## Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund)





**29 February 2024** 

#### **Objective**

GGUS provides investors with cost-effective geared exposure to the returns of the broad US sharemarket, hedged for currency exposure.

#### Strategy

GGUS is 'internally geared', meaning all gearing obligations are met by the Fund. GGUS combines funds received from investors with borrowed funds and invests the proceeds in a broadly diversified share portfolio consisting of the largest 500 shares listed in the US by market capitalisation (as measured by the S&P

The portfolio is hedged to Australian dollars with the aim of minimising the effect of currency fluctuations on portfolio performance. GGUS is expected to earn dividends on the underlying portfolio.

#### **Benefits**



GGUS gives you the opportunity to make magnified gains when the US sharemarket rises (but with the potential to make magnified losses if the US 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 marain calls

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



GGUS may be considered for various strategies, including as a way to increase exposure to the US sharemarket for SMSFs that have reached the 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	10.67%	24.42%	24.75%	62.17%	13.06%	18.51%	-	17.12%
BENCHMARK	5.29%	11.85%	13.67%	29.82%	11.39%	14.19%	-	12.36%

#### Calendar year performance

PERIOD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
FUND	13.81%	49.09%	-47.27%	66.25%	18.21%	69.01%	-19.50%	45.15%
BENCHMARK	7.03%	25.67%	-18.51%	28.16%	17.75%	30.70%	-4.94%	21.10%

Value of \$100 invested since inception



Source: Betashares, Bloombera, Past performance is not indicative of future performance

Graph shows fund performance relative to the S&P 500 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 GGUS **BLOOMBERG CODE** GGUS AU IRESS CODE GGUS.AXW **DISTRIBUTIONS ANNUAL** MGT FEE\* 0.74% P.A. (GROSS ASSET VALUE) **EXPENSES** CAPPED AT 0.06% P.A. (GROSS ASSET VALUE) **FUND INCEPTION 17 AUG 15** BENCHMARK S&P 500

\*Other costs apply, including borrowing costs

## Categorisation

**US SHARES** 

**GEARED EXPOSURE** 

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#### **Sector allocation**



## Top 10 exposures

COMPANY	WEIGHTING 7.2%		
Microsoft Corp			
Apple Inc	6.2%		
NVIDIA Corp	4.6%		
Amazon.com	3.8%		
Meta Platforms Inc	2.5%		
Alphabet Inc (Class A)	1.9%		
Berkshire Hathaway	1.7%		
Alphabet Inc (Class C)	1.6%		
Eli Lilly & Co	1.4%		
Broadcom Inc	1.3%		

#### **Distributions**

0.0%

Yield is calculated by summing the prior 12-month per unit distributions divided by the closing NAV per unit at the end of the relevant period. Yield will vary and may be lower at time of investment. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## **The Equity Gearing Strategy**

GGUS' gearing ratio (being the total amount borrowed expressed as a percentage of the total assets of the Fund) is managed between 50-65%. Gearing levels are actively monitored and adjusted to stay within this range.

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. GGUS does not track a published benchmark.

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