

# Perennial Microcap Resources Trust

Monthly Report September 2023

	Month (%)	Quarter (%)	FYTD (%)	1 Year (%)	Since inception^ (% p.a.)	Since Inception^ Cumulative (%)
Perennial Microcap Resources Trust (Net)	-2.4	-1.3	-1.3	1.2	-5.4	-10.9
S&P ASX Small Ordinaries Resources Index	-1.6	-2.5	-2.5	1.0	-4.7	-9.6
Value Added	-0.8	1.2	1.2	0.2	-0.7	-1.3

Since inception: August 2021. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance is shown to 29 September 2023, which was a public holiday in Melbourne. Since our unit registry is based in Melbourne, no unit price was struck for this day. An indicative unit price was calculated so that the performance of the fund may be compared to that of the market (the ASX was open on 29 September 2023). No reliance should be placed on the indicative unit price for 29 September 2023.

#### Overview

In a volatile month for markets generally, the Trust finished down 2.4% (net of all fees), underperforming the index, which finished down at -1.6%.

Old energy continued its outperformance from August into September, with oil (+9.2%) and gas (+14.4%) both performing well. In what is possibly a case of 'what was old, is new again', uranium had a breakout month finishing up 20.3% as 12-year period of excess inventory finally came to an end.

On the macro economic front, follow through on Chinese stimulus measures remains lackluster. Also, the acceleration higher of US rates, both in nominal and real terms acted as a headwind for most asset classes. That said, as shown by the positive returns from the commodities above, supply/demand balances trump all other macro-economic considerations.

Looking ahead, we're of the view the pace of the recent run up in rates globally can't be sustained for long. In the interim, positive supply/demand dynamics remain selectively supportive for the commodities sector.

#### Perennial Microcap 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 Australian small and microcap listed and unlisted companies operating in the business of commodity production, commodity investment or as a service provider to the industry of commodity production.

<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Trust FUM</b>
Sam Berridge	AUD \$31.9 million
Distribution Frequency	Minimum Initial Investment <sup>1</sup>
Annual	\$25,000
Trust Inception Date	Fees
August 2021	1.20% p.a. + Performance fee

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<sup>1</sup> Perennial Microcap Resources Trust is open to wholesale investors only

Top 5 Positions	Trust (%)
DUG Technology	4.7
OraBanda	4.2
GenusPlus	3.9
Line Hyroden	3.6
True North Copper	3.6

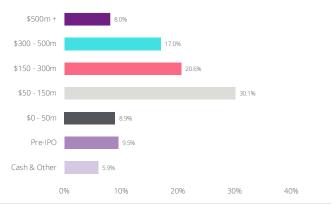
Source: Perennial Value Management. As at 30 September 2023

## Commodities

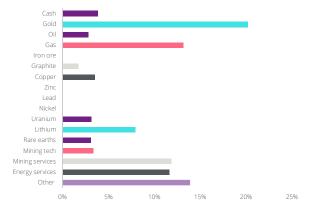


**Source:** Bloomberg. The history of inflation has coincided with periods of outperformance, which in turn have coincided with an energy crisis of one sort or another (oil prices hit \$140/bbl pre GFC).

## Market Capitalisation Exposure







## **Trust Review**

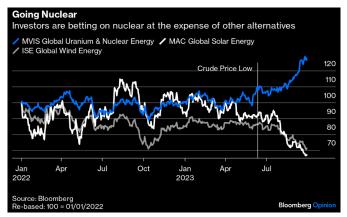
Green (uranium) and gold exposures were the big winners for the month.

- Ora Banda, rallied 15.8% despite a softer A\$ gold price (-4.0%), apparently on the back of a successful lap around the US gold conference circuit.
- Spartan Resources, up 35% as the valuation appeal of its new Never Never gold discovery and its adjacent gold processing plant continued to gain traction with the market. Spartan (formerly Gascoyne Resources) is now up 410% from our original investment.
- Lotus Resources, participated with the uranium rally, up 22.2%. Lotus is completing a merger with A-Cap resources, which adds a respectable development option to complement its Kayelekera uranium mine (currently on care and maintenance).

Stocks which weighed on performance during the month included:

Green Technology Metals, down 20.0% following a softening lithium price (-18.7%). GT1 remains one of our few lithium exposures. The company has previously placed stock to LGChem at \$0.92 and Lithium Americas at \$1.05 per share. We believe the company will be well supported through the financials of its combined spodumene-hydroxide development post release of its preliminary economic assets (PEA) later this quarter.

Any transition which costs trillions of dollars and spans decades will spur a multitude of technology advances. We're of the view the Energy Transition will be no different. In that regard we note the contrast in investment flows below. Whether this marks an inflection point on how decarbonisation will be achieved remains to be seen. That said, as different technologies fall in and out of favour implications for commodity supply and demand will change. Remaining abreast of new energy-tech developments is a key component of actively managing our commodity exposures.



Sources: Bloomberg

The Trust finished the month with 41 positions and cash of 3.7%

# Global, Currency & Commodities (%)

S&P 500	-4.9
Nikkei 225	-2.3
FTSE 100	2.3
Shanghai Composite	-0.3
RBA Cash Rate	4.10
AUD / USD	64.5c
Iron Ore	+11.2
Oil	+10.0
Gold	-4.0
Copper	-0.8



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