

Monthly Commentary

After a tough August the Fund bounced in September as China made several encouraging moves to stimulate its economy which were enough to spark a rally in resource stocks that have been big underperformers so far in 2024. This rally in resources appeared to be funded in part by a rotation out of banks, which have been the year's big winners so far. The Alpha Strategy has been broadly long resources (which are cheap and hated) and short banks (which are expensive) so should do OK if this rotation extends into year-end.

Other big news during September was the 50 basis points rate cut by the US Federal Reserve. We try to avoid macro forecasting but it's hard not to see simultaneous policy easing from the world's two largest economies as supportive for risk assets, coming as it does when we have full employment in Australia and the US, and stock markets close to all-time highs. The obvious risk is that the US has gone too early in cutting rates and we see a reemergence of inflation. We own a number of stocks like Visa and Mastercard (we topped up Visa during September as it fell on news of a US Department of Justice lawsuit) that we class as inflation beneficiaries, and recently added to luxury names LVMH and Richemont which have high margins and pricing power that gives them a degree of protection from inflation.

Disappointingly, during the month REA Group (Realestate.com) abandoned its takeover bid for Rightmove, the UK's leading real estate portal. We own both companies and believed a tie-up would have been great for shareholders of both, but are happy to own them independently. The bid highlighted the yawning discount that Rightmove trades on relative to other listed property portals. Both companies should do well as interest rates come down in Australia and the UK over time. On the theme of falling interest rates, we are short a basket of companies including Computershare and QBE which were outsized beneficiaries of rising interest rates in recent years.

The last 18 months of sideways movement of the Fund has been frustrating but is not unusual after a period of strong performance like we experienced in 2021 and 2022. We are seeing some green shoots on both sides of our book with a number of strong thematic and bottom-up ideas starting to work. The Portfolio Managers added to their holdings in the Strategy during August and September and continue to be "all in" on their alignment with our investors.

Underlying Fund Monthly Stock Contribution

Contributors		
Whitehaven Coal	Long	+0.9%
Rightmove	Long	+0.9%
Watches of Switzerland	Long	+0.5%
Detractors		
Fad, Fraud & Failure	Short	-0.9%
Light & Wonder	Long	-0.5%
Coronado Global Resources	Long	-0.3%

Performance Summary (net of all fees)

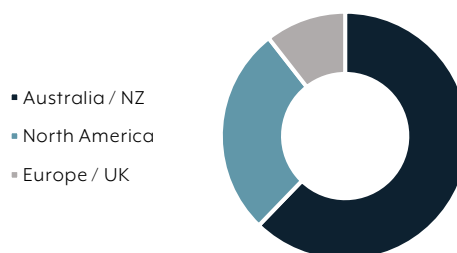
	Totus Alpha Long Short Fund ¹	RBA Cash Rate ³	ASX300 Accum. Index ³
1 month	2.6%	0.4%	3.1%
3 months	-4.0%	1.1%	7.8%
Calendar year to date	2.4%	3.3%	12.3%
1 year	0.1%	4.4%	21.7%
3 years p.a.	7.3%	2.9%	8.1%
Total since inception	30.9%	9.1%	80.6%
Since inception p.a.	6.4%	2.0%	14.3%
	Strategy / Underlying Fund ²	RBA Cash Rate	ASX300 Accum. Index
Since Inception p.a.	13.4%	2.0%	9.7%

¹ Fund performance is for the Totus Alpha Long Short Fund since inception on 18 May 2020.
² Performance for the Strategy / Underlying Fund is the Totus Alpha Fund since inception (2 April 2012) which is subject to a different fee structure. All performance numbers are quoted net of fees. Past Performance is not an indicator of future performance. Source: Totus, Apex, Bloomberg.

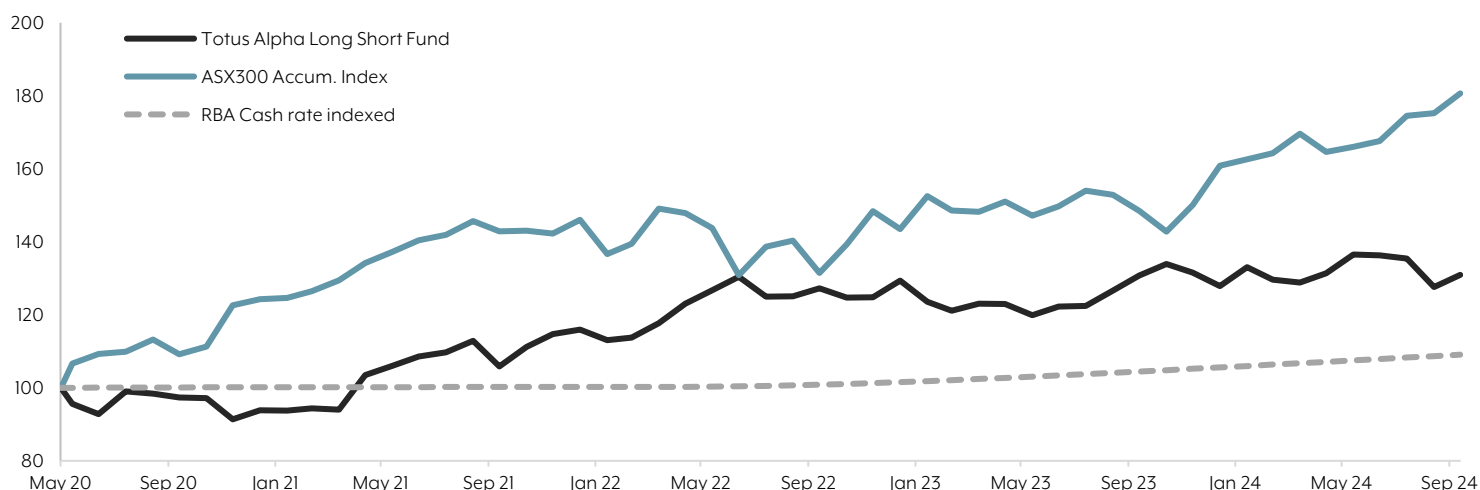
Underlying Fund Exposure (regional breakdown)

Geography	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Australia / NZ	64%	48%	16%	112%
North America	41%	8%	33%	49%
Europe / UK	19%	0%	19%	19%
TOTAL	124%	56%	67%	180%

Gross Exposure as % of Total Exposure



Performance Since Inception (base = 100)³



³ Returns of the ASX 300 Accum. Index and the benchmark RBA Cash rate are shown to illustrate the Fund's performance within a diversified portfolio of assets. The risk/return profiles differ due to differences in the constituents of the index/fund vehicle. Past Performance is not an indicator of future performance. Source: Totus, Apex, Bloomberg

Totus Alpha Long Short Fund

September 2024 Performance Update



Month-end Positions & Theme Exposures

Long	Short
41 positions	41 positions
Yield with Upside 21%	Fads, Frauds & Failures 8%
Bricks to Clicks 21%	Consumer Slowdown 8%
Undersupplied Commodities 18%	Banks 8%

RG240 Disclosure

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Valuation & Fund Changes	Fund	Underlying Fund
Current total net asset value ³	\$30.5M	\$132.8M
Withdrawal value of a unit ³	\$0.8076	\$104.4084
Net return of assets after fees, costs and taxes (for September 2024) ⁴	2.58%	2.35%
Change to key service providers	Nil	Nil
Change to individuals playing a key role in investment decision	Nil	Nil
Material Changes to the risk profile or investment strategy	Nil	Nil

¹Totus Alpha Long Short Fund. ²Totus Alpha Fund. ³As at 30 September 2024. Net Asset Value equals assets less liabilities rounded to the nearest million and is assessed after any applicable distribution. ⁴Returns are inclusive of any applicable distributions, net of fees and net of taxes applicable to the Fund and the Underlying Fund.

Fund Information

Investment Strategy	Absolute return global developed market equity long short
APIR Code	PIM6284AU
Inception Date	18 May 2020
Management Fee*	1.62% p.a.
Performance Fee	20.5% p.a. (over hurdle), HWM
Hurdle	Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Cash Rate
Buy/Sell Spread	+0.25% / -0.25%
Minimum Investment	A\$25,000
Subscriptions / Redemptions	Daily
Distribution	Annually, 30 June
Responsible Entity	The Trust Company (RE Services) Ltd
Administrator & Custodian	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd
Auditor	EY & PwC
Platform availability	BT Panorama, HUB24, Macquarie Wrap, Netwealth, Powerwrap, Praemium, Mason Stevens, North, CFS Edge (mgd accts)

The Fund is appropriate for investors with "Very High" risk and return profiles. A suitable investor for this Fund is prepared to accept high risk in the pursuit of capital growth with a medium to long investment timeframe. Investors should refer to the [TMD](#) for further information.

* Fees quoted are inclusive of GST after allowing for an estimate for RITCS

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Historical Monthly Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CYTD
2020					-4.39%	-2.96%	6.75%	-0.66%	-1.07%	-0.21%	-5.94%	2.70%	-6.16%
2021	-0.06%	0.59%	-0.37%	10.14%	2.44%	2.41%	1.06%	2.82%	-6.20%	5.01%	3.20%	1.07%	23.56%
2022	-2.53%	0.68%	3.47%	4.56%	2.99%	2.88%	-4.15%	0.06%	1.71%	-1.98%	0.06%	3.67%	11.57%
2023	-4.47%	-1.98%	1.61%	-0.12%	-2.50%	2.03%	0.13%	3.44%	3.22%	2.45%	-1.77%	-2.83	-1.18%
2024	4.05%	-2.57%	-0.57%	1.92%	3.93%	-0.14%	-0.70%	-5.74%	2.58%				2.39%

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