#### ND UPDATE

#### JULY 2021

# MANAGED FUND

# Katana Australian Equity Fund



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Performance at 31 July 2021	1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Katana Investment Portfolio	2.12%	10.71%	31.14%	12.72%	12.75%	10.09%
ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	1.06%	13.43%	30.38%	10.24%	10.42%	7.49%
Outperformance	1.06%	-2.72%	0.76%	2.48%	2.33%	2.60%



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 the material increase in the lithium price coupled with a buoyant iron ore market has spurred on the MIN valuation
- 2. **Sydney Airport** surged 34% on news of a \$22bn takeover offer from a consortium
- 3. Seven Group Holdings takeover offer to acquire Boral Ltd is showing strong uptake with ownership interest rising from 23% to over 60%

# Key detractors:

- 1. **Origin Energy** announced a \$1.5bn impairment to its Energy Market segment driven by a weak electricity price outlook
- Westpac discovered potential fraud worth \$200m, and the ICCC issued a draft ruling denying the sale of their PNG operations to KSL
- Ingenia Communities surged to a near record high following a strong FY21 update but has since seen profit taking



Top 10 Holdings				
Company	Weight			
Mineral Resources Ltd	5.29%			
South32 Limited	2.92%			
Uniti Group Ltd	2.59%			
Woodside Petroleum Ltd	2.54%			
NextDC Limited	2.51%			
Ingenia Communities Group	2.28%			
Wesfarmers Ltd	2.27%			
Seven Group Holdings Limited	2.22%			
Westpac Banking Corporation	2.18%			
Macquarie Group Ltd	2.18%			



#### **Market Commentary**

The choppy trend continued throughout the month, with the top performing sectors for June, reversing strong in July. The *technology* sector declined by 6.88% and *energy* stocks declined by an average of 2.53%. On the flipside, the *materials* sector was up 7.13%, buoyed by a strong iron ore price, with support from base metals and aluminium. *Industrials* were up by 4.25%, and these 2 sectors accounted for most of the gains for the month.

The fund reported a strong month, doubling the return of the index net of all fees. It was pleasing that this strong performance was once again achieved with a highly diversified portfolio,

comprising 62 individual stocks and 2 ETFs. This is amongst the most diversified in our peer group, and reduces the risk and impact of any single exposure.

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In the coming month, our focus will be on the annual reporting season. The reporting season invariably throws up a few opportunities, and we are well positioned to captitalise on them. This year more than last, we will be particularly focussed on company outlook statements to form a view as to whether we are at *'peak earnings?'* 

We will also be focussed on employment and inflation data, RBA tapering commentary and trying to better understand the spread and economic impact of the Covid-19 delta variant.

As always, there is a lot to be concerned about and as always a lot of it is noise. For nearly 12 months we have called out the 2 most important drivers as being *liquidity* and *necessity*. With an all-time record \$17 trillion sitting in cash, and interest rates at unprecedented lows, we see no reason to deviate from these thematics.

### **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	Katana Asset		
Entity:	Management Ltd		
Minimum	\$25,000		
Application			
Asset Allocation	Australian equities: 70-		
	85%; Cash 15-30%		
Performance fee	10% (plus GST) of the		
	Fund's out performance		
	with a high-water mark.		

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