# AFM Perseus Fund



## Monthly Performance Report - May 2023

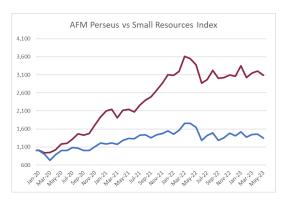
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#### **Fund Performance**

	1 Month	3 Months	FYTD	12 Months	Restart
AFM Perseus	-3.2%	2.0%	7.5%	-8.5%	208.7%
S&P ASX Small Resources	-7.1%	-1.9%	5.2%	-18.1%	35.2%
Outperformance	3.9%	3.9%	2.4%	9.7%	173.5%

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- The AFM Perseus Fund fell 3.2% in May but outperformed its benchmark, the S&P ASX Small Resources Index, which declined 7.1%.
- Since its restart (1 January 2020), the Fund has delivered a cumulative return of 208.7% and outperformed its benchmark which has returned 35.2% over the same time horizon.
- The Fund's share price as at 31 May 2023 was 27.14 cents. The Fund has \$591,227 in deferred tax losses that are available to offset against future taxable profits. This equates to an additional 7.10 cents per share.



\*Illustrates the relative performance of a \$1,000 investment in AFM Perseus and S&P ASX Small Resources at the restart date of the Fund (1<sup>st</sup> January 2020). In March 2021, AFM Perseus Fund completed a capital raise of \$655,6<sup>st</sup> at 20 cents / share (Feb 2021 price - 23.39 cents / share). This capital raise had a diluting impact on the share price, equating to approximately 7% of the Fund's performance.

#### **Business Update**

- As a reminder, the equal access offer to buy back shares in the Company was approved at the General Meeting on 2 May 2023 and Acceptance Forms were received. The Buy-Back Price is equal to the NTA per Share as at 31 May 2023.
  - Buy-Back Price: \$0.2714
  - Payment Date: Friday, 9th June 2023
- Shareholders who did not elect to participate in the Buy-Back Offer will remain in the Company. As a result of the Buy-Back Offer, AFM Perseus Fund will decrease from 8,322,616 shares on issue to 3,485,991 shares on issue. Shareholders will receive quarterly newsletters going forward and monthly prices will continue to be made available through the Share Registry and on the Argonaut Funds Management website here.
- Should you have any questions about your investment, please contact Jenna Converse at jconverse@argonaut.com

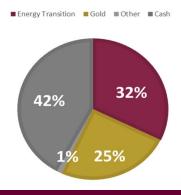
#### **Market Overview**

- The US market was mixed in May, with the S&P 500 up slightly and the more industrial focused Dow Jones falling by 3.5%. This divergence reflects the small number of larger technology companies supporting the broader indices and disguises the fact that most companies are well off their twelve-month highs. The Australian market was also under pressure with the ASX 300 and All Ordinaries indices both down by 3%. The Australian dollar edged 1.6% lower against the US dollar to finish at 65.04c. The 10-year Treasury Note Yield edged higher to 3.68% as stronger than expected economic data increased the chance of a further rate increase.
- In the resources space, concerns of a stalling in China's economic recovery have driven commodity markets lower, with Copper down 6.5%, Nickel dropping by 14%, Zinc falling by 17% and Iron Ore and Oil down 9.5% and 8.6% respectively. This flowed through to weaker resource markets with the 300 Resources Index down 3.9% and the Small Resources Index declining by 7.1%.
- Subsequent to month end, the debt ceiling negotiations concluded in the US and speculation increased that China may release additional stimulus measures for its economy – both tentatively positive factors for the month ahead.

#### Portfolio Update

- We retained a defensive portfolio position in May as commodity markets came under pressure. We sold our position in Cooper Energy and Westgold, and trimmed our positions in New World Resources, Develop, Auteco and NexGen, both to protect the portfolio and to generate liquidity for the Buy-Back Offer payments to Shareholders. These actions, combined with a good quality portfolio, enabled the Fund to limit the downside damage. The best performer was Develop Group (+15%) which continues to make progress on its Woodlawn and Sulphur Springs projects whilst building a best-in-class underground drilling business. The worst performers for the month included Auteco (-25%) and New World Resources (-23%).
- As at 31 May 2023, 32% of the portfolio was invested in the Energy Transition thematic, 25% in Gold and 1% in other opportunities. The cash weighting increased to 42%. The top 5 positions at month end accounted for 23% of the portfolio which included Silver Lake, Lunnon, Develop, Genesis and Abyssinian.

#### AFM Perseus Portfolio Exposure (by commodity)



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