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September Highlights

The Fund returned +1.21% **outperforming** both the ASX/S&P Small Industrials Index and ASX/S&P All Ordinaries Index, as the market declined due to persistent inflation data and another interest rate rise.

In September, Claudia Kwan was featured in the AFR as one of 10 fund managers that traded “the wild earnings season”. [Read Here](#), was interviewed by Ausbiz discussing climate risks are earnings opportunities. [Watch Here](#), and did a Podcast with The Greener Way discussing the impact of El Nino. [Listen Here](#)

NorthStar conducted a webinar, “Meet the CEOs” where we were joined by James Clement (Vysarn), Ben Hutt (Janus Electric) and Grant Caffery (Iondrive) in a fast track Q&A. [Full replay here](#)

The largest contributors to the portfolio return during the month included Iondrive (ION), Janus Electric (JNS), Southern Cross Electrical (SXE), Solstice Minerals (SLS) and Critica (CRI).

The main detractor was Vysarn (VYS), the largest holding in the fund, due to an announcement that they will not go ahead with the acquisition of NWG Enterprises. This led to earnings downgrades as the acquisition had been expected to be accretive and a share price retreat. We added to the position during the month on the pullback.

Interest rate sensitive companies were under pressure and broadly this impacts the liquidity to the smaller market capitalisation companies. The fund was repositioning ahead of this rate cycle, reducing exposure to illiquid companies that lacked visible catalysts and further increasing exposure to companies with positive earnings upgrades.

We invest with direction putting capital to work in businesses that move the World forward. We aim to deliver financial performance for our investors without compromising the direction we are heading, our North Star is a cleaner, safer and healthier world.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

Janus Electric (JNS:ASX)

Key heavy-duty transport decarbonisation solution. The company had multiple catalysts that have increased validation of their go-to-market strategy and ability to achieve the 150 trucks on road target by mid-2027.

Iondrive (ION: ASX)

Iondrive has found its momentum as they made inroads in the US to execute on their IP Solvent technology to extract rare earths from waste streams. The company has secured a pathway to execution in the US with strong results from their solution and local capital support.

LARGEST DETRACTORS

Vysarn (VYS:ASX)

See above

Pilbara Minerals (PLS:ASX)

A leveraged play on lithium, the company pulled back following the fall in lithium prices driven by the dynamic supply side environment specifically as it relates to operational mines in China.

Portfolio

1.5 %

Cash

44%

Top 10 Positions

56

Total Holdings

Exits This Month

Compumedics (CMP), Iperionx (IPX)

We exited the small position in Iperionx, which is developing a process that results in infinite recycling of titanium. The process and measurable environmental impact is profound. Whilst the application for Iperionx's products are widespread and include positive outcomes for renewables and electrification, in the near-term the company has focused on defence applications as a result of close ties with the Department of Defence.

Monthly Portfolio Engagement Summary

We engaged with 31 companies during the month. The majority of the meetings were with smaller market capitalisation companies as we look to define their unit economics, strategy, funding pathways and catalyst calendar. Given the difficult market environment due to a rising interest rate environment, AI disruption and capex rollout, persistent inflation, engaging with management is key retaining confidence in the investment thesis of smaller cap impact companies.

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Portfolio Holdings

Accurate as of 31 August 2026

Top 5 Holdings

#	Company
1	Vysarn
2	Southern Cross
3	Tasmea
4	Clover Corp
5	Eureka

Impact Focus Areas

Area	Weight
Environment	55.3%
Healthcare	27.1%
Communities	14.0%
Education	0.3%

Market Cap Breakdown

Category	Weight
Large cap	35.3%
Mid cap	22.8%
Small Cap	32.3%
Early Stage	8.1%

Sector Allocations

Sector	Allocation
Health Care	23.1%
Industrials	25.8%
Real Estate	7.8%
Materials	25.2%
Information Technology	10.0%
Cash	1.5%
Consumer	1.0%
Utilities	5.6%
Financials	0.0%

Key Facts

Inception	31/01/2017
Holdings	57
Liquidity	Daily
Base currency	Australian dollars
Min. investment	\$10,000
Fund identifier	APIR: ETL6826AU
Mgmt fee	1.03% pa
Other expenses	Up to 0.36% pa
Total costs	1.39% pa
Performance fee	20.5% over benchmark
Performance hurdle	S&P All Ord Accum Index

Fund Performance

	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr p.a	Inception p.a
Fund (Gross)	1.32%	1.34%	11.58%	7.93%	14.24%	8.96%
Fund Return (Net of Fees)	1.21%	1.01%	11.58%	6.54%	12.71%	7.04%
Index*	-1.28%	-3.98%	4.09%	-14.39%	6.01%	4.97%
Active Return (Net)	2.49%	4.99%	6.77%	20.93%	6.70%	2.07%

Source: Apex Group, NorthStar Impact. *Index means the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Industrials TR Index, used for reference only. The S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index is the hurdle rate. Returns are time-weighted and include realised and unrealised gains and losses plus income. Inception was 31 January 2017. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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