

## Perpetual Investment Funds

# PERPETUAL CONCENTRATED EQUITY FUND

June 2025

### FUND FACTS

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

### FUND BENEFITS

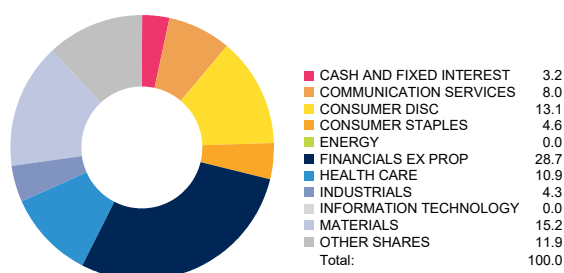
Provides investors with higher potential returns, through the active management of a portfolio of fewer stocks but with higher conviction, than our core Australian equity funds. This concentration may lead to increased short term volatility.

### 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 suitable to your financial needs.

**Benchmark:** S&P/ASX 300 Accum. Index  
**Inception Date:** August 1999  
**Size of Portfolio:** \$278.88 million as at 31 Mar 2025  
**APIR:** PER0102AU  
**Management Fee:** 1.10%\*  
**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	9.6%
BHP Group Ltd	6.8%
GPT Group	5.6%
ANZ Group Holdings Limited	4.5%
News Corporation	4.4%
Washington H. Soul Patt.	4.3%
Wesfarmers Limited	3.9%
EVT Limited	3.6%
Goodman Group	3.4%
CSL Limited	3.1%

### NET PERFORMANCE - periods ending 30 June 2025

	Fund	Benchmark #	Excess
1 month	0.53	1.42	-0.89
3 months	7.30	9.48	-2.17
1 year	5.15	13.74	-8.58
2 year p.a.	6.94	12.83	-5.88
3 year p.a.	9.29	13.35	-4.06
4 year p.a.	6.84	7.94	-1.10
5 year p.a.	12.44	11.77	+0.67
7 year p.a.	6.93	8.72	-1.79
10 year p.a.	7.18	8.85	-1.67
Since incep. p.a.	10.07	8.44	+1.63

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

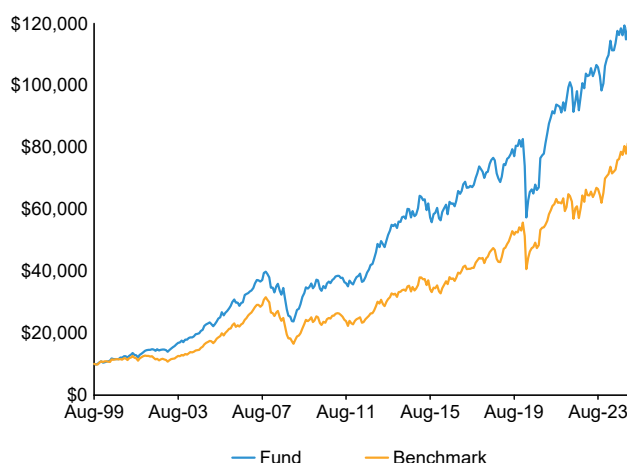
### PORTFOLIO FUNDAMENTALS^

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Price / Earnings*	19.7	19.1
Dividend Yield*	2.8%	3.4%
Price / Book	2.2	2.3
Debt / Equity	39.5%	39.1%
Return on Equity*	10.8%	12.5%

^ 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 Accumulation Index staged a strong recovery over the June quarter, rising 9.48%. The rally came as fears of extreme tariff scenarios continued to recede, helping restore market confidence after a volatile start to the year. While geopolitical risks and global growth concerns lingered, sentiment improved as it became increasingly clear that the most aggressive US tariff proposals were unlikely to materialise. Markets have coined the term ‘TACO trade’- ‘Trump Always Chickens Out’- to describe the pattern of tariff escalation followed by policy reversals, which has contributed to easing market volatility. Financials (+15.67%) supported gains as investor sentiment improved, while Communication Services (+14.08%) and Real Estate (+12.88%) outperformed amid rotation into resilient sectors. In contrast, defensives lagged with Health Care (+2.37%), Utilities (+2.03%) and Consumer Staples (+3.93%) underperforming as risk appetite returned. Materials (-0.36%) was the weakest sector, weighed down by softer commodity prices and concerns over Chinese steel demand. While investors have enjoyed solid gains, often driven by narrow pockets of the market, the outlook highlights the importance of finding value beyond the obvious leaders.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The portfolio's largest overweight positions include GPT Group, News Corporation and EVT Limited. Conversely, the portfolio's largest relative underweight positions include National Australia Bank Limited, Telstra Group Limited (not held) and Transurban Group Ltd (not held).

The portfolio's overweight to EVT Limited contributed positively to relative performance over the June quarter (+25.1%), with the stock continuing to re-rate as the market narrows the disconnect between asset value and share price. The recent announcement of a sale process for the prime 525 George Street property marked a significant milestone, unlocking value from its high-quality real estate portfolio. This follows improving operating momentum, with a recovery in cinema earnings underway and spend per visitor continuing to grow. We remain constructive on EVT's outlook, with earnings recovery, embedded property value, and potential capital management acting as catalysts for further upside.

The overweight to Washington H. Soul Pattinson (SOL) also contributed positively over the quarter (+22.6%), with shares benefiting from continued strength in the investment portfolio and the announced sale of its strategic stake in Brickworks. The \$2.7 billion deal ended over four decades of cross-ownership between the two groups and was well-received by the market, with proceeds expected to enhance capital flexibility and simplify the group structure. SOL retains its significant property exposure through Brickworks, preserving access to quality assets. With a diversified portfolio and a strong capital management track record, SOL remains well-placed to deliver long-term value.

The overweight to GPT Group (GPT) added to relative performance (+13.8%), supported by improving sentiment toward high-quality Australian property names. GPT's announcement of a \$200 million expansion of Rouse Hill Town Centre highlights the ongoing relevance of well-located, brick-and-mortar retail, with the project set to deliver over 11,000sqm of additional space and community amenities. Combined with leasing momentum in logistics and office, and capital management progress, GPT remains positioned to deliver long-term value.

The overweight to A2 Milk (A2M) detracted from performance (-1.01%) as softer China shipment data weighed on sentiment. May export figures showed a year-on-year decline in direct shipments to China, contributing to uncertainty around the pace of recovery in A2M's core infant nutrition segment. Nonetheless, the brand's strength, premium positioning, and diversification remain positives. With recent weakness largely priced in and demand for quality nutrition intact, we remain constructive on A2M's outlook.

Myer detracted over the quarter (-6.9%) as recent sales updates highlighted a more challenging retail backdrop, with softer demand and higher costs weighing on sentiment. Operationally, setbacks at the Ravenhall distribution centre delayed expected efficiencies. To mitigate disruption ahead of peak trading, Myer implemented an interim strategy, with Toll now managing up to 40% of online volumes. Despite near-term challenges, underlying business trends remain encouraging. Growth in online sales, loyalty expansion, and cost savings from the Apparel Brands integration are helping offset pressures. Notably, upgraded profit guidance and cost initiatives highlight management's execution, providing a more positive foundation for the year ahead.

Premier Investments lagged (+1.51%), with shares struggling to gain traction despite a strong balance sheet, disciplined capital management, and brand resilience. While apparel demand remains subdued, Premier's vertically integrated model and control over brands like Peter Alexander and Smiggle offer flexibility in a tough retail landscape. The company continues to explore international expansion and maintain high online penetration, offering longer-term growth potential. Despite the near-term environment, Premier's strong cash position supports both shareholder returns and strategic growth.

## OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, we expect financial markets to grapple with a more complex and uneven growth backdrop. While recession fears have eased for now, the underlying risks - from geopolitical tensions to persistent fiscal imbalances - are yet to be resolved. The U.S. remains at the centre of global market attention, with high equity valuations, growing deficit concerns, and trade policy uncertainty likely to be key drivers of volatility in the second half of the year. In Europe, weak business conditions and rising tariff risks point to subdued growth. China's ability to stabilise growth will depend heavily on further policy support, particularly as consumer demand shows signs of fatigue. Closer to home, the near-term picture remains challenging. Growth is expected to remain below trend as the economy works through the lagged impacts of tighter policy, a weaker household sector, and slowing public sector spending. However, with inflation moderating and interest rates likely to ease further, policy settings are shifting toward support. In this environment, we see greater dispersion in market outcomes, reinforcing the importance of selectivity and discipline across portfolios as investors navigate the next phase of the cycle.

---

# The Ordinaries benchmark prior to 1/4/2000 was the ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index. From 1/4/2000 to current the benchmark is S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index. The publication has been prepared and issued by Perpetual Investment Management Limited (PIML) ABN 18 000 866 535 AFSL No 234426, as promoter for the Perpetual WealthFocus Superannuation Fund. The information contained in this document is general information only and is not intended to provide you with financial advice or take into account your objectives, financial situation or needs. You should consider, with a financial adviser, whether the information is suitable for your circumstances. To the extent permitted by law, no liability is accepted for any loss or damage as a result of any reliance on this information. The information contained in this document is in addition to and does not form part of the product disclosure statement (PDS) for the Perpetual WealthFocus Superannuation Fund. The PDS for the Perpetual WealthFocus Superannuation Fund ABN 41 772 007 500, issued by Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited (ETSL) ABN 50 055 641 757, AFSL 229757, RSE L0001458, should be considered before deciding whether to acquire or hold units. The PDS and Target Market Determination can be obtained by calling 1800 011 022 or visiting [www.perpetual.com.au](http://www.perpetual.com.au). Neither PIML, ETSL nor any of their related parties guarantee the performance of any fund or the return of an investor's capital. Total returns shown for the Perpetual WealthFocus Superannuation Fund have been calculated using exit prices after taking into account all of Perpetual's ongoing fees and assuming reinvestment of distributions. No allowance has been made for taxation. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

---

## MORE INFORMATION

Investor Services 1800 022 033  
Email [PerpetualUTqueries@cm.mpms.mufg.com](mailto:PerpetualUTqueries@cm.mpms.mufg.com)  
[www.perpetual.com.au](http://www.perpetual.com.au)

