

# MONTHLY REPORT & FACT SHEET - 31 MARCH 2019

**1M:** 0.2% **12M:** -3.9% **3yr Ann:** 5.4% **3yr Vol:** 7.2%

# Description

The Cor Capital Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme that seeks to generate stable positive returns, regardless of prevailing economic or financial market conditions.

It is commonly used as an alternative asset within a broader strategic asset allocation or as a standalone medium-term absolute return investment.

The objective of the Fund is to generate medium to long term returns, without significant interim drawdowns, by investing and trading in developed-market equities, precious metals, fixed interest and cash. The Fund portfolio is highly liquid and diversified.

### Fund Total Return as of 31 March 2019 (net of fees)

		Return
1-Mth		0.2%
3-Mth		2.6%
6-Mth		-1.3%
CYTD		2.6%
1-Yr	Ann.	-3.9%
3-Yr	Ann.	5.4%
3-Yr	Volatility	7.2%

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### **Fund Details**

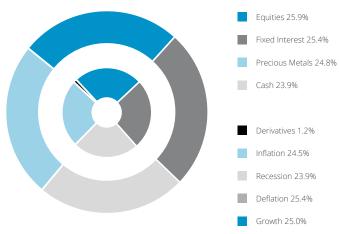
Туре	Absolute Return / Alternative					
Strategy	Multi-strategy / Multi-asset					
Objective	Maximise return above change in CPI					
	over 3 year periods without generating a					
	negative return over any 12 month period					
Inception date	8 August 2012					
Net Asset Value /	1.0321/1.0306					
Redemption Price						
Currency	AUD					
Liquidity	Daily					
Minimum	A\$25,000					
investment						
APIR code	COR0001AU					
ARSN	609 666 042					

### Track Record: August 2012 - March 2019

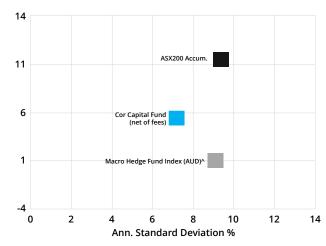


Track record chart displays the change in value of \$1000 invested in the Cor Capital Fund since its inception in August 2012. Past Performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.\*

### Asset Allocation / Risk Allocation



### Risk vs Return over 3 years



Risk vs Return chart compares annualised 3-year returns to risk as measured by the annualised standard deviation of returns. Source: Bloomberg, Cor Capital

### **Quarterly Manager Commentary - March 2019**

The Cor Capital Fund returned +2.6% for the 3 months to the end of March 2019. The return over 3 years was +5.4% per annum and the 1-year return was -3.9% (all net of fees).

Following the double-digit sell-off in global equities at the end of last year, risk assets rebounded strongly with the ASX200 Accumulation Index up +10.9% over the March quarter. The Bloomberg Aus Composite Bond Index was up +3.4%, an extraordinary amount, and gold bullion prices were flat over the same period.

### Aus and US Bond Yields Period Ending March 2019



Source: Bloomberg

The Fund equities portfolio (+12.0%) continues to out-perform the ASX200 due to its larger weighting to commodity stocks and bias away from banks and other 'mega-caps', not only because of the different macro exposures that come with this allocation, but also due to the relative volatility between holdings and the performance capture that results. This made a major contribution to returns to the Fund over the quarter followed by fixed interest, cash and gold bullion, which was up over 9 percent during 2018 but is now negative on a year-to-date basis.

The December quarter equities market sell-off was accompanied by the strongest 'risk off' step up in the gold bullion price in years as the US Fed increased its official funds rate by 25 basis points, and flagged more to come, in an environment of increasing global growth concern.

Only one quarter on and the Fed board indeed changed its tune by stating it was no longer expecting any rate hikes in 2019 and in fact markets are now pricing in rate cuts as recession signs emerge. A dovish flip also became clearer here in Australia with the RBA minutes setting out the possibility of rate cuts. Annualised economic growth in Australia slowed from 4 percent in the first half of last year to 1 percent as capital city residential property prices corrected and household spending followed.

As bond yields corrected in line with slowing growth expectations it is surprising to many that equities markets surged over the March quarter, increasingly pricing in stronger 2019 earnings growth. One signal is optimistic and one pessimistic.

It is worth considering the possibility that the global equity market gyrations of the last 6 months are less a reflection of broad uncertainty about future earnings (the bond market is the better indicator here in our view), and more about the evolving link between volatility and stock market liquidity stemming directly from investor mix. According to a recent report from JP Morgan, in this new age of passive investing and programmatic trading, measures of volatility have become the major influence on marginal trading volume relative to 'slower moving humans' driven by fundamentals.

The result of this type of market structure may be periods of momentum and very low volatility, followed by speedy but sizable market moves on low volume, as per the recent experience. Volatility is becoming more volatile! Fundamentally driven, bottom up investment for the (very) long-term won't change but for those investors and asset allocators looking to smooth medium term returns the job is more difficult under such conditions.

However, such an environment can provide opportunities for the contrarian, volatility harvesting strategy of the Cor Capital Fund and this most recent quarter highlighted some examples.

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# **Portfolio Changes**

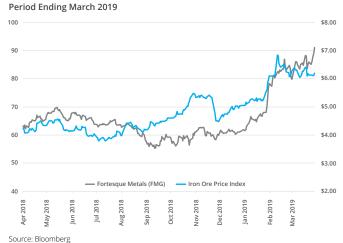
At the beginning of January, we decreased the Fund's gold bullion position and diverted most of the proceeds into equities following the 4Q18 sell-off referred to above. Then, as our investment process assumes will happen regularly, the direction completely reversed; our risk limits were again reached (relative to the neutral positioning), resulting in profits being taken in equities at the end of February. Proceeds were reinvested roughly equally between cash, gold bullion and fixed interest securities.

# Gold Bullion and Equities



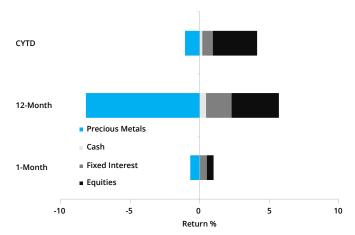
Within the equities portfolio, in January we reduced exposure to the commodities sector after it outperformed industrials and financials. Six of the ten largest positive movers in the ASX100 over the quarter were either energy or materials stocks with iron ore pure play Fortescue Metals surging +78% on global supply disruptions and positive Chinese construction data. Price performance relative to peers also triggered a rebalance within the sector and our Fortescue position was trimmed twice within the quarter (in addition to the sector adjustment); a very unusual occurrence for a A\$20billion+ company.

# Fortescue Metals and Iron Ore



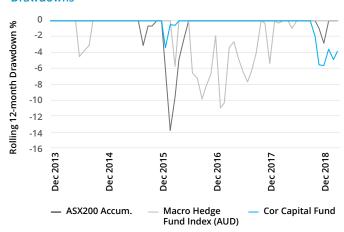
We continue to believe that the constant risk premia assumptions built into many popular investment approaches are only valid for multi-decade investment time horizons and that widespread disappointment with returns is a real possibility. The task we have chosen at Cor Capital is to offset this disappointment by delivering a liquid alternative for robust absolute returns, one that capitalises on the interplay between diverse assets as markets ebb and flow, rather than the more common approach of specific (and consequential) forecasting of market prices, economic factors or company earnings.

### Attribution (gross of fees)



Attribution chart displays the contribution made by each asset class to the Total Return of the Fund over the relevant time period, as represented by the net of positive and negative contributions.

### Drawdowns



Drawdowns chart compares 12-month rolling negative total returns, where applicable, for each Fund or index. Source: Bloomberg, Cor Capital

## Tail Risk Analysis: Worst of ASX200 v. Fund

Rank	Lowest ASX200	Date	Fund Return	Diff.
	Return (%)		(%)	
1	-7.79	Aug-15	-0.34	7.45
2	-6.05	Oct-18	-3.68	2.37
3	-5.48	Jan-16	0.43	5.91
4	-5.38	Sep-14	-1.03	4.35
5	-5.30	Jun-15	-2.29	3.02
6	-4.50	May-13	-0.28	4.23
7	-3.77	Mar-18	-0.92	2.85
8	-3.25	Nov-14	0.48	3.74
9	-3.03	Jan-14	0.92	3.95
10	-2.96	Sep-15	-0.66	2.29
11	-2.75	May-17	4.38	7.14
12	-2.45	Jun-16	1.45	3.91
13	-2.32	Jun-13	-3.61	-1.29
14	-2.21	Nov-18	-2.31	-0.10
15	-2.21	Mar-13	-0.83	1.38
Total	-59.46		-8.28	51.19
Av.	-3.96		-0.55	3.41

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# 12-Month Return Correlations

Balanced 60/40	65.2%
Aus Fixed Interest	16.8%
Aus Equities	64.1%
Gbl Equities (AUD)	21.7%
Hedge Funds (AUD)	28.2%

Correlation measures the degree to which two strategies or indices move in relation to each other with 100% implying a perfect positive relationship.

# **Additional Information**

Management Fee	1.0% p.a.	Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees
Performance Fee	N/A	Custodian	BNP Paribas
Fund expenses	0.35% p.a.	Distribution Frequency	6-monthly
Unit price spread	0.15%	Hist. 12-month Distribution Yield	8.31%

## Monthly Performance History (net of fees)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CYTD
2019	0.46%	1.92%	0.17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.56%
2018	-1.64%	3.31%	-0.92%	3.30%	0.29%	2.91%	-3.41%	-3.70%	-1.76%	-3.68%	-2.31%	2.25%	-5.62%
2017	0.20%	0.63%	0.70%	0.60%	4.38%	-0.93%	3.03%	-1.52%	3.33%	0.83%	1.34%	2.33%	15.80%
2016	0.43%	3.57%	-0.44%	2.59%	0.59%	1.45%	1.73%	-0.50%	-0.21%	-1.71%	-0.71%	1.29%	8.26%
2015	4.00%	0.56%	-0.40%	-0.65%	1.23%	-2.29%	0.20%	-0.34%	-0.66%	1.67%	-3.04%	-0.12%	0.00%
2014	0.92%	2.34%	-1.34%	0.50%	-0.26%	0.76%	1.01%	0.10%	-1.03%	-0.13%	0.48%	1.93%	5.35%
2013	1.57%	0.63%	-0.83%	-0.36%	-0.28%	-3.61%	4.71%	2.14%	-1.49%	0.55%	-0.90%	-0.22%	1.70%
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.03%	2.25%	0.02%	0.16%	0.13%	4.64%

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