

# abrdn Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

NYSE American: IAF



## January 2024 Performance Data and Portfolio Composition

### Objective

The Fund's principal investment objective is long-term capital appreciation through investment primarily in equity securities of Australian companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange Limited (ASX). Its secondary objective is current income, which is expected to be derived primarily from dividends and interest on Australian corporate and governmental securities.

### Performance

The latest available performance figures have been calculated net-of-fees in U.S. dollars for the period:

### Cumulative and annualised total return as of January 31, 2024 (%)

	1 month	3 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)	10 years (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)
NAV	-2.81	17.83	-2.81	-1.38	4.56	8.54	5.98	7.29
Market Price	-3.00	19.29	-3.00	-5.32	3.61	6.60	4.23	6.89
ASX 200 Index (Net TR)	-1.97	18.93	-1.97	0.23	4.01	7.32	5.14	n/a*

\*There is no since inception figure for the S&P/ASX 200 (Net) Index because the inception date of the Index is May 10, 2011.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. NAV return data includes investment management fees, custodial charges, bank loan expenses, and administrative fees (such as Director and legal fees) and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. abrdn Inc. (the "Adviser") became the Fund's adviser on June 11, 2003. For periods prior to that date, the returns reflect performance information from a prior, unaffiliated adviser. The Fund is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of principal. Returns for periods less than one year are not annualized.

### Top Ten Holdings

BHP Group Ltd	11.2
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	8.8
CSL Ltd	8.5
National Australia Bank Ltd	5.9
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	4.3
Rio Tinto PLC	4.0
Macquarie Group Ltd	4.0
Goodman Group	3.9
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	3.7
Telstra Group Ltd	3.6
Percent of Portfolio in Top Ten	57.6

### Sector (%)

Financials	26.5
Materials	21.6
Health Care	16.2
Real Estate	6.5
Consumer Discretionary	6.2
Energy	5.8
Communication Services	4.9
Consumer Staples	4.7
Others	5.8
Cash	1.9

### Comparative Data

	abrdn Australia Equity Fund, Inc.	ASX 200 Index (Net TR)
Price/Earnings Ratio	15.14	16.54

Source: abrdn 01/31/24.

The above tables summarize the composition of the Fund's portfolio, expressed as a percentage of total assets. Holdings are subject to change and are provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities shown. Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

### As of January 31, 2024 NAV (unaudited) and market price

Net Asset Value per share	\$4.85
Market price	\$4.20
Discount to Net Asset Value	13.40%

### 12 Month range of NAV prices

High on 02/01/2023	\$5.57
Low on 10/27/2023	\$4.20

### 12 Month market price (based on closing price)

High on 02/16/2023	\$5.12
Low on 10/31/2023	\$3.61

Market price data source: Fund's accounting agent

### Key facts (unaudited)

#### Distributions

For distribution information on the Fund please visit [abrdnIAF.com](http://abrdnIAF.com). The amount of distributions may vary due to market considerations and other factors.

Net assets attributable to common shareholders **\$127.8 million**

Managed assets (incl \$10.2 million in bank borrowing) **\$137.7 million**

Shares Outstanding **26,337,975**

Inception Date **December 20, 1985**

#### Active Share

Active Share **41.52**

Active Share Change **-0.72**

### Expense Ratios

Fiscal Year Ended October 31

Annual Expenses	Percent of Net Assets	Percent of Managed Assets
Management Fees	1.00%	0.92%
Other Expenses	0.66%	0.61%
Fee Waiver	-0.01%	-0.01%
Operating Expenses	1.65%	1.52%
Leverage Costs	0.37%	0.34%
Total Expenses	2.02%	1.87%
Total Expenses before Fee Waiver	1.87%	1.87%

Active Share is a holdings-based measure of active management representing the percentage of a portfolio that differs from a benchmark index. A vehicle with an Active Share of 0 would hold exactly the same portfolio as the benchmark index, while a vehicle with an Active Share of 100 would have no holdings in common with the benchmark.

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Leverage Costs include interest, fees, and other other up front/offering costs associated with the leverage structure for the Fund. Gross Operating Expenses include the Fee Waiver and Leverage Costs.

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<b>Portfolio management</b> Managed by	Asia Pacific Equity Team
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**Investment Management Philosophy**

- Proprietary research driven
  - Bottom-up security stock selection based on long term quality approach
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**Important information**

abrnn has prepared this report based on information sources believed to be accurate and reliable. However, the figures are unaudited and neither the Fund, its investment adviser, nor any other person guarantees their accuracy. Investors should seek their own professional advice and should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before acting on this information.

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**Important risk disclosure**

All performance shown is historical, assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value fluctuate with changing market conditions so when sold, shares may be worth more or less than that of the original cost. Total return based on market price reflects changes in market value. Total return based on net asset value reflects changes in the fund's net asset value during each period. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. This commentary is for informational purposes only, and is not intended as an offer or recommendation with respect to the purchase or sale of any security, option, future or other derivatives in such securities.

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International investing entails special risk considerations, including currency fluctuations, lower liquidity, economic and political risks, and differences in accounting methods; these risks are generally heightened for emerging market investments. There are also risks associated with investing in Australia, including the risk of investing in a single-country Fund. Concentrating investments in the Australia region subjects the Fund to more volatility and greater risk of loss than geographically diverse funds. Equity stocks of small and mid-cap companies carry greater risk, and more volatility than equity stocks of larger, more established companies. Please see the Fund's most recent annual report for more information on risks applicable to the Fund.