

Specialist Geared Australian Share Fund

On-platform Class A
Quarterly Update for 31 March 2026



Description

The Fund normally invests in shares listed or about to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to provide high returns over the long term through geared exposure to securities listed on the ASX. The objective of the Fund's portfolio before gearing is applied, is to provide a total return (income and capital growth), after costs and before tax, above the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index on a rolling 3 year basis. The Fund may be suitable for investors seeking to invest in a diversified portfolio of Australian shares. The Fund allows the ability to borrow in order to increase the amount that can be invested. The aim of gearing is to contribute more capital and provide greater exposure to the Australian share market. The Fund aims to pay distributions yearly. You should be aware that although the Fund aims to pay distributions, the amount of each distribution may vary, or no distribution may be payable in a distribution period.

Target Investor

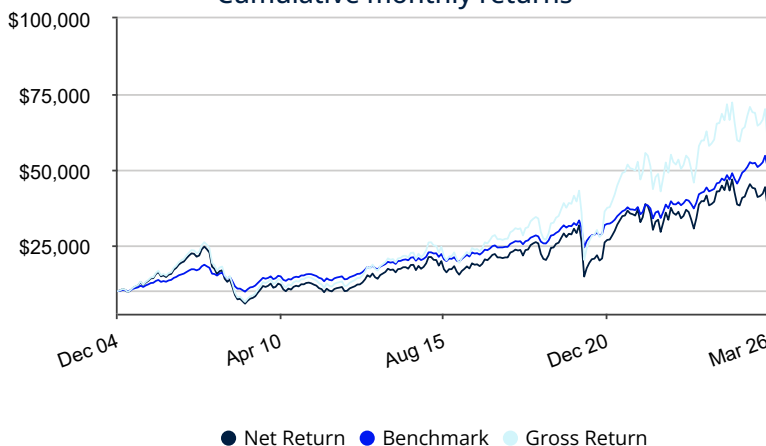
This product is intended for a consumer who is seeking capital growth. It has a very high risk/return profile and is intended for use up to a minor allocation of an investment portfolio. It is likely to be consistent with the financial situation and needs of a consumer with a minimum investment timeframe of 7 years and who is unlikely to need to withdraw their money on less than one week's notice.

Key Information

APIR code	AMP0969AU
Manager name	AMP Investments (National Mutual Funds Management Ltd)
Portfolio managers	Duy To Head of Public & Private Markets
Inception date	30 December 2004
Distribution frequency	Yearly
Minimum investment horizon	7 years
Investment management fee	2.41% pa
Total indirect costs	0.02% pa
Performance fee	0.36% pa
Buy/Sell spread	0.25% / 0.25%
Risk level (1-7)	7. Very High
Total fund size (millions)	\$278.4m

Refer to the current PDS or other offer document for the relevant Fund available at amp.com.au/investments for the latest ongoing annual fees and costs.

Growth of \$10,000 invested Cumulative monthly returns



Performance Summary (%)

	3m	6m	1yr	3yr*	5yr*	10yr*	SI*
Gross Return	-9.56	-14.55	-1.35	4.45	7.05	10.93	8.71
Net Return	-10.09	-15.60	-3.61	1.91	4.45	8.38	6.38
Benchmark	-1.61	-2.61	11.67	9.54	8.63	9.44	7.95
Excess Return (Net)	-8.48	-12.99	-15.28	-7.63	-4.18	-1.06	-1.57

*Performance for periods greater than one year is annualised

Net returns are calculated before tax and after all fees and costs, with all distributions reinvested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. For further details, please refer to the 'What you need to know' section below.

Asset Allocation (%)

Asset Class	Current Allocation
Australian Shares	83.5
Cash	12.1
Australian Listed Property	4.4
Exchange Traded Derivatives	0.0

Note: Allocation data may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Global Industry Classification Standard

Asset Class	Actual Allocation (%)
Financials	24.8
Futures	16.3
Materials	15.3
Cash	12.1
Consumer Discretionary	5.6
Health Care	5.4
Industrials	4.8
Communication Services	3.9
Information Technology	3.7
Energy	3.1
Real Estate	2.6
Consumer Staples	2.0
Utilities	0.4

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Top 10 Holdings

	Weight (%)
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	7.4
BHP Group Ltd	7.0
Westpac Banking Corp	3.4
National Australia Bank Ltd	3.3
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	3.0
Macquarie Group Ltd	2.9
CSL Ltd	2.4
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	2.2
Wesfarmers Ltd	1.9
Rio Tinto Ltd	1.9

Fund Commentary

The Fund produced a negative return in the March quarter, underperforming the benchmark as markets pulled back due to war in the Middle East. Gearing exacerbated the Fund's negative return.

Australian shares pulled back over the March quarter, closing down by -1.6% as measured by the S&P/ASX200 total return index, outperforming global shares. The pullback was driven by fears of growing economic fallout from the Iran war, such as a growing domestic fuel shortage, combined with already-elevated inflation and two additional hikes to the cash rate by the RBA over the period. February corporate earnings season reports were generally positive, with a strong rise in mining and bank profits, though significant falls were reported in energy sector profits. Regarding sector returns, energy was the clear standout, surging higher along with commodity prices due to the conflict in the Middle East. Technology stocks meanwhile were heavily sold down amid a broader global shift away from the sector due to valuation concerns.

During the quarter, we made some changes to our underlying manager lineup designed to increase the Fund's long-term returns and resilience. We've shifted towards a more active investment approach, increased our exposure to proven growth managers, and added strategies designed to perform better during market downturns. These changes are also designed to generate higher income for the Fund, which supports gearing and interest cover.

Looking ahead, despite pessimistic sentiment related to war in the Middle East, resilience in Australian corporate earnings and moderate economic growth leads us to believe the backdrop for Australian shares remains reasonable. Broader domestic issues however remain such as cost of living, housing affordability, immigration, energy usage and an apparent lack of political will for significant structural reforms. Inflation and a hawkish RBA are near-term headwinds, not helped by high petrol prices. Higher commodity prices in general, however, are likely to significantly increase profits for resource companies and improve our national terms of trade. Over on the longer-term, the stability of Australian earnings and dividends, and their ability to generate a growing, tax effective income stream, should underpin Australian shares, with volatility being a natural part of the journey.

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