

# Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund

## OBJECTIVE

The Fulcrum Diversified Absolute Return Fund ('the Fund') aims to achieve long-term absolute returns in all market conditions over a rolling five-year period, with lower volatility than equity markets and in excess of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cash rate.

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<b>INCEPTION DATE</b>	31 March 2015	<b>INVESTMENT MANAGER</b>	Fulcrum Asset Management LLP

## Overview

The Fund was transitioned to Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited ('Ironbark') as Responsible Entity in March 2021.

In seeking to achieve its aim of long-term absolute returns, the Fund will hold a diversified portfolio, typically consisting of exposures to equities, fixed income, commodities, alternatives and cash. In order to maximise risk-adjusted returns the Fund relies on four primary sources of return: (1) asset class timing, (2) relative value opportunities, (3) alternatives, and (4) hedging, with the relative weightings actively managed by the Fulcrum Investment Committee.

The Fund is classified as a hedge fund in accordance with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, Regulatory Guide 240 'Hedge funds: Improving disclosure'. This classification is based on the fact that the Fund exhibits two or more characteristics of a hedge fund, the characteristics being:

- aims to generate returns that are not highly correlated to published indices;
- charges a performance fee (including at the underlying fund level);
- uses leverage;
- uses derivatives; and/or
- uses short selling.

Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited ('Ironbark') as the responsible entity of the Fund, is required to provide investors with extra information on the Fund. For further information about the Fund, please see Ironbark's website [www.ironbarkam.com](http://www.ironbarkam.com).

## Financial year net returns (%)<sup>1</sup>

The performance figures in the table below represent the Fund's annual investment returns, net of fees and charges, for the yearly periods shown. A yearly period is the financial year ('FY'), from 1 July to 30 June of the relevant period.

	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
Fund	6.38	9.31	-3.90	1.10	9.53

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Net performance figures are calculated using exit prices, net of fees and reflect the annual reinvestment of distributions.

## Liquidity<sup>2,3</sup>

The percent of underlying portfolio assets able to be converted into cash over the following time periods assuming 25% of Average Daily Volume ('ADV') over the past 12 months to 30 June 2025:

	1 to 10 days	> 10 days to 30 days	> 30 days to 6 months	< 1 year	> 1 year
Fund	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The majority of assets expected to be traded and held by the Fund are liquid. Ironbark and Fulcrum currently expect that the Fund will be able to realise at least 80% of the Fund's assets at the value ascribed to those assets in calculating the Fund's NAV within 10 days, however assets are generally realised within 8 days.

<sup>2</sup> The estimated time required to sell the asset at the value ascribed to that asset in the Fund's net asset value as of 30 June 2025.

<sup>3</sup> The data herein reflects an estimated liquidity in relation to the underlying investments within the Fund. The analysis includes redemption frequency plus notice period. The liquidity terms for the investor may differ substantially. There are no assurances that such liquidity estimates will reflect the actual liquidity of the Fund.

## Strategy allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

As at 30 June 2025, the asset allocation of the Fund was per the table below:

Asset class	Allocation weight
Emerging Markets Equities	0.07
Japan Equities	3.34
United Kingdom Equities	3.47
Asia ex-Japan Equities	4.63
Emerging Market Rates (10 year equivalent)	4.64
Commodities	6.71
Europe ex-UK Equities	7.35
Developed Rates (10 year equivalent)	11.82
North America Equities	15.65
Short Term Government Bonds	42.33
Emerging Markets Equities	0.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup>Source: Fulcrum Asset Management LLP.

## Leverage and short selling (%)

The Fund can be leveraged implicitly through the use of derivatives (including exchange traded futures and options as well as non-exchange traded (OTC) options, forwards and swaps). On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 the net leverage for the Fund was 119%.

The Fund will not short sell, however it may obtain short positions through derivatives.

## Liabilities and maturity profile

As at 30 June 2025, the Fund did not have any liabilities.

## Derivative counterparties (%)

The Fund may use derivatives for investment purposes and for efficient portfolio management. The Fund will also use hedging strategies to reduce risk over the short term without materially altering its risk profile.

The derivative counterparties engaged by the Fund for the 12-month period to 30 June 2025 were:

- Bank of America Corp
- NomuraCitigroup Inc
- Goldman Sachs
- JP Morgan Chase & Co
- Morgan Stanley
- UBS
- HSBC

## Changes to key service providers

- During the 2025 financial year, there were no changes to the key service providers of the Fund.

This information is current as at the date of this document and provided as a guideline only, it may be subject to change. No recommendation or advice has been given as to whether any investment or strategy may be suitable for you.

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