

# Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)



## ASX: GEAR



29 February 2024

## Objective

GEAR provides investors with cost-effective geared exposure to the returns of the broad Australian sharemarket.

## Strategy

GEAR is 'internally geared', meaning all gearing obligations are met by the Fund. GEAR combines funds received from investors with borrowed funds and invests the proceeds in a broadly diversified share portfolio consisting of the largest 200 equity securities on the ASX by market capitalisation (as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Index).

GEAR is expected to earn dividends and franking credits on the underlying share portfolio.

## Benefits



### Leveraged returns

GEAR gives you the opportunity to make magnified gains when the Australian sharemarket rises (but with the potential to make magnified losses if the Australian sharemarket falls).



### Simple to access, convenient

Avoid the costs and complications of margin loans and CFDs. No need to borrow funds, no credit assessment, and diversified exposure in a single ASX trade.



### No margin calls

Investors in GEAR do not face the possibility of margin calls.



### Tax-effective

Potential for enhanced franking credit exposure.



### SMSF eligible

GEAR may be considered for various strategies, including as a way to increase exposure to the Australian sharemarket for SMSFs that have reached their concessional contribution cap.

## Performance

PERIOD	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	3 yr (p.a.)	5 yr (p.a.)	10 yr (p.a.)	Inception (p.a.)
FUND	1.10%	19.97%	12.52%	15.66%	16.00%	11.84%	-	9.97%
BENCHMARK	0.79%	9.39%	7.42%	10.64%	9.32%	8.61%	-	7.86%

## Calendar year performance

PERIOD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
FUND	3.01%	20.92%	-5.59%	37.48%	-12.59%	51.99%	-15.89%	21.56%
BENCHMARK	1.99%	12.42%	-1.16%	17.23%	1.40%	23.40%	-2.84%	11.80%

Value of \$100 invested since inception



Source: Betashares, Bloomberg. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Graph shows fund performance relative to the S&P/ASX 200 Index since fund inception. Fund returns are calculated in A\$ using net asset value per unit at the start and end of the specified period and do not reflect the brokerage or bid-ask spread that investors may incur when buying and selling units on the ASX. Returns are after fund management costs, assume reinvestment of any distributions and do not take into account income tax.

## Fund information

Betashares Funds can be bought or sold during the trading day on the ASX, and trade like shares.

ASX CODE GEAR

BLOOMBERG CODE GEAR AU

IRESS CODE GEAR.AXW

ASX INAV CODE YGEA

DISTRIBUTIONS

SEMI-ANNUAL

MGT FEE\* 0.74% P.A. (GROSS ASSET VALUE)

EXPENSES

CAPPED AT 0.06% P.A. (GROSS ASSET VALUE)

FUND INCEPTION 30 APR 14

BENCHMARK S&P/ASX 200

\*Other costs apply, including borrowing costs.

## Categorisation

AUSTRALIAN SHARES

GEARED EXPOSURE

There are risks associated with an investment in GEAR, including market risk, gearing risk and lender risk. For more information on risks and other features of GEAR, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

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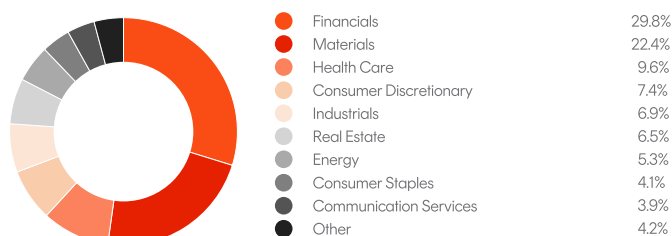


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## Sector allocation



## Top 10 exposures

Company	Weighting
BHP	9.7%
Commonwealth Bank	8.5%
CSL	6.0%
National Australia Bank	4.6%
Westpac Bank	4.0%
ANZ Bank	3.7%
Wesfarmers	3.3%
Macquarie Group	3.1%
Woodside Energy Group	2.5%
Goodman Group	2.3%

## Distributions

12 mth distribution yield (%)	2.9%
12 mth gross distribution yield (%)	5.7%
Franking level (%)	222.9%

Yield is calculated by summing the prior 12-month net or gross per unit distributions divided by the closing NAV per unit at the end of the relevant period. Franking level is total franking level over the last 12 months. Not all Australian investors will be able to receive the full value of franking credits. Yield will vary and may be lower at time of investment. **Past performance is not indicative of future performance.**

## The Equity Gearing Strategy

GEAR's gearing ratio (being the total amount borrowed expressed as a percentage of the total assets of the Fund) is managed between 50-65%.

Investors in geared strategies should be willing to accept higher levels of investment volatility and potentially large moves (both up and down) in the value of their investment. Investors should seek professional financial advice before investing, and monitor their investment actively. GEAR does not track a published benchmark.

**Gearing magnifies gains and losses and may not be a suitable strategy for all investors.**