

Argonaut Natural Resources Fund



Monthly Performance Report – September 2022

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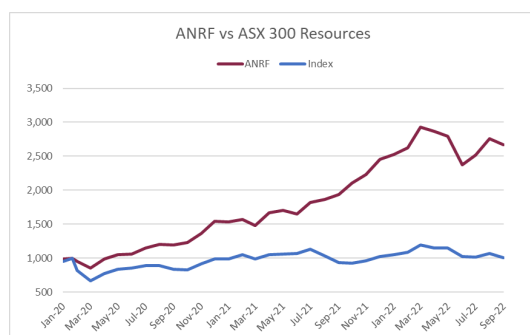
ANRF Posts Gain of +12.5% Over the Quarter

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Fund Performance

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	Inception
ANRF	-3.3%	12.5%	-9.0%	37.7%	166.6%
S&P ASX 300 Resources	-6.0%	-1.3%	-15.5%	8.0%	0.7%
Outperformance	2.7%	13.9%	6.5%	29.7%	165.9%

- The Argonaut Natural Resources Fund delivered a return -3.3% over the month, outperforming its benchmark, the S&P ASX Resources 300 Index, by 2.7%. The Fund was positive over the quarter, delivering a return of 12.5% and outperforming its benchmark by 13.9%. The Fund's unit price as at 30 September 2022 was \$1.97
- The Fund delivered a return of 37.7% over the past twelve months, outperforming its benchmark by 29.7%. Since inception (21 January 2020), the Fund has delivered a cumulative return of 166.6% (including the reinvestment of all distributions), and outperformed its benchmark index by 165.9%.



*Illustrates the relative performance of a \$1,000 investment in ANRF and the ASX Resource 300 Index since the inception date of ANRF. Assumes all distributions are reinvested back into the Fund.

ANRF Top Holdings (by company)

Company	Commodity	%
Oz Minerals	Copper	11.1%
BHP	Iron Ore	7.7%
Santos	Oil & Gas	6.4%
Lynas Rare Earths	Rare Earths	6.4%
Mineral Resources	Iron/Lithium	6.2%
Total		37.8%

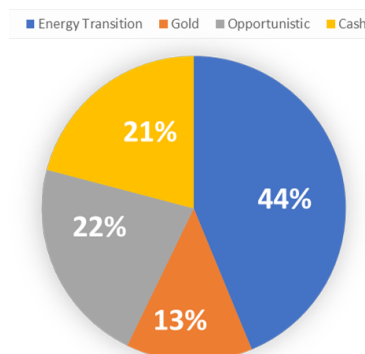
Market Overview

- September was the month that markets got the message from the US Fed that inflation would be dealt with, even at the expense of equity markets. US 10 Year Treasury yields jumped 18% to 3.8%. It was a time to batten down and find places to hide. In the US, the Dow Jones fell 8.8% and the S&P 500 decreased 9.3%. This flowed through to the Australian market with the ASX 300 falling 7.4% and the All Ords down 7.6%. After a couple of stronger months, the resource sector saw losses, with the 300 Resources Index down 6% and the Small Resources plunging 14%. No one was spared, with the gold index falling 6% and energy down 6.7%. Commodities were generally weaker on the back of recession fears with Copper off 1%, Zinc down 16%, Iron Ore down slightly and Oil down 9%. Nickel was the aberration increasing 5%.

Portfolio Update

- Over the course of the month, we increased our exposure to the gold sector, topped up core positions, added BHP, and trimmed our lithium exposure. We increased our gold exposure by adding advanced developer Bellevue Gold and purchasing Breaker Resources. We topped up our positions in core holdings Lynas, NexGen, Cooper Energy, Santos and Oz Minerals, and exited our position in Pilbara Minerals in order to trim our lithium sector exposure.
- The best performers in the portfolio during the month were De Grey Mining (+6.1%), Mineral Resources (+2.8%), and BHP (+1.4%). We also booked a gain on Pilbara. The underperformers included Solgold (-29.5%), NexGen (-14%), Santos (-10%), Silver Lake (-12%) and Liontown (-14%).
- At month end, 44% of the portfolio was invested in the Energy Transition thematic, 13% in Gold, 22% in Opportunistic and 21% cash. The Fund's Top 5 holdings represented 38% of the portfolio with the largest holdings in OZ Minerals, BHP, Santos, Lynas and Mineral Resources.

ANRF Portfolio Exposure (by commodity)



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