WealthFocus Funds

WEALTHFOCUS PERPETUAL INDUSTRIAL SHARE FUND

April 2025

FUND FACTS

Investment objective: Aims to provide long-term capital growth and regular income through investment predominantly in quality Australian industrial shares.

FUND BENEFITS

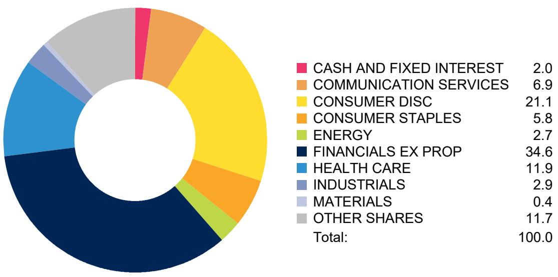
Provides investors with the potential for capital growth and consistent, tax effective income through the active management of quality industrial shares. Investors have been benefitting from this strategy since 1966.

FUND RISKS

All investments carry risk and different strategies may carry different levels of risk. The relevant product disclosure statement or offer document for a fund should be considered before deciding whether to acquire or hold units in that fund. Your financial adviser can assist you in determining whether a fund is suited to your financial needs.

Benchmark:	S&P/ASX 300 Industrial Accum. Index
Inception Date:	December 1976
Size of Portfolio:	$453.96 million as at 31 Mar 2025
APIR:	PER0011AU
Management Fee:	1.23%*
Investment style:	Active, fundamental, bottom-up, value
Suggested minimum investment period:	Five years or longer

PORTFOLIO SECTORS



TOP 10 STOCK HOLDINGS

	% of Portfolio
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	12.6%
CSL Limited	6.4%
Wesfarmers Limited	6.2%
Goodman Group	5.7%
Flutter Entertainment Plc	5.6%
National Australia Bank Limited	4.8%
Westpac Banking Corporation	4.4%
Suncorp Group Limited	3.9%
ANZ Group Holdings Limited	3.8%
EVT Limited	3.5%

NET PERFORMANCE - periods ending 30 April 2025

	Fund	Benchmark #	Excess
1 month	4.83	4.66	+0.17
3 months	-2.91	-3.83	+0.92
1 year	14.66	16.05	-1.40
2 year p.a.	13.07	13.73	-0.67
3 year p.a.	10.39	8.91	+1.48
4 year p.a.	9.16	8.67	+0.49
5 year p.a.	13.60	12.49	+1.12
7 year p.a.	7.81	8.72	-0.91
10 year p.a.	6.06	7.56	-1.50

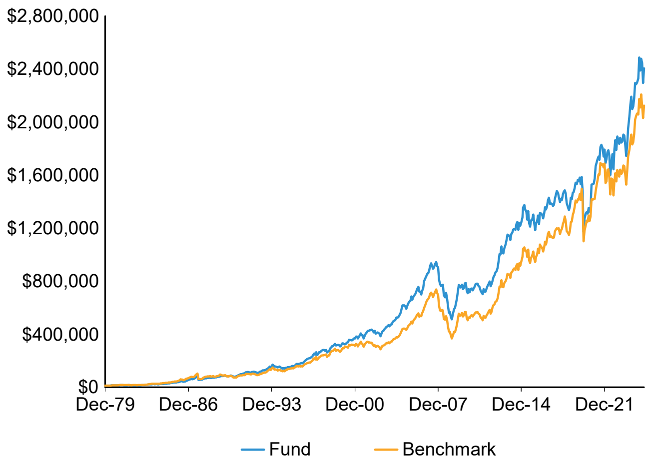
Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Returns may differ due to different tax treatments.

PORTFOLIO FUNDAMENTALS^

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Price / Earnings*	21.2	20.7
Dividend Yield*	2.9%	3.4%
Price / Book	2.6	2.4
Debt / Equity	48.3%	51.1%
Return on Equity*	11.5%	12.3%

^ Portfolio Fundamentals are compiled using our methodology and provided only for the purpose of illustrating the Fund's investment style in action. These figures are forecast estimates, calculated based on consensus broker estimates where available, and should not be relied upon. Dividend Yield is a dividend forecast of underlying securities for the portfolio and does not reflect the distributions to be determined for the fund.
* Forward looking 12-month estimate.

GROWTH OF $10,000 SINCE INCEPTION



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

MARKET COMMENTARY

The S&P/ASX 300 rose 3.6% in April, navigating a volatile month marked by geopolitical shocks and shifting investor sentiment. Volatility spiked early in the month following "Liberation Day" on 2 April, when the Trump Administration imposed harsher-than-expected tariffs, sparking the sharpest global equity sell-off since the COVID-19 crash. Markets struggled to price in the broad and indiscriminate nature of the tariffs, with a temporary tariff pause announced mid-month doing little to calm investor nerves. Despite the external chaos, domestic markets were buoyed by a flight to safety. Commonwealth Bank extended its strong performance (10.4%) as investors rotated into high-quality, defensive names. Gold prices continued to climb amid safe-haven demand, while oil prices slumped sharply, reflecting mounting concerns over global growth. Sector performance was mixed. Communication Services (6.4%) and Information Technology (6.3%) led gains as investors sought structural growth and defensive earnings. In contrast, Energy (-7.52%) and Materials (0.70%) lagged, hurt by falling commodity prices and weakening sentiment toward cyclicals.

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The portfolio's largest overweight positions include Flutter Entertainment PLC, EVT Limited and Premier Investments Limited. The portfolio's largest underweight positions include Macquarie Group Ltd, Telstra Group Limited and Transurban Group Ltd, none of which are held in the portfolio.

Eagers Automotive Limited rallied 23.15% in April, boosting portfolio returns. While the broader automotive sector remains under pressure, Eagers' partnerships with Toyota and BYD have sustained sales. Its relentless focus on digitisation has driven operational efficiency, positioning the group to capitalise on trough margins during this cyclical downturn. Selective acquisitions at distressed valuations and potential overseas expansion underpin its growth outlook. Taken together, these factors support a strong earnings trajectory and justify its premium valuation multiple.

BlueScope Steel (12.1%) was a positive contributor to relative performance in April, with its share price supported by broader market dynamics rather than company-specific catalysts. The company benefited from renewed investor interest in high-quality industrial names, with its Colorbond franchise continuing to provide superior margins compared to traditional steel exposures. Encouragingly, U.S. peers Nucor and Steel Dynamics exceeded first-quarter earnings expectations, reinforcing the strength of the global steel backdrop. Steel spreads in the U.S. remain above BlueScope's FY25 guidance, supporting our view that pricing dynamics offer asymmetric upside potential. BlueScope remains a standout operator in the global steel industry, backed by strong management, a valuable strategic asset at Port Kembla, and a brand in Colorbond that supports both margin expansion and international growth opportunities.

Ampol (+0.75%) underperformed the broader market in April, detracting from relative performance as refining and trading headwinds continued to weigh on sentiment. The company is still feeling the impact of a refinery outage late last year, which significantly reduced earnings and was not offset under the government's Fuel Security Services Payment due to the structure of the scheme. Although Ampol undertook additional maintenance during the downtime, which should improve reliability, refining margins remain volatile affected by weaker oil prices and shifting global supply dynamics. ALD is materially oversold with the market extrapolating refining earnings depressed by one-off events and cyclical lows. A return to a more normal environment will also benefit their trading operation. Together with the solidly growing convenience business, balance sheet deleveraging will accelerate and provide both capital management and potentially M&A opportunities.

Light & Wonder (-6.25%) detracted from portfolio performance in April, as litigation concerns weighed on sentiment despite otherwise solid operational performance. The company updated the market during the month, confirming that Aristocrat had filed a second amended complaint with the Nevada District Court. While Light & Wonder stated it would vigorously defend the claims, the update raised renewed concerns around potential legal and financial risk. These developments overshadowed continued growth in U.S. gaming operations and stable i-gaming results. The voluntary removal of 150 U.S. machines added to market unease, though the issue appears isolated and predates recent disputes. Despite governance and litigation headwinds, Light & Wonder continues to gain market share and is guided toward double-digit EBITDA growth.

OUTLOOK

Equity markets have entered a structurally more volatile regime under the Trump presidency, as geopolitical tensions escalate and policy unpredictability becomes a defining feature of the investment landscape. Initial hopes that tariff rhetoric was merely strategic posturing have faded, replaced by the realisation that protectionist measures may be both broader in scope and more disruptive in execution than previously anticipated. This uncertainty has contributed to heightened risk aversion and a more reactive market environment. In the U.S., we are seeing the early stages of a meaningful rotation out of high-momentum growth stocks, where fundamentals had often been overlooked in favour of narrative-driven price appreciation. This shift marks a healthy rebalancing, with markets beginning to reward quality, valuation discipline, and tangible earnings delivery. While elevated volatility may feel uncomfortable, we believe it is fertile ground for active management. Dislocations are already emerging, and we are capitalising on these opportunities by leaning into high-conviction positions where long-term fundamentals are being mispriced. Our portfolio remains positioned to benefit from a more rational market regime—one in which investors are once again distinguishing between price and value.

Benchmark prior to 1/4/2000 was the ASX All Industrials Accumulation Index. From 1/4/2000 to current the benchmark is S&P/ASX 300 Industrials Accumulation Index.

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