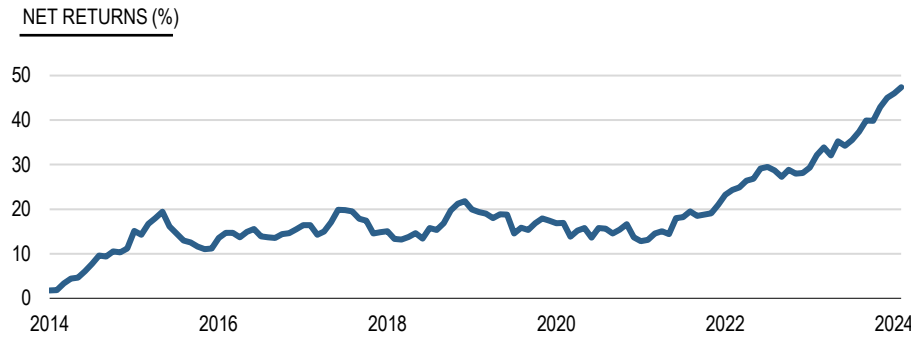


# AUSTRALIAN EQUITY MARKET NEUTRAL

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The Acadian Australian Equity Market Neutral strategy seeks to exploit the fundamental mispricing of stocks within the Australian equities market and aims to provide positive returns with minimal market beta through risk-controlled long and short stock positions.

## COMPOSITE CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE\*



## COMPOSITE MONTHLY NET RETURNS\*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
2024	2.0%	-0.5%	0.8%	1.2%	1.5%	-0.0%	1.9%	1.3%	0.6%	0.8%			10.0%
2023	0.3%	1.5%	0.3%	-0.4%	-0.9%	1.2%	-0.7%	0.1%	1.0%	1.9%	1.1%	-1.0%	4.4%
2022	-0.6%	2.6%	0.2%	0.9%	-0.7%	0.2%	0.2%	1.3%	1.5%	0.7%	0.4%	1.0%	8.1%
2021	0.4%	-1.8%	1.8%	-0.1%	-0.9%	0.7%	0.9%	-2.3%	-0.8%	0.2%	1.3%	0.4%	-0.1%
2020	0.6%	0.0%	-3.5%	1.1%	-0.4%	1.3%	1.0%	-0.4%	-0.5%	0.1%	-2.6%	1.2%	-2.4%

## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE\*

Performance Inception Sep 1, 2014	COMPOSITE (GROSS)	COMPOSITE (NET)	RBA CASH RATE	VALUE-ADDED (GROSS) VS. BENCHMARK	FRANKING CREDITS***	VALUE-ADDED (COMPOSITE (GROSS) + FRANKING CREDITS) VS. BENCHMARK***
One Month Return	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.6
Three Month Return	3.3	2.7	1.1	2.2	0.5	2.7
Year-to-Date Return	12.2	10.0	3.7	8.5	1.1	9.6
One Year Annualized Return	12.3	10.1	4.5	7.8	1.2	9.0
Three Year Annualized Return	10.0	8.1	3.0	7.0	1.4	8.4
Five Year Annualized Return	5.1	3.7	1.9	3.2	1.2	4.4
Ten Year Annualized Return	4.5	3.1	1.8	2.7	1.2	3.9
SINCE-INCEPTION ANNUALIZED RETURN	4.7	3.3	1.8	2.9	1.2	4.1
SINCE-INCEPTION ANNUALIZED STANDARD DEVIATION AND ACTIVE RISK	4.4	3.9	0.4	4.0		
SINCE-INCEPTION SHARPE RATIO	0.7	0.4				

## ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

As of September 30

Strategy: \$AUD

**112.7 MILLION**

## PARAMETERS *Typical Portfolio*

Targeted Annualized Volatility	Targeted Beta
<b>4 - 5%</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of Holdings	Max Position Size
<b>250 - 300</b>	<b>135 BPS</b>

## LEVERAGE *Typical Portfolio*

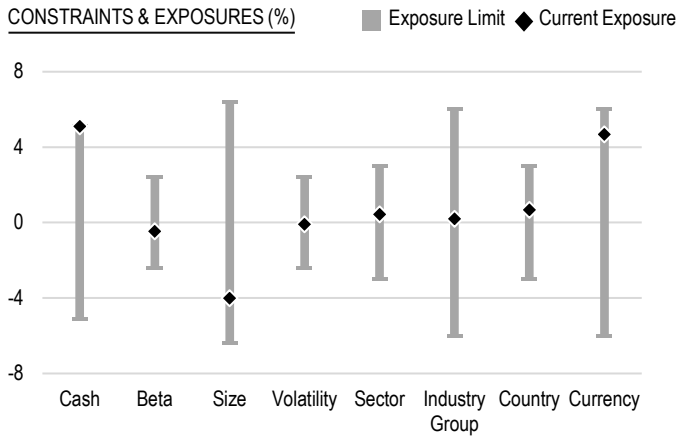
Gross Exposure  
**160 - 200%**

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES\* \*\*

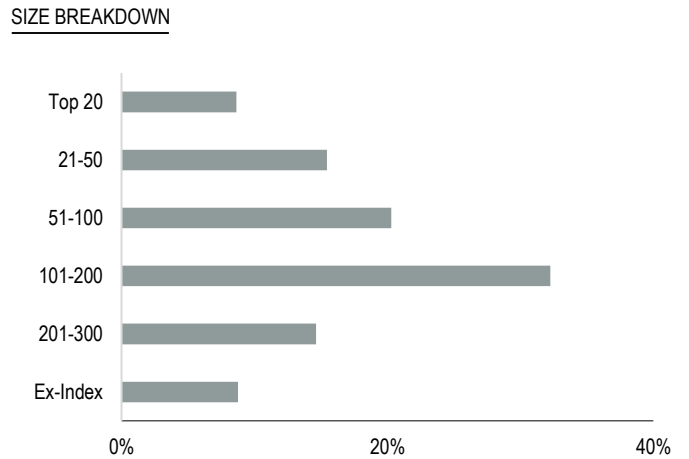
Daily Hit Rate	51.3%
Average One-Day Return	1.5 bps
Average Up-Day Return	23.4 bps
Average Down-Day Return	-23.7 bps
Max Drawdown (Daily Returns)	-8.9%
Average Monthly Return When Market is Up (Net)	0.22%
Average Monthly Return When Market is Down (Net)	0.36%

\*Returns that include the most recent month are preliminary. \*\*The Net Asset Value for this product is calculated on a monthly basis. In the absence of daily net of fee returns, Acadian presents daily statistics gross of fees of a representative portfolio with the goal of providing increased transparency into the daily risk profile of our investment process. Up and down markets are defined by the performance of the S&P/ASX 300 Index. \*\*\*Where decisions around franking credits are made, they are made assuming a 0% tax investor. Franking Credit data presented here is for a representative portfolio and is supplemental to the composite performance disclosure page attached. Acadian Asset Management LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Reference to the benchmark is for comparative purposes only and is not intended to indicate that the composite will contain the same investments as the benchmark. Investors have the opportunity for losses as well as profits. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The complete performance disclosure can be found in the composite performance disclosure page attached. Index Source: RBA Cash Rate

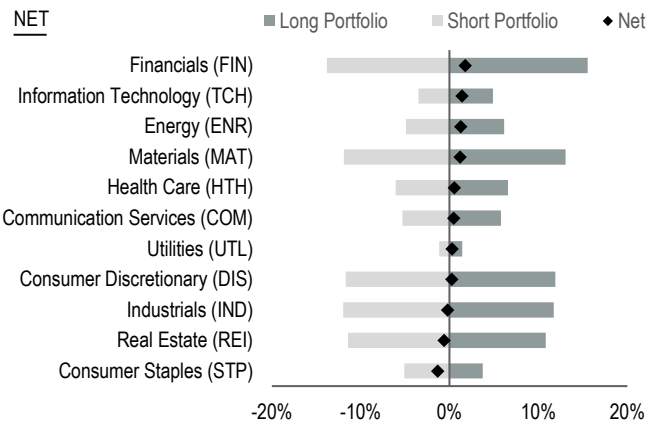
**PARAMETERS\* \*\***



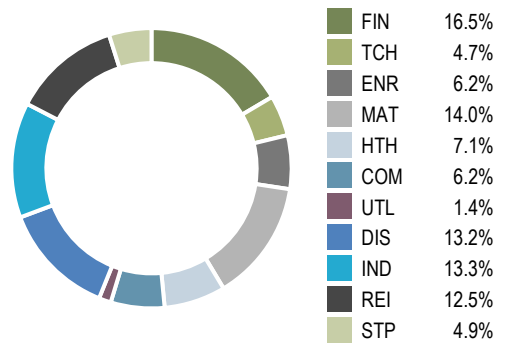
**CURRENT POSITIONING\*\***



**CURRENT POSITIONING – SECTOR\*\* \*\*\***



**% OF GROSS EXPOSURE**

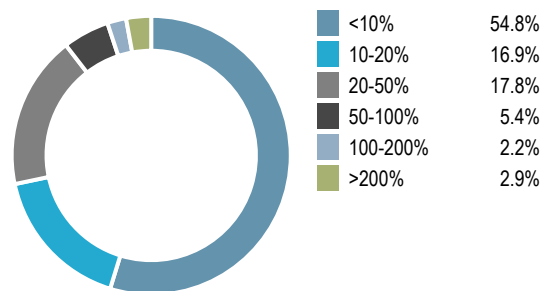


**LIQUIDITY\*\***

Liquidity, min (market cap)	\$100M
Trading, max	20% ADV
Trading, Average	5.03% ADV
Long Holding, max	300% ADV
Short Holding, max	200% ADV
Average Volume held	31.66%ADV

**PROFILE\*\***

**% OF ADV HELD**



\*The volatility exposure is to Acadian's volatility score, which is based on a stock's trailing 60-day realized volatility. The volatility score has a close-to-normal distribution. A 1% exposure to the volatility score amounts to the longs having 0.2% more annualized volatility than the shorts. The strategy does not have a meaningful volatility tilt. \*\*The data presented here is representative of the portfolio's holdings in the Acadian Australian Equity Market Neutral Fund and is supplemental to the composite performance disclosure page attached. \*\*\* Current Positioning displayed as daily asset-weighted average values over the monthly period. Investors have the opportunity for losses as well as profits. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The actual taxation benefit will vary depending on the investor's tax status.

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	Composite Return (%) Gross-of-Fees	Composite Return (%) Net-of-Fees	Composite Return (%) Net-Net-of-Fees	Benchmark Return (%)	Dispersion of Returns Within Composite (%)	Three-Year ex-Post Standard Deviation of Absolute Gross Returns		Number of Portfolios in Composite	Assets In Composite (\$MMs)	Total Firm Assets Under Management (\$MMs)
						Composite	Benchmark			
2007*	23.0	22.0	18.7	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	114	95,279
2008	-7.7	-8.6	-8.6	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	56	61,028
Jan 2009 - Apr 2009†	-2.6	-3.0	-3.0	1.1	n/a	n/a	n/a		0.0	
2014**	4.7	4.4	3.7	0.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	71	85,952
2015	13.8	13.0	10.8	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	119	91,862
2016	-2.9	-3.6	-3.6	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	109	102,435
2017	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.5	n/a	4.3	0.1	1	138	123,716
2018	-0.3	-1.0	-1.0	1.5	n/a	4.0	0.0	1	98	121,219
2019	4.5	3.7	3.2	1.2	n/a	4.0	0.1	1	113	144,010
2020	-1.7	-2.4	-2.4	0.3	n/a	4.7	0.2	1	106	138,960
2021	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	n/a	4.6	0.1	1	130	159,769
2022	10.6	9.8	8.1	1.3	n/a	4.6	0.2	1	96	136,838
2023	5.3	4.5	4.4	3.9	n/a	4.1	0.5	1	162	150,847

\*Performance Inception: March 1, 2007. This composite was created on: July 1, 2016. All figures stated in AUD.

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**Benchmark Description:** The benchmark for the composite is the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Target Cash Rate.

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