suggest. While the technology is advancing at an extraordinary pace, Arnott perceives a lengthy period ahead, before any material revenue generation.

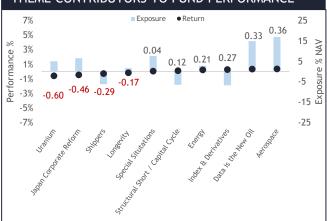
In Arnott's view, the reasoning behind this, is that it appears many enterprises are still in the experimental phase. When questions are asked about use cases and return on investment (ROI), it is often dismissed by vague comments centred around increased engineering efficiency and productivity gains.

To sum it up, the thinking has evolved to be in line with a phrase that is commonly attributed to Bill Gates, "People overestimate what can be done in one year, and underestimate what can be done in ten".

## STRATEGY PERFORMANCE METRICS\*

From May 2013					
Annualised returns	18.66%				
% Positive months	64.54%				
Average monthly return	1.50%				
Average return in MSCI up months	1.40%				
Average return in MSCI down months	1.67%				
Best month	13.07%				
Worst month	-6.09%				
Largest drawdown	-11.61%				
Longest drawdown (mths)	24				
Sortino	3.53				
Sharpe ratio	1.52				

## THEME CONTRIBUTORS TO FUND PERFORMANCE^\*



<sup>^</sup> Theme Contributors to Performance is Gross of Fees and exclusive of Cash.

### CORRELATION TO ASSETS - STRATEGY\*

Global Equity Markets	0.04
US\$ Gold	0.01
	0.0.
Bloomberg Commodities Index	0.00
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Hadra Finad I /C	0.00
Hedge Fund L/S	0.02

### MONTHLY SUMMARY METRICS - FEBRUARY 2025

NET RETURN	AV GROSS EXP	AV NET EXP
-0.03%	109%	36%

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	-1.33	0.20	-0.21	-0.95	-1.87	0.50	1.75	1.53	-1.91	-2.00	3.28	1.12	-0.04
2020	-2.03	-5.10	7.77	7.95	1.60	-1.31	3.22	4.56	-3.56	-3.90	9.33	8.24	28.38
2021	3.43	5.63	2.80	4.05	5.19	-0.48	-2.74	5.37	5.86	1.87	4.51	0.22	41.60
2022	1.61	0.17	-0.73	0.32	2.65	-1.85	-0.96	3.75	-1.79	-2.93	-0.48	2.21	1.75
2023	0.26	-2.97	-0.12	-0.77	0.99	2.39	1.12	1.03	2.37	-2.72	0.21	3.15	4.84
2024	0.97	-1.52	3.67	1.42	1.07	-0.61	-3.39	-1.83	3.89	0.19	-0.50	0.16	3.33
2025	1.09	-0.03											1.06

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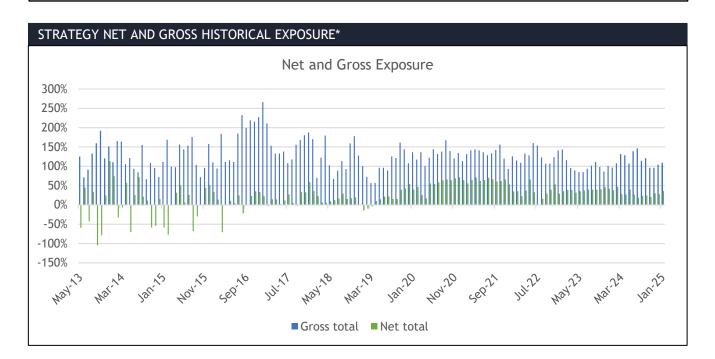
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## COMMENTARY CONTINUED

Taking this into consideration, Arnott's outlook for the next 12 months, is that expectations are unrealistic versus the realities, in the AI space.

The implications of this for the portfolio are firstly, a slightly more bearish stance to U.S. indices that are heavy with U.S. technology names with the highest level of capital expenditures in AI. Secondly, Arnott may build short exposure to parts of the market that have been beneficiaries of the AI hype cycle, that may be long term winners, but in the next year expectations may be slightly elevated in comparison to reality.



## **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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MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTIONS	USD \$100,000	WITHDRAWALS	Monthly		
FUND ADMINISTRATOR	Apex Group Ltd.	PRIME BROKER	Morgan Stanley International PLC		
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FEE STRUCTURE	Management Fee	Performance Fee	Subscriptions		
Class A (Founder Class)*	0%	25%	Closed to new investors		
Class C	1.5%	20%	Monthly		

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