

# Australian Shares Fund

## Forager Australian Shares Fund Performance summary (as at 31 August 2024. Net of all fees and expenses)

	1 month return	3 month return	6 month return	1 year return	3 year re- turn (p.a.)	5 year re- turn (p.a.)	10 year re- turn (p.a.)	Since inception* (p.a.)
<b>Australian Shares Fund</b>	1.22%	4.50%	6.93%	15.38%	-1.48%	8.32%	7.40%	9.60%
<b>All Ordinaries Accumulation Index</b>	0.40%	4.99%	6.27%	14.75%	6.31%	8.38%	8.22%	8.32%

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\*30 October 2009

The Fund's net asset value rose 1.2% in the month, slightly better than the 0.4% return from the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

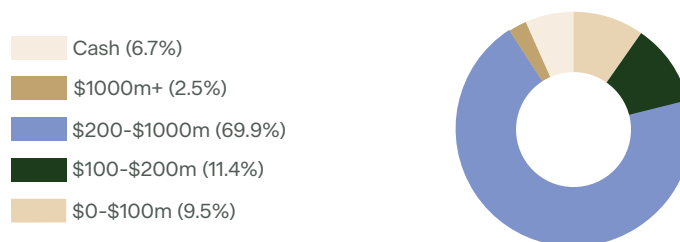
During the month the majority of the Fund's holdings presented results for the period ended 30 June 2024. Investors, surrounded by economic uncertainty, were not in a forgiving mood. Many smaller stocks that missed expectations or provided weaker than expected outlook statements saw big negative price reactions. Good results were rewarded, especially where expectations were low.

Investment platform **Praemium** (PPS) has been in the sin bin since its weak half-year result. The second half was much improved on the first, with revenue up 8% organically and costs down. The 2025 financial year should see improved pricing drive revenue growth and more gradual cost escalations.

Results for payments business **EML** (EML) were towards the upper end of the guided range and management forecast solid growth for the following year. The business had a busy year of slimming down operations and solving regulatory quagmires. Interest rate increases drove a doubling of interest revenue. With a new Chair and Managing Director now onboard, the future direction for the business needs to be clearly communicated to spur investor interest.

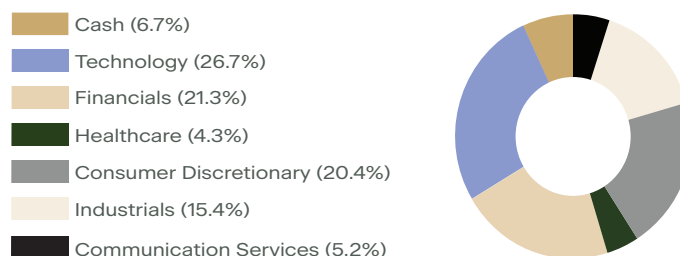
The recovery at tradie marketplace **hipages** (HPG) continued with the announcement of strong results. Higher revenue per user propelled total revenue growth to 13% while costs were up only 9%. Importantly, the business produced \$2m of free cash flow and guided to at least a doubling of that in the 2025 financial year.

### Portfolio Distribution According to Market Capitalisation



Source: S&P Capital IQ

### Stock Exposure by Sector



Source: Forager

### Top 5 holdings (as % of NAV)

Catapult Group International Ltd	(ASX:CAT)	7.4%
Readytech Holdings Ltd	(ASX:RDY)	6.0%
RPM Global Holdings	(ASX:RUL)	5.5%
Tyro Payments Limited	(ASX:TYR)	4.8%
NZX LTD	(NZX:NZ)	4.0%
Cash		6.7%

### Fund Objective

The Fund targets securities that Forager believes are undervalued and invests predominately in securities listed on the ASX. The Fund's investment objective is to outperform the All Ordinaries Accumulation Index over rolling 5-year periods. The Fund aims to produce superior long-term returns from a portfolio of 15-50 businesses, irrespective of short-term share price movements.

## Fund Performance by Month and Financial Year

FY	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total Returns
2010					-0.69%	2.52%	-1.66%	0.08%	-0.34%	4.60%	-4.27%	-4.40%	-4.41%
2011	4.97%	-2.40%	-2.80%	-1.54%	3.12%	6.59%	1.58%	0.47%	1.49%	3.40%	-5.39%	-0.82%	5.12%
2012	-1.00%	-2.61%	-7.20%	9.89%	-0.02%	-4.62%	1.53%	8.09%	5.02%	2.17%	-0.51%	-2.64%	7.76%
2013	8.70%	0.44%	2.83%	-3.07%	4.57%	0.33%	5.83%	4.86%	4.51%	1.41%	2.65%	-0.69%	36.87%
2014	10.45%	1.13%	4.77%	2.50%	-0.11%	0.38%	1.05%	0.48%	-1.28%	-3.44%	1.28%	-0.15%	17.73%
2015	6.70%	2.56%	-1.23%	-2.06%	-0.21%	-1.15%	0.94%	3.38%	4.87%	-2.42%	3.13%	-2.34%	12.31%
2016	7.94%	-4.46%	-1.38%	12.87%	-2.97%	0.22%	-1.33%	2.70%	4.40%	2.48%	1.51%	-3.91%	18.06%
2017	6.99%	3.25%	4.50%	-1.99%	-4.65%	1.76%	7.20%	1.29%	1.60%	1.16%	1.16%	1.00%	25.16%
2018	2.32%	-0.95%	2.69%	0.95%	0.21%	4.06%	-0.57%	-3.18%	-2.64%	2.77%	-0.97%	1.91%	6.50%
2019	-0.62%	-1.90%	-2.19%	-6.16%	-3.78%	-3.68%	0.98%	4.46%	-0.95%	-2.02%	-3.97%	-1.46%	-19.66%
2020	0.67%	-1.09%	4.38%	1.54%	-3.22%	-1.50%	2.46%	-10.97%	-39.71%	20.57%	18.04%	-2.16%	-18.36%
2021	3.70%	18.80%	2.00%	7.79%	13.22%	3.56%	-3.05%	4.07%	1.21%	13.23%	0.26%	1.62%	87.09%
2022	5.01%	2.58%	0.45%	1.57%	-1.35%	2.81%	-7.55%	-7.48%	2.86%	-7.29%	-9.60%	-12.30%	-27.91%
2023	12.28%	1.67%	-6.53%	7.58%	5.75%	-3.87%	5.95%	-4.62%	-3.85%	2.61%	0.34%	0.34%	17.13%
2024	4.18%	1.51%	-0.54%	-6.45%	4.76%	7.14%	-1.07%	4.43%	1.59%	1.24%	-0.51%	1.66%	18.69%
2025	1.57%	1.22%											2.80%

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### Facts

Fund inception	30 October 2009
Minimum investment	\$20,000
Monthly investment	Min. \$1000/mth
Distribution	Semi-Annual, 30 June, 31 December
Applications/Redemption	Daily

### Unit price summary

As at	31 August 2024
Buy Price	\$1.6773
Redemption Price	\$1.6039
Mid Price	\$1.6740
Portfolio Value	\$167.4 million

### About Forager

With approximately \$390 million of funds under management and a focus on long-term investing, Forager Funds is a unique Australian asset management company.

Following a strong 14-year track record, Forager is a sustainable business but is nimble enough to invest in smaller listed companies not accessible to many investment managers.

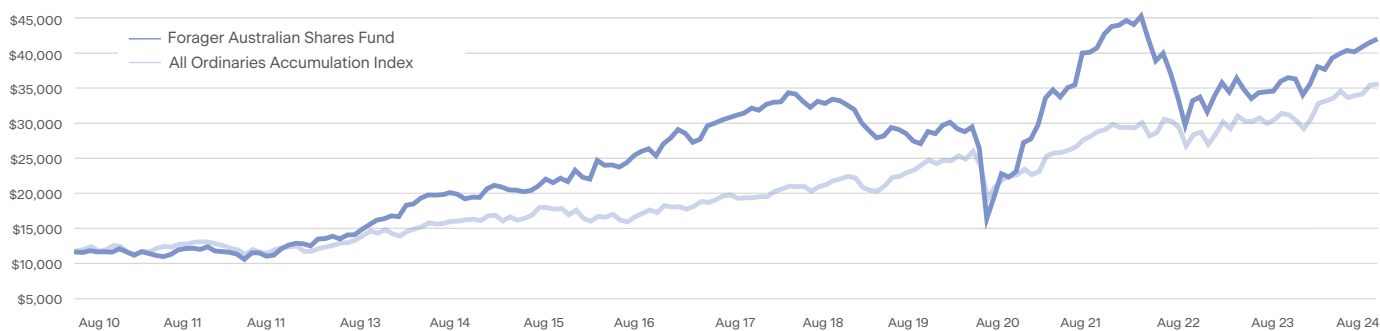
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Key investment staff are strongly aligned with investors through co-investment and / or equity in the Forager business.

### Fund Characteristics

- Concentrated portfolio of ASX-listed stocks
- Long track record in identifying unloved gems
- Restricted fund size allows investment in smaller businesses
- Strong focus on managing portfolio risks
- Daily applications and redemptions

### Comparison of \$10,000 investment over time



Source (All Ords): S&P Capital IQ. The above figures assume that all distributions have been reinvested. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

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