

# Centuria Multi-Manager Investment Option

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## Unit-linked: Australian Shares Fund Factsheet

The Fund's objective is to provide investors with capital growth over the long term (7-10 years) through exposure to a diversified portfolio of Australian shares.

### Investment manager

Centuria Life Limited

### Investment strategy

To primarily invest in a diversified portfolio of Australian shares either directly or through unit trusts.

### Fund size

\$17.68 million (inception date 26/02/2014)

### Performance

The performance of your bond is measured after taxes and fees within this tax paid bond. The performance figures below are as at 31 December 2023.

RETURNS TO 31/12/2023	1 MTH	3 MTH	6 MTH	1 YR	3 YR <sup>1</sup>	5YR <sup>1</sup>
Net returns (%) <sup>2</sup>	5.33%	5.90%	5.80%	10.59%	4.44%	5.93%

### Asset allocation<sup>3</sup>

	MIN%	MAX%	ACTUAL
Equities	70	100	97.77
Cash	0	30	2.23

### Top five holdings

1	Betashares Australia 200 ETF	54.84%
2	Smallco Broadcap Fund (SBF)	18.88%
3	Smallco Investment Fund	12.08%
4	Ellerston Australian Microcap Fund	11.97%
5	Custody Cash	2.23%

### Performance graph



A \$10,000 investment in Centuria Australian Shares Fund made on 30 June 2018 is worth \$12,517 as of 31 December 2023 after all fees and taxes paid within the Investment Option.

### Key features

APIR code	OVS0010AU
Minimum initial investment	\$500
Minimum additional investment	\$500 for a one-off additional payment
Minimum additional investment plan	Minimum monthly deposit of \$100
Minimum switching amount	\$500
Minimum balance	\$500
Contribution fee	Nil
Annual management fee <sup>4</sup>	Net 1.2% p.a.
Suggested timeframe	7-10 years

- Periods greater than 1 year are expressed in annualised terms.
- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.
- The Fund exposure may at times move outside of the ranges. Should this happen, the Fund will aim to rebalance within a reasonable period of time. Less liquid assets may require longer time to rebalance.
- Refer to PDS for fee breakdown.

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## Australian equity market

For the December quarter, the S&P/ASX 300 Total Return Index returned 8.36%, and for 1 year, the index advanced 12.13%. The year end "Santa Rally" was in full force as equity market investors took light in promising signs that inflation is on the way to being tamed in Australia and other Developed markets and the likelihood of a soft landing for the economy increases.

Unemployment in Australian continues to remain low (3.9%) despite the headwind of increasing wage costs on businesses. That said, Australia lost 65,000 jobs, signalling to the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) that the interest rate hiking cycle which began in June 2022, was starting to slow down the economy. In November, the RBA raised the official cash rate by 0.25% to the current rate of 4.35%.

Given inflation is falling and consumer spending is lowering, a strong case can be made that this is the last rate hike in this cycle, but on the flip side, however, unemployment remains historically low, and residential house prices remain strong, amongst many other drivers of inflation. These factors could potentially keep cash rate elevated for longer or warrant future cash rate hikes.

The largest sector gains of the S&P/ASX 300 for the quarter was the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Sector up 16.50% predominately driven by gains in Scentre Group (ASX:SCG) and Goodman Group (ASX:GMG). Real Estate stocks, which typically trade lower as interest rates rise as these businesses use significant portions of debt to fund purchases of buildings and fund development projects, were buoyed by market sentiment that the RBA may be finished raising the cash rate and that the next cash rate movement may be lower, not higher.

The worst performing sector was the S&P/ASX 300 Energy sector which declined -8.36% for the quarter primarily driven by Woodside Energy (ASX:WDS) which was under heavy selling pressure as crude oil prices fell during the quarter from almost \$90 towards \$70.

### December quarter best performing sectors<sup>1</sup>

S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT	16.50%
S&P/ASX 300 Healthcare	13.29%
S&P/ASX 300 Materials	13.17%

### December quarter worst performing sectors<sup>1</sup>

S&P/ASX 300 Energy	-8.97%
S&P/ASX 300 Utilities	-2.06%
S&P/ASX 300 Consumer Staples	0.14%

## Global Equities markets

### Quarterly returns to 31 December 2023

Nasdaq 100 (USA)	8.30%
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S&P 500 (USA)	5.64%
FTSE 100 (United Kingdom)	1.07%
MSCI World Ex Australia - (Unhedged)	5.31%
MSCI World Ex Australia - (Hedged)	9.85%

## Fund performance

For the December quarter, the Centuria Australian Shares Fund returned 5.90% after tax and fees and for the 1 year returned 10.59% after tax and fees.

The largest contributor to performance has been the Smallco Investment Fund which continues to outperform the ASX 300 index.

## Changes to the portfolio during the quarter

No changes were made to the portfolio.

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1. Indices used are total return/ accumulation indices