

	Month (%)	Quarter (%)	FYTD (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (% p.a.)	5 Years (% p.a.)	Since inception [^] (% p.a.)
Perennial Strategic Natural Resources Trust (Net)	-4.3	-6.5	-6.5	8.5	26.4	19.6	28.4
Benchmark (Absolute return of +6.50% p.a.)	0.5	1.6	1.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
*S&P/ASX200 Total Return Resources Index	-5.1	6.8	6.8	33.7	14.4	15.9	19.2
Value Added	-4.8	-8.1	-8.1	2.0	19.9	13.1	21.9

[^] Since inception: 1st April 2020. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. *S&P/ASX Total Return Resources Index is for comparison purposes only, the benchmark for the Trust is a positive absolute return exceeding 6.50% p.a. net of all fees.

Overview

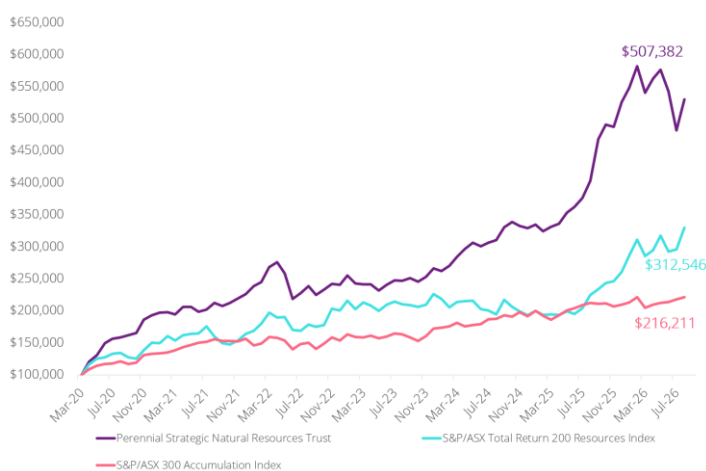
Volatility returned to commodities markets in September, weighing on metal and equity prices alike. The trust finished down -4.3%, with the rolling 12 month return easing to 8.5%.

We had a years' worth of macro news over the course of a month in September. The US Treasury Secretary flipped from "I am the house" on the 8th of September, to "I can not control the market" by month end. US 10 yr yields hit 20yr highs, pushed by inter-related inflation and energy price concerns.

That said, by month end oil shipments out of the Persian Gulf were reaching 2025 levels and steps were in place for a meaningful release of Europe's strategic diesel stocks. US jobs numbers and inflation missed to the downside, and rate-hike expectations in the US has started to ease.

Influenced by the news above, various critical mineral ETFs have suffered substantial outflows over the last two months, with the result being numerous equities diverging from underlying commodity exposures (chart page 2). Once confidence of energy flows out of the middle east returns, we would expect this divergence to close quickly.

Growth of \$100,000 Since Inception



Performance shown net of fees with distributions reinvested. Does not take into account any taxes payable by an investor. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

Perennial Strategic Natural Resources Trust

The aim of the Trust is to grow the value of your investment over the long term by investing in a portfolio of listed and unlisted companies exposed to commodity production.

Portfolio Managers

Sam Berridge & Ewan Galloway

Trust FUM

AUD \$272 million

Distribution Frequency

Annual

Minimum Initial Investment

\$25,000

Trust Inception Date

April 2020

Fees

1.20% p.a. + Performance fee

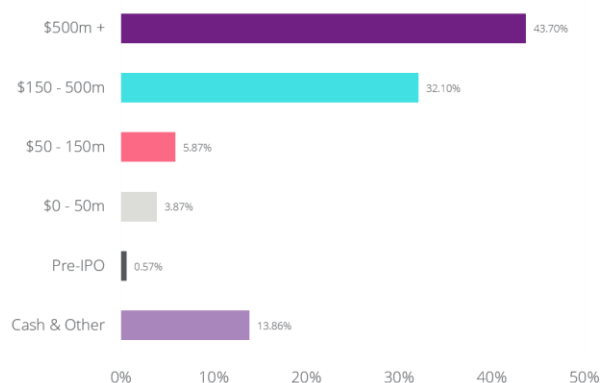
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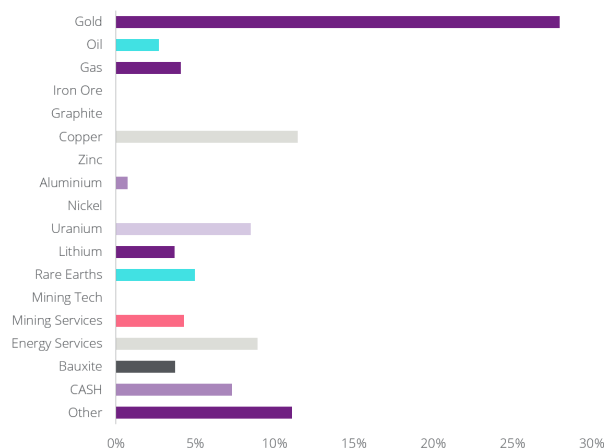
Top 5 Positions	Trust (%)
PC Gold	6.1
Physical Gold	5.7
Brazilian Rare Earths	4.6
Southern Cross Electrical	4.3
DUG Technology	4.0

Source: Perennial Value Management as at 30 September 2026.

Market Capitalisation Exposure



Sector Exposure



Trust Review

Better performing stocks for the month included:

- Electrical services provider, **Southern Cross Electrical**, rallying +18.6% upon inclusion into the ASX300 index.
- Victorian gas developer, **Empire Energy**, bounced +62.2% after achieving environmental approval for its planned 2027 well into the Judith Gas field.
- Another Australian based oil/n gas developer, **Omega Oil & Gas** finished up +19.2% in anticipation of well results from its Canyon-4 well.

Stocks which weighed on the portfolio during the month included:

- Rare earths developer, **Brazilian Rare Earths** finished down -9.2% despite announcing another high-grade discovery south of its Sulista project. The underperformance of rare earth stocks vs the rare earth price is of not (chart below).
- Bauxite producer, **Metro Mining**, finished down -7.3% on weak shipping data.

Critical minerals not critical all of a sudden?

Despite the increasing geopolitical focus on critical minerals, and the positive lead indicators of demand remaining in place, September saw a marked divergence of equities from commodity prices. For example, rare earth prices were stable to positive for September (white), whereas rare earth producers Lynas (yellow), MP Materials (green) and developer Brazilian Rare Earths (pink) were all sold off.



Similarly, uranium producers Paladin (yellow) and Cameco (green) drifted lower despite an incrementally stronger uranium price (white). While these divergences are not uncommon, they're also usually short lived. We suspect an easing of middle east tensions will see the correlation of commodity and equity prices return.



Global, Currency & Commodities (%)

S&P 500	-0.1
Nikkei 225	1.3
FTSE 100	-2.0
Shanghai Composite	-3.4
RBA Cash Rate	4.60
AUD / USD	69.5c
Iron Ore	-5.7
Oil	14.4
Gold	-6.3
Copper	0.1



Portfolio Managers: Ewan Galloway (left) and Sam Berridge (right)

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The Trust finished the month with 55 positions & cash of 5.5%

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