

The Annapurna Microcap fund is a high conviction Nanocap, Microcap and Smallcap fund managed by leading Microcap professionals. The fund aims to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns through the investment cycle while protecting client's invested capital.

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	Inception (%pa)
Performance (Net of Fees)	4.03%	1.16%	9.32%	14.96%



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Figure 1: Annapurna - We are looking forward to increased company field trips and company visits post the reporting season. We are ready to go.

Month End Exposures	Current	Monthly Move
Communication Services	5.2%	+1.4%
Consumer	11.3%	+3.1%
Energy	0.1%	+0.1%
Financials	19.6%	+3.2%
Health Care	16.3%	+0.1%
Industrials/Real Estate	10.5%	+6.6%
Information Technology	17.4%	+1.4%
Materials	17.7%	+1.4%
Number of Positions	36	+1
Gross Equity Exposure	98.1%	+17.2%
Cash Weighting	1.9%	-5.4%
Net Equity Exposure	98.1%	+17.2%

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Commentary

The Annapurna Microcap Fund reported a +4% return for the month of April and is +15% since inception. It was a strong month with a series of solid quarterly cash flow results from many Microcap stocks.

An improved economy and a (so far) relatively smooth transition after job keeper ending are also supportive along with mostly strong commodity prices. The combination of the coordinated and sizable fiscal and monetary policy settings since the pandemic market reset in March of 2020 has assisted corporate Australia rebound ahead of expectations with business confidence at near cycle highs. The upcoming Federal Budget will add additional stimulus that will be more targeted going forward and continue to be supportive for earnings

Contributors to the performance of the Annapurna Microcap fund included XRF Scientific (XRF) which reported very strong quarterly trading. Other positive contributors included Universal Biosensors (UBI) that continues to report enhanced geographic distribution of its wine sensor devices and continued movement into medical testing. RPM Global (RPM) continued to expand its automotive distribution business via small bolt on acquisitions. Alcidion (ALC) performed well after raising capital and being a preferred tender to an Australian Government health contract.

Detractors included Secos (SES) that reported a softer than expected quarterly result due cost pressures, Paygroup (PYG) fell after raising some additional capital to acquire another business and for expansion purposes. Maca (MLD) was soft after a mixed reporting season from others in the sector.

The Annapurna Microcap Fund offers diversified exposure to emerging companies with one of the most experienced microcap investment teams in Australia. The nanocap and microcap sectors are a different specialist segment and complement exposure to the broader equity market.

The microcap sector also offers diversification and complements the exposure to the broader equity market. This resource-intensive investment approach from the Annapurna team has in the past led to the successful investments of many new leaders of today.

Fund Characteristics	
FUM	AUD \$2.3m
Portfolio Managers	Bill Laister and Stephen Scott
Strategy	Nanocap/microcap and Small cap stocks. The fund is focused on Australian opportunities but can invest in international microcap and small cap stocks
Objectives	The fund aims to deliver superior risk adjusted returns through the investment cycle while protecting client's invested capital. The fund will aim to limit capacity to \$50m or below.
Return Target	To return 10% p.a net of fees over a 3-5 year investment cycle
Number of Stocks	Concentrated NanoCap/Microcap portfolio of 20- 50 stocks
Cash	Able to use cash/shorting/gearing up-to 130% as opportunities arise
Distributions	Annually
Management Fee	1.025%
Buy/Sell	Daily Application, Monthly Redemption (Minimum of 90 days' notice prior to a Redemption Day)
Performance Fee	20.5% pa of the amount by which the NAV per unit exceeds the High Water Mark once the fund achieves its 6% hurdle



Stephen Scott
Annapurna Microcap Fund - Portfolio Manager

- ▶ Responsible for the management of the microcap fund
- ▶ Long track record in the nanocap and microcap investing
- ▶ Over 25 years funds management experience domestically and globally

Over 25 years experience and a leading emerging companies / microcap portfolio manager. His roles have included Head of Research, Senior Portfolio Manager, Microcap Industrial Analyst and Senior Analyst. Stephen has been involved in portfolio management and construction, economic analysis and securities research throughout his career and was part of the largest microcap investment team and mandate in Australia.

Stephen has both domestic and global experience having worked in London, New York and Sydney in Senior funds management, investment research and management roles. Stephen has worked for Westpac, Deutsche Asset Management, Ord Minnett, Contango Asset Management, MAP Capital and Taylor Collison.



Bill Laister
Annapurna Microcap Fund - Portfolio Manager

- ▶ Responsible for the management of the microcap fund
- ▶ Long track record in the nanocap and microcap investing
- ▶ Over 30 years funds management experience

Over 30 years experience in the financial services industry as Senior Portfolio Manager, Head of Australian Equities, Head of Trading and Resources Analyst. He has worked at several organisations as Senior Portfolio Manager at Contango Asset Management (initial shareholder, 1999), Head of Australasian Equities HSBC AM, Director Contango MicroCap Ltd (ASX listed) and various roles at Wilsons & Co and Morgans Stockbroking in the 1980s.

Bill has been involved in resources analysis, portfolio construction and management through out his career. He launched the first Australian MicroCap mandate in 2004 and grew FUM to be the largest in the local market. He travels regularly reviewing greenfield sites, mining operations and growth opportunities for companies.

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