

# Kardinia Long Short Fund

## Performance Report 31 December 2025

### Net client returns (after fees and expenses)

	1 mth	6 mth	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	Since inception <sup>3</sup> p.a.
Fund <sup>1</sup>	1.53%	(1.49%)	4.01%	5.05%	3.04%	7.28%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.48%	2.89%	6.04%	6.21%	4.80%	3.74%

1. Performance results are net of all transaction costs, investment management and performance fees and all other costs incurred by the Fund. Performance is the total return of the fund (assuming re-investment of distributions) and is quoted based on hard-close unit prices, without including the impact of buy/sell spreads. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Returns greater than one year are annualised.

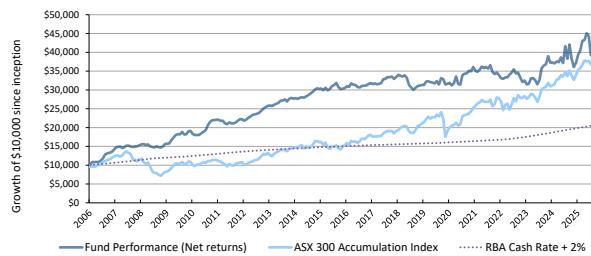
2. The benchmark is the RBA cash rate plus 2%. Prior to 2 December 2019 it was the RBA cash rate. Returns greater than one year are annualised.

3. Inception date of Fund is 1 May 2006. The Fund was launched by another trustee and the performance data also relates to this strategy. Bennelong Funds Management Ltd assumed responsibility on 16 Aug 2011 and ceased responsibility on 8 May 2023. Equity Trustees Ltd assumed responsibility on 8 May 2023.

### The Fund at a glance

Fund facts	
Strategy	Long-short Australian equity
Investment objective	To achieve consistent positive returns through an investment cycle, with an overarching philosophy of capital protection
Inception date <sup>3</sup>	1 May 2006
Unit price: daily series	0.9484
Unit price: monthly series	1.1117
Fund managers	Kristiaan Rehder, CFA® Stuart Larke, CFA®
Investment specialist	Mark Burgess, CFA®
Annualised return	7.28%
Total return since inception	298.53%
Annualised standard deviation	9.82%
Sharpe Ratio (RFR=RBA cash)	0.36
Percentage of positive months since inception	65.25%

### Historical performance<sup>2</sup>



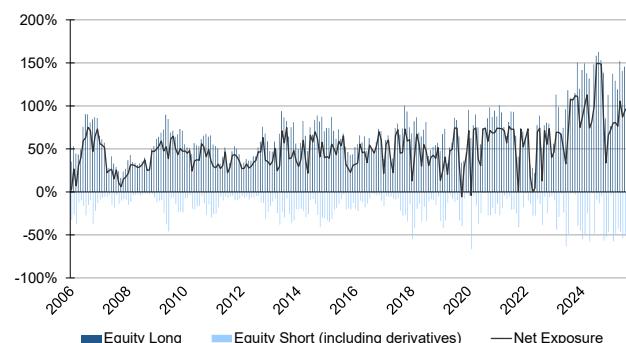
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### Largest holdings

Holdings	Sector
BHP Group	Materials
National Australia Bank	Financials
ANZ Group	Financials
Westpac Banking Corp	Financials
Capstone Copper	Materials

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## Portfolio exposure analysis



## Market and fund commentary

The Kardinia Long Short Fund returned +1.53% in December, while the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index rose 1.37%.

The portfolio benefited from resources (including gold) and banks, with technology again a laggard.

Key contributors and detractors for the month:

Positive contributors	Negative contributors
BHP Group	Life 360
Virgin Australia	Catapult Sports
Black Cat Syndicate	Lynas Rare Earths

**BHP Group** was assisted by a 2% rise in the iron ore price, while other resource holdings benefited from strong commodity prices (silver +24%, copper +8%, spot uranium +8%, gold +2%).

**Virgin Australia** rose 16% on little news flow. **Black Cat Syndicate** rose 16% on the back of a rise in the gold price (+2%) and the acquisition of some strategic tenements near its Lakewood mill.

**Life 360** fell 5%, marking its fourth straight negative month. The stock has fallen 28% over that four-month period despite delivering strong profit results.

**Catapult Sports** reported a solid 1H26 result during the month in line with consensus forecasts, but the stock fell 23% during the month. There appears to be

some overhang from the recent \$143m equity raising to fund the acquisition of IMPACT (soccer software analytics).

**Lynas Rare Earths** fell 14% despite a rise in the NdPr price. The stock has been impacted recently by lost production caused by significant power outages in Kalgoorlie. Sentiment has also been weak due to Government funding of competing projects and some management share sales.

## Outlook & Positioning

During the month, we increased the Fund's net exposure to 98.7% (99.4% long, 0.7% short), reflecting additional investments in several high-conviction positions.

We believe the portfolio is well positioned around the key themes expected to shape 2026, with a particular emphasis on the resources sector. The sector is forecast to deliver materially stronger earnings growth, with Resources expected to grow earnings by 9% compared with just 3% for the Top 100. Importantly, resource valuations remain attractive relative to both historical levels and the broader market.

Notably, analyst commodity price forecasts for 2026 continue to sit below current spot prices, despite prices across most commodities trending higher.

The Fund currently maintains a 22% allocation to Resources, providing diversified exposure across iron ore, copper, lithium, coal and uranium. We expect this exposure may increase further over the coming months.

Several factors that detracted from performance in November have continued to normalise, most notably expectations around US interest rate cuts.

For further insights, feel free to follow us on the Kardinia Capital LinkedIn page.



**Fund performance<sup>4</sup>**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2025	9.78%	-8.89%	-5.91%	3.11%	5.67%	2.98%	6.30%	0.52%	4.16%	-1.70%	-11.33%	1.53%	4.01%
2024	1.80%	1.18%	5.72%	-4.36%	0.07%	-0.62%	1.35%	-0.52%	3.41%	-3.91%	12.13%	-7.96%	7.07%
2023	0.66%	-3.91%	-3.41%	1.19%	-3.11%	0.52%	4.57%	0.11%	-1.81%	-3.17%	3.68%	9.54%	4.09%
2022	-4.80%	-1.72%	1.17%	-1.93%	-2.43%	-0.55%	1.15%	0.05%	2.30%	1.47%	2.50%	-3.10%	-6.01%
2021	0.32%	1.86%	-0.36%	3.26%	-2.64%	-0.90%	1.60%	2.35%	-1.08%	0.79%	-1.20%	2.58%	6.58%
2020	5.40%	-0.86%	-4.32%	0.63%	0.73%	-2.15%	1.90%	5.63%	-5.88%	-0.70%	8.21%	1.07%	9.13%
2019	1.66%	1.55%	0.46%	0.55%	-0.03%	2.82%	0.42%	-0.83%	-0.35%	-0.73%	2.04%	-2.84%	4.68%
2018	-0.16%	0.56%	-1.90%	1.56%	1.78%	-0.77%	-0.68%	1.08%	-1.93%	-5.71%	-2.18%	-2.02%	-10.12%
2017	0.12%	0.25%	1.04%	0.89%	-0.75%	0.48%	-0.65%	0.34%	0.66%	3.18%	0.35%	1.43%	7.53%
2016	-3.42%	-1.78%	0.30%	0.52%	1.60%	-0.47%	2.95%	-1.02%	-0.22%	-1.85%	-0.37%	1.45%	-2.44%
2015	1.44%	1.90%	1.24%	-0.59%	0.41%	-1.49%	2.20%	-2.27%	1.14%	2.45%	1.16%	1.74%	9.60%
2014	-2.12%	2.69%	0.87%	-0.63%	0.36%	-0.66%	1.07%	0.56%	-0.31%	1.22%	1.13%	1.53%	5.77%
2013	2.21%	2.36%	1.42%	1.34%	0.40%	-0.46%	1.31%	0.96%	0.93%	2.17%	0.15%	1.11%	14.76%
2012	1.08%	2.30%	1.82%	0.04%	-1.79%	1.38%	2.30%	1.38%	1.85%	0.68%	0.71%	1.07%	13.52%
2011	4.25%	2.13%	0.23%	0.37%	0.11%	-1.41%	0.31%	-3.23%	-1.19%	2.31%	-1.16%	-0.13%	2.42%
2010	-3.82%	0.66%	4.36%	0.36%	-4.38%	-1.33%	0.03%	0.09%	2.49%	2.19%	2.02%	6.84%	9.33%
2009	-1.46%	-0.68%	1.79%	4.56%	0.34%	0.54%	5.31%	4.41%	3.86%	1.21%	-0.28%	3.59%	25.47%
2008	-1.00%	1.12%	0.17%	1.93%	1.33%	0.87%	-1.72%	1.02%	-3.20%	-1.29%	-0.81%	2.04%	0.30%
2007	2.04%	1.28%	1.45%	3.74%	4.95%	1.21%	0.65%	-2.62%	1.76%	2.36%	-0.02%	-1.34%	16.36%
2006					1.53%	6.54%	-0.06%	0.32%	-0.22%	3.65%	5.50%	8.72%	28.67%

4. Performance data is historical data based on the main series using a monthly unit pricing methodology. For further information on unit price methodology, please refer to the PDS which is available on the Kardinia website: [www.kardinia.com.au](http://www.kardinia.com.au). If you are invested in the daily series, please contact Client Services on +61 2 7201 9015 or via email SSG.AUS@apexfs.com to request your performance history. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

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The Fund is open to investors directly via the PDS (available on our website), or the following platforms.

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Netwealth (Super Service, Wrap Service, IDPS)	Hub 24 (Super, IDPS)	CFS (FirstChoice, FirstWrap, IX (PIS))	Wealth O2	Oasis (Wealthtrac)	

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**Update**

The Fund's prime broker changed during the month from UBS AG, Australia Branch to Barrenjoey Markets Pty Limited.

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