

## Total returns<sup>†</sup>

At 31 May 2026	1 Mth %	3 Mths %	1 Yr %	3 Yrs % p.a.	5 Yrs % p.a.	10 Yrs % p.a.	Incep % p.a. (Nov 2023)
OC Mid-Cap Fund	0.9	(3.5)	(3.5)				6.9
S&P/ASX MidCap 50 Accumulation Index	1.7	(6.1)	5.4				11.7
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>(8.9)</b>				<b>(4.8)</b>
S&P/ASX MidCap 50 Industrials Acc Index	0.3	(7.3)	(8.2)				7.3
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>				<b>(0.4)</b>

## Performance review

Australian mid-cap equities bucked a challenging backdrop — Middle East ceasefire uncertainty, mounting macro headwinds, and a business and investor-unfriendly federal budget — to post a +1.7% gain in May. The OC Mid-Cap Fund returned +0.9%, slightly behind the S&P/ASX Mid-Cap Accumulation Index, with a large regulatory-driven fall in key holding Tuas Limited more than offsetting strong performance across the balance of the portfolio.

**Tuas Limited (TUA, -65.0%)** suffered one of the most severe single-session collapses in recent ASX memory after Singapore's IMDA suspended its M1 acquisition review, citing allegations that Simba had been operating on unlicensed spectrum. With conditions precedent unfulfilled by the 21 May long-stop, the transaction was terminated. Although the regulatory cloud remains unresolved, we believe the current share price excessively discounts the likely penalty for the company.

**Sandfire Resources (SFR, +20.4%)** is a high-quality, leveraged play on what is shaping up as a global structural deficit in copper driven by AI data centre build-out and electrification demand. Supply cannot respond quickly enough, with SFR's two long-life, low-cost assets in MATSA and Motheo well positioned to capitalise on this thematic. **Ventia Services Group (VNT, +17.2%)** continued its steady re-rate following news it had secured a nine-year, A\$405 million maintenance services renewal with Yarra Valley Water, alongside A\$340 million in Victorian road maintenance contracts. VNT has strong earnings visibility and structural tail winds and we have increased our holding.

## Outlook

Three forces are likely to shape the near-term direction of Australian equities: the inflation trajectory and the RBA's response to it, the market's digestion of a reform-heavy federal budget, and the unresolved Middle East conflict that continues to lift energy prices and feed second-round effects through the cost base.

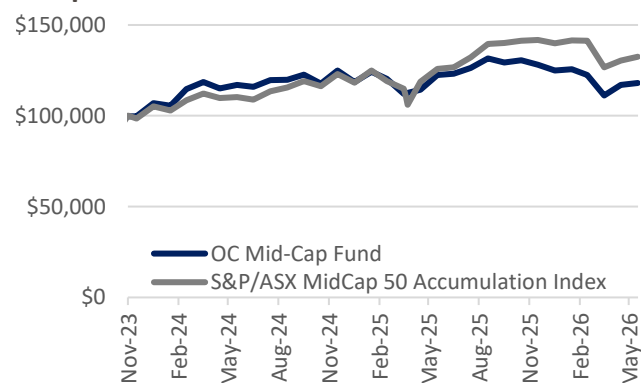
Domestically, conditions remain challenging. The RBA lifted the cash rate 25 basis points to 4.35% in May, its third consecutive hike, fully unwinding last year's easing as it confronts capacity pressures compounded by the oil shock. There was, however, an encouraging signal when April CPI eased to 4.2% from 4.6%, landing below forecasts and giving the Board scope to pause in June. Less helpful was Treasurer Chalmers' 12 May budget — framed as a "hard road to reform" — which delivered negative gearing changes on established dwellings, a tighter CGT discount and a new tax on discretionary trust distributions. However well intentioned the government believes these

changes to be, the package erodes after-tax returns, blunts investment incentives and adds a clear drag for property, financials and savings-linked sectors, with the fuel excise relief offering only a modest and temporary offset against the energy shock.

The contrast with the US is stark. With Kevin Warsh now installed as Fed chair, the market has settled around a steady federal funds rate for the balance of the year, pricing neither hikes nor cuts. US equities have powered to fresh records — the S&P 500 up around 5% and the Nasdaq more than 8% — driven by relentless AI infrastructure spend, while America's energy independence leaves it largely insulated from the oil shock now buffeting Australia. That combination of policy stability and a homegrown growth engine stands in sharp relief to Australia's own predicament and the Fund's stock positioning is reflective of this dynamic.

Encouragingly, the local market is showing resilience beneath the surface. The ASX 200 added 1.15% in May and the Small Ordinaries outpaced it at 2.0%. If the RBA is near its peak and the energy shock fades, the backdrop favours disciplined, bottom-up stock selection — precisely the conditions in which quality small and mid-caps tend to re-rate.

## Performance Comparison of \$100,000 since inception\*



## Top 5 holdings<sup>#</sup>

Company	ASX Code
ALS Limited	ALQ
Mineral Resources Limited	MIN
NEXTDC Limited	NXT
Orica Limited	ORI

\*The top 5 portfolio holdings are in alphabetical order and may not be representative of current or future investments.

## Key Facts

### Fund Overview

By investing in high quality mid-capitalisation Australian listed companies with sustainable business models, quality management and attractive investment fundamentals, the OC Mid-Cap Fund seeks to deliver investors strong long-term returns.

### Responsible entity

Copia Investment Partners

### Inception date

16 November 2023

### Benchmark

S&P/ASX MidCap 50 Accumulation Index

### Investment time frame

At least 5 years

### Distribution

Annual

### Management fee

0.85% p.a. (including GST net of RITC)

### Performance fee

15.38% (including GST net of RITC) of the amount the Fund outperforms its benchmark provided specific conditions are met including high water mark.

### High-water mark

Yes

### Platforms

HUB24

### Typical Investment Exposure

#### By Style

Up to 100%

0 - 10%

0 - 10%

0 - 20%

#### By Index

Up to 100%

0 - 20%

0 - 20%

Core Fundamental

Innovators

Event Driven

Cash

S&P/ASX MidCap 50 Exposure

S&P/ASX 50 Exposure

Exposure outside S&P/ASX 100



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