

## ANRF Annualized Return of 26% Since Inception

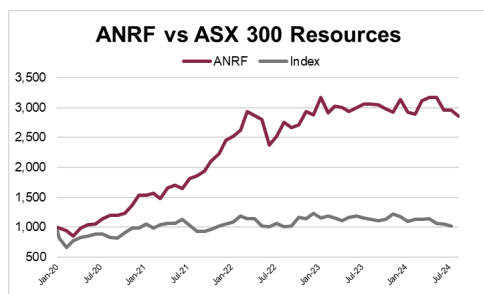
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### Fund Performance

	1 Month	3 Months	FYTD	12 Months	Inception	Annualized
ANRF	-3.4%	-9.9%	-3.3%	-6.5%	185.5%	25.5%
S&P ASX 300 Resources	-3.3%	-10.2%	-4.3%	-11.6%	2.3%	0.5%
Outperformance	-0.1%	0.4%	1.0%	5.1%	183.1%	25.0%

- The Argonaut Natural Resources Fund fell 3.4% for the month of August which was in line with the 3.3% fall in the benchmark, ASX 300 Resources Index. Over the past twelve months, ANRF was down 6.5% versus the 11.6% decline in the benchmark. Since inception (Jan 2020), the Fund has delivered an annualized return of 26%, versus the 0.5% annualized return of its benchmark.
- Weak markets are the foundation of future outperformance. Investing in the resource sector is all about buying the best quality mining assets at attractive prices, with the market weakness creating attractive investment opportunities.
- The Fund's unit price as at 31 August 2024 was \$1.909.

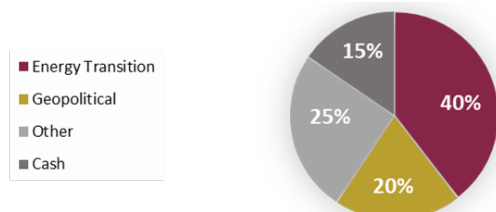


\*Illustrates the relative performance of a \$1,000 investment in ANRF and the ASX Resource 300 Index since the inception date of ANRF. Assumes all distributions are reinvested back into the Fund.

### ANRF Top Holdings (by company)

Company	Commodity	%
BHP	Iron Ore	10.0%
Coronado	Met Coal	6.1%
Northern Star	Gold	5.8%
Develop	Copper	5.4%
Westgold	Gold	5.3%

### ANRF Portfolio Exposure (by type)



### Additional Investment

- Investors interested in topping up their investment can do so by clicking on this [link](#) and logging into the Automic investor portal. Should you require any assistance with your log-in, please contact [Jenna Converse](#) for assistance.

### Market Overview

- Markets pushed higher in August with the Dow Jones up 6.2%, the S&P 500 up 3.4% and the Australian ASX 300 and All Ords up 4.1% and 3.8% respectively. As was the case in July, this performance did not translate to the resources space with the 300 Resources Index down 3.3% on the back of a 6% fall in the energy index and a 2.1% drop in the materials index. Iron Ore and Oil prices both fell around 7% for the month, as the market continued to ponder the growth outlook for both China and the USA.
- While gains in copper (+2.2%), nickel (+3.5%) and zinc (+8.6%) were encouraging, this was not enough to drive buying interest in resource equities.
- Within this period of uncertainty gold was again the star performer with the gold price lifting a further 2.8% to US\$2,494 and gold equities jumping 6.5% as investors increased exposure to high quality producers.
- The 10 Year Treasury yield fell to 3.91% with the pivot to interest rate cuts almost assured for September - questions remain as to whether it will be a 0.25% or 0.50% cut. We expect 0.25% - with the Fed decision to be driven by the assessment of economic conditions at the time.
- Volatile markets may prevail in the medium-term as investors waiver between a soft and hard economic landing in the US. The resource sector is likely to have the added uncertainty of a lacklustre Chinese economy acting as a drag on commodity demand.
- As touched on above, this volatility brings opportunity, and we are looking to add the best quality resource sector assets to the portfolio

### Portfolio Update

- The strongest portfolio performers for the month were copper developer Firefly Metals, Latin Resources and Westgold Resources. Firefly Metals rose by 19% on the back of increased resource and grade of its Newfoundland copper asset. Latin Resources jumped 33% following a takeover offer from industry leader Pilbara Minerals. Gold producer Westgold Resources lifted 17% as the market digested the positive implications of its merger with Karora Resources.
- The uranium sector came under pressure in August with Denison falling 18% and NexGen declining 14%. Met coal producer Coronado went from being one of the best performers last month to a 17% decline this month as met coal prices eased. Copper producer Metals Acquisition (USA) was also down 16%.
- We maintain a conservative portfolio composition:
  - 15% of the portfolio is in cash
  - Over 65% of the portfolio is invested in producers
  - Over 65% of the portfolio is invested in companies with a market cap above \$1b
  - Over 85% of the underlying projects are in either Australia or North America.

- At month end, the portfolio was positioned 40% Energy Transition, 20% Geopolitical, 25% Other and 15% cash.

- The top 5 holdings were BHP, Coronado Resources, Northern Star, Develop, and Westgold with these companies representing 33% of the portfolio.

# Argonaut Natural Resources Fund



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