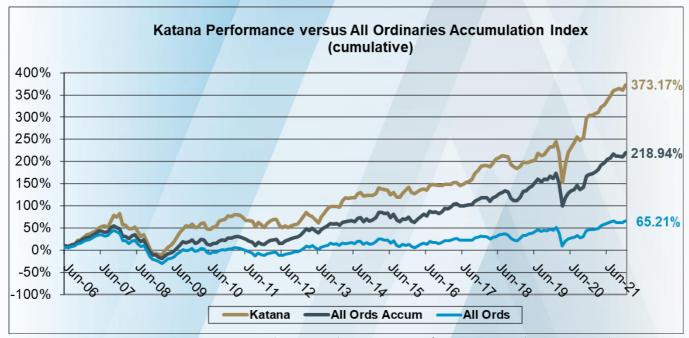
# Katana Australian Equity Fund



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| Performance at                        | 1      | 6      | 1      | 3      | 5      | Since     |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| 31 December 2021                      | Month  | Months | Year   | Years  | Years  | Inception |
| Katana Investment Portfolio           | 2.64%  | 7.98%  | 16.97% | 18.65% | 13.81% | 10.20%    |
| ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index | 2.67%  | 4.58%  | 17.74% | 14.82% | 10.43% | 7.52%     |
| Outperformance                        | -0.03% | 3.39%  | -0.77% | 3.83%  | 3.38%  | 2.68%     |



Source: Katana Asset Management, strategy inception was December 2005. Fund net returns are post fees, pre tax using redemption prices and assume reinvestment of distributions. Dated 30/06/2021. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance

#### **Key contributors:**

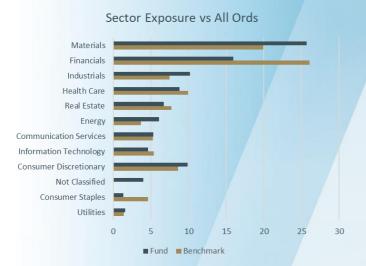
- Mineral Resources continued last month's rally as the Iron Ore price recovered back above US\$120/t and interest in lithium intensified
- Worley Ltd received broker upgrades following an investor strategy day which indicated improving activity
- Sonic Healthcare announced the acquisition of Propath which has around 50 pathologists in the US and strengthens Sonics presence in that market

## **Key detractors:**

- Nitro Software share price was diluted with completion of a \$140m equity raise to fund the acquisition of Connective - Belgium's leading eSign SaaS business
- Vaneck Global Clean Energy ETF was weaker in-line with its top holdings which saw possible profit taking from recent rallies
- Ardent Leisure Group came under pressure as Omicron case numbers grew, threatening a new round of restrictions



| Top 10 Holdings             |        |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Company                     | Weight |  |  |  |
| Mineral Resources Ltd       | 4.60%  |  |  |  |
| Uniti Group Ltd             | 2.93%  |  |  |  |
| Woodside Petroleum Ltd      | 2.71%  |  |  |  |
| Wesfarmers Ltd              | 2.56%  |  |  |  |
| Macquarie Group Ltd         | 2.53%  |  |  |  |
| Westpac Banking Corporation | 2.53%  |  |  |  |
| NextDC Limited              | 2.23%  |  |  |  |
| CSL Ltd                     | 2.18%  |  |  |  |
| Sonic Healthcare Ltd        | 2.09%  |  |  |  |
| Seven Group Holdings Ltd    | 2.00%  |  |  |  |



### **Market Commentary**

It was unusual to see the utility sector rise by nearly 8% to claim the guernsey as the best performing segment, in a month where bond yields not only continued to rise, but threatened to break out.

Clearly corporate activity played a part, but equally we suspect that the sector was regaining lost ground after lagging noticeably for most of the year. Higher priced stocks (both long duration and defensives such as healthcare and staples) bore the brunt of the falls. This is more consistent with what we would expect to see in an environment characterised by rising bond yields.

The fund was able to generate a solid return for the month despite a conservative stance typified by a

high cash weighting and higher average market capitalisation. As the calendar year rolled off, the fund was slightly below its bench mark net of all fees (slightly ahead on an investment return basis). However, our 3 and 5 performance year numbers are now both tracking +3% per annum net of all fees. This is an exceptional outcome, especially in light of the fund's reduced risk characteristics relative to many equity products.

Strong share price gains and the resultant profittaking, has seen our cash balance creep closer to the 25% level. Whilst we are inherently more comfortable around the 15% level, the Managers will remain disciplined. This means only investing when the risk-return equation is compellingly in our favour. History shows that investing for the sake of doing so, is a certain precursor to a market correction! We remain tireless in our search for opportunities, but determinedly patient for the right ones to arise.

|   |      | Total<br>Return | +/- Cat | +/-<br>Index | Cat<br>Rank          |
|---|------|-----------------|---------|--------------|----------------------|
| 3 | Year | 14.10%          | +5.17%  | +4.45%       | 7 / 283              |
| 5 | Year | 13.29%          | +3.58%  | +2.87%       | <mark>8 / 254</mark> |

Source: Morningstar, Oct. 2021

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#### **Fund Objective**

To maximise risk adjusted returns to investors. The Fund is an All Opportunities benchmark unaware long only Australian Equity portfolio.

| Key Facts           |                      |  |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| APIR Code           | KTA0002AU            |  |
| Responsible Entity: | Katana Asset         |  |
|                     | Management Ltd       |  |
| Minimum Application | \$25,000             |  |
| Asset Allocation    | Australian equities: |  |
|                     | 70-95%; Cash 5-30%   |  |
|                     |                      |  |

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