Contact Australian Ex-50 Fund

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ASSET MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Contact Australian Ex-50 Fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of quality Australian companies that sit outside the S&P/ASX 50 Index, with a focus on Founder-led businesses and tomorrow's leaders.

The Fund's investment objective is to seek to a total return in excess of 10% per annum, after deduction of management fees and expenses. We invest in quality companies that are profitable, pay dividends, generate attractive returns on capital and are managed by capable people. Our investment process builds on a legacy that has been honed for five generations.

Our management fees are low. Contact Asset Management's founders are aligned through co-investment in the Fund and we pride ourselves on taking a sensible and long-term approach to investing.

CONTACT EX-50 FUND OVERVIEW

Portfolio Managers	Will Culbert and Tom Millner
Targeted Return	10% per annum (net of fees)
Number of Stocks	25
NAV Unit Price	$1.27
Management Fee*	0.60% per annum (excluding GST)
Performance Fee	Nil
Platform Availability	AMP North, BT Panorama, Hub24, Macquarie Wrap and Netwealth

A Proven Track Record
We have over 80 years combined investment experience, running a variety of very successful portfolio strategies.

Robust Investment Process
We invest in Quality companies for the long-term using a process and philosophy that has been honed for generations.

Founder Led Alignment
We aim to invest in founder-led businesses. Founder-led businesses tend to outperform significantly over the long-term.

Industry low Fees
Our fees are among the lowest in the Australian market. Low fees boost the ability to effectively compound capital over time.

FUND COMMENTARY

The Fund built on a strong July with another positive month in August posting a return of 5.2%. This was a solid result amid what was dubbed the most volatile reporting season in ASX history.

Notwithstanding wild price swings of individual stocks during the month, we see a story of optimism emerging from corporate Australia. There were standout performances in Resources, Consumer Discretionary and small caps, signalling a market that's embracing recovery amid global uncertainties.

We were also heartened by better-than-expected dividends being declared in August. This underscores Boards' confidence in cash flows and future prospects, a far cry from cash-hoarding in tougher times. We also welcomed special dividends for some companies, including ARB Corporation, one of our larger holdings, which delivered a strong result. ARB was one of the few companies that is seemingly outperforming in the United States.

Harvey Norman (HVN) was the biggest contributor to the Fund return in August. As we noted in our July report, an environment of rising house prices, low unemployment and falling interest rates bode well for HVN trading. We have been long term holders of HVN and have long argued that the market fails to appreciate the value of both the underlying property assets and the opportunity for growth outside of Australia. Finally in August, some of these quality attributes were recognised, with the stock increasing by c.20%. This was on the back of a strong result and a very buoyant trading update.

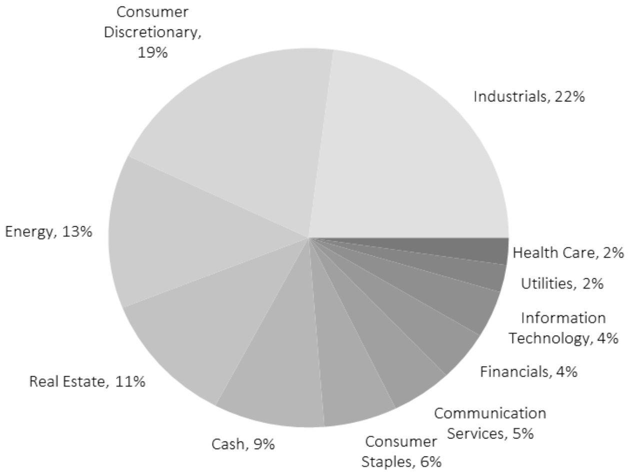
A standout theme of Reporting Season was the narrative of domestic recovery. Corporate commentary shifted from mere "resilience" to genuine improvement. Outside of HVN, several other consumer facing stocks delivered solid results and trading updates. Lovisa (LOV), another Top 10 holding delivered a notable result. LOV store rollout has materially accelerated from first half of FY24, and same-store sales grew 5.6%. Combined, our forecasts expect that these drivers are producing top-line growth in the mid-20% mark. Investors were rewarded with LOV increasing by more than 25% during the month.

Property sectors echoed this positivity: REA Group expects stable residential listings in a healthy market and Charter Hall continues to see healthy demand for its Funds, much of which is offshore capital.

In all, our takeaway from Reporting Season is that assuming that the RBA can pull off the anticipated soft landing, the outlook for the domestic economy is promising. That is, inflation back in band, low unemployment and expectations of a 3.1% cash rate by February 2026. Consensus economic forecasts point to sustainable 2.5% inflation and gradual growth, creating a fertile ground for productivity gains and consumer spending.

Nevertheless, the buoyant reporting season and positive share price moves has pushed market multiples to high levels. The P/E multiple for the S&P/ASX Midcap 50 Index is 21 times, well above historical averages. Much of this rerating has been driven by outperformance of momentum driven stocks. We are comfortable with the portfolio positioning in more Quality names and are encouraged by the P/E multiple of the Fund, which is more compelling at 16 times.

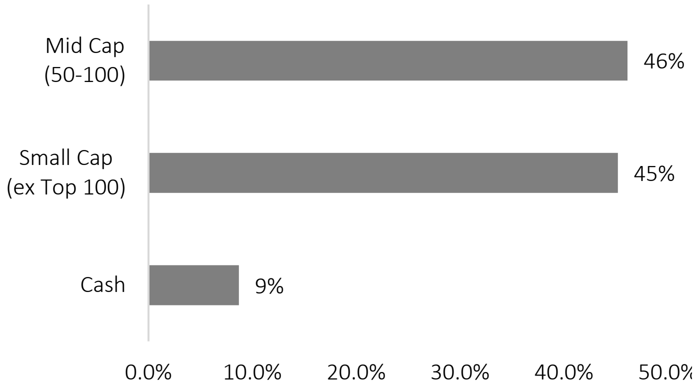
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS



TOP 10 POSITIONS

1	Ampol Limited
2	Harvey Norman Holdings
3	IPH Limited
4	Metcash Limited
5	ARB Corporation
6	Charter Hall Group
7	HUB24 Limited
8	REA Group
9	Hansen Technologies
10	Lovisa Holdings

CAPITALISATION EXPOSURE



QUALITY & VALUATION RATIOS

Return on Capital Employed	15.9%
Operating Margin	19.1%
P/E Ratio (FY1e)	16.4x
EPS Growth	14.0%
Historical Net Distribution Yield*	3.1%

Source: Factset, Contact Asset Management estimates. *The Distribution Yield is based on December 2024 and June 2025 distributions totalling 3.9cpu and 31 August 2025 NAV price of $1.27

Performance to 31 August 2025	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	Inception (p.a.)
Contact Australian Ex-50 Fund	5.2%	14.8%	8.1%	6.3%	5.4%	7.9%
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index	8.4%	12.4%	23.4%	9.8%	7.9%	12.7%
S&P/ASX Mid-cap 50 Index	5.5%	10.9%	20.7%	12.3%	13.0%	18.6%
Targeted return of 10% per annum		2.5%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%

Performance is reported net of all fees and assumes reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. # Inception date is 17 March 2020. Performance figures may be subject to rounding. Numbers greater than one year are annualised. The reference to the blended Mid cap/Small cap index is for information only. There are no performance fees or hurdles tied to this index.

The Contact Australian Ex-50 Fund Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), Reference Guide and Target Market Determination (TMD) is available at

https://contactam.com.au/ex-50-fund-overview/