

First Sentier Wholesale Developing Companies Fund



Formerly the Colonial First State Wholesale Developing Companies Fund

Monthly Factsheet

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Portfolio Description

The Fund invests in a broad selection of Australian listed companies, with a market capitalisation of less than \$500 million at the time of initial investment.

Investment Strategy

The manager's growth approach is based on the belief that, over the medium-to-long term, share prices are driven by growth in a company's earnings, despite the existence of sentiment that can lead to short-term price volatility. The strategy is therefore to invest primarily in a portfolio of Australian companies with a market capitalisation or free float of generally less than \$500 million at the time of initial investment, with strong balance sheets, whose earnings are expected to grow at a greater rate than the Australian economy as a whole. The Fund predominantly invests in Australian companies and therefore does not hedge currency risk.

Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth that exceeds the S&P / ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over rolling three-year periods before fees and taxes

Key Investment Personnel and Experience (Industry / Firm)

Tim Canham	Portfolio Manager	(1991 / 2000)
Wik Farwerck	Portfolio Manager	(1997 / 2006)

Product Overview

APIR code	FSF0468AU
Inception date	30 April 1997
Fund Size (A\$)	71 million
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index
Number of stock holdings	55
Buy / Sell spread	0.20% / 0.20%
Minimum investment (A\$)	5,000
Management fees and costs (p.a.)*	1.31%

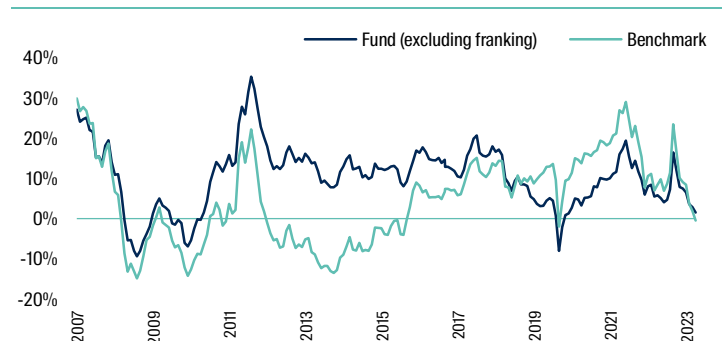
* Information on Management fees and costs (including estimated indirect costs) is set out in the Fund's PDS.

Performance Summary (%)

Period	1mth	3mth	1yr	3yr	5yr	7yr	10yr	SI
Net return	-3.7	-3.5	-9.6	1.5	2.5	2.4	6.0	9.4
Benchmark return	-5.5	-10.5	-11.3	-0.4	7.7	6.6	6.2	4.8
Excess net return	1.7	7.0	1.7	2.0	-5.2	-4.3	-0.3	4.6
Income return	0.0	0.5	2.8	11.5	9.3	8.5	8.1	9.9
Growth return	-3.7	-3.9	-12.4	-9.9	-6.8	-6.1	-2.1	-0.6

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Rolling 3 year return (%)



Top 5 holdings

Stock
Autosports
Gascoyne Resources
Gentrack Group Ltd
GR Engineering Services
SCEE

Sorted alphabetically

Risk Characteristics

Period	1yr	3yr	5yr	7yr	10yr	SI
Fund standard deviation (%)	9.4	16.9	20.5	18.4	16.7	17.2
Benchmark standard deviation (%)	12.9	19.2	23.9	21.0	18.9	20.5
Tracking error (%)	9.0	7.7	8.3	7.9	8.3	9.0
Fund Sharpe ratio	-1.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3
Information ratio	0.2	0.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.0	0.5
Beta	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8

* The First Sentier Wholesale Developing Companies Fund (**Fund**) continues to adopt a concentrated strategy of high conviction securities that results in a high active share, relative to the reference benchmark.

The Fund only purchases securities in a company with a market cap below \$500m but the Fund is able to continue to hold the securities if the company's market cap increases above \$500m. No more than 30% of the Fund may be exposed to securities with a market cap above \$500m. Due to the specific nature of this strategy, First Sentier has made several attempts to find a benchmark that would better reflect the Fund's investible universe. Recently, First Sentier decided to revert to the Fund's original benchmark, which is more widely used by the industry.

Since inception of the Fund, the following benchmarks have been used:

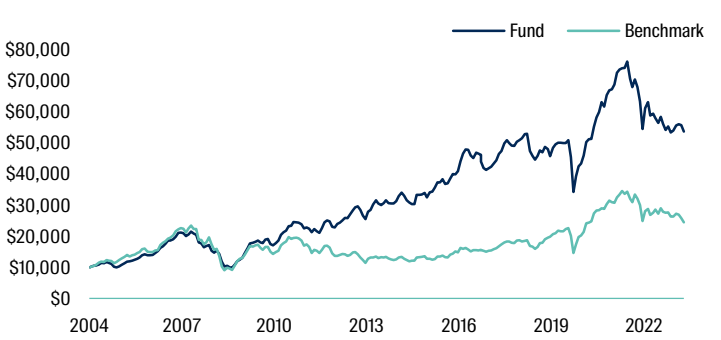
13/07/2004: S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

01/05/2006: S&P/ASX 300 ex S&P/ASX 200

08/06/2020: S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index ex S&P/ASX 300

22/05/2023: S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

Growth of AUD 10,000 Investment Since Inception

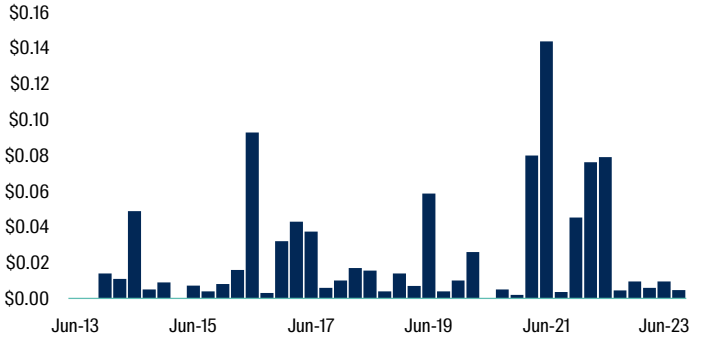


Top 5 contributors to performance (1 month)

Sector	Value added
Materials	0.34%
Consumer Staples	0.08%
Utilities	0.07%
Real Estate	-0.04%
Health Care	-0.18%

Data source: First Sentier Investors 2023
Data as at: 31 October 2023

Distributions



Top 5 detractors to performance (1 month)

Sector	Value added
Industrials	-1.05%
Energy	-0.86%
Financials	-0.82%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.80%
Communication Services	-0.27%

Any apparent discrepancies in the numbers are due to rounding. Performance returns are calculated net of management fees and transaction costs. Performance returns for periods greater than one year are annualised.

Portfolio Beta measures the portfolio's sensitivity to benchmark movements. Mathematically, it is the covariance of the portfolio vs the benchmark divided by the variance of the benchmark.

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