

	Month (%)	Quarter (%)	FYTD (%)	1 year (%)	2 year (%)	3 year (% p.a.)	Since inception^ (% p.a.)
Perennial Microcap Resources Trust (Net)	4.3	13.1	10.0	39.0	31.8	17.5	12.2
S&P ASX Small Ordinaries Resources Index	13.5	7.2	10.1	34.5	14.0	4.7	4.5
Value Added	-9.2	5.9	-0.1	4.5	17.8	12.8	7.7

^ Since inception: August 2021. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

Overview

Commodities had a break-out month in August, with equities and physical commodities up strongly. The trust finished up 4.3% net of all fees, behind the benchmark return of 13.5%. The rolling 12mth return for the trust lifting to 39.0%, net of all fees.

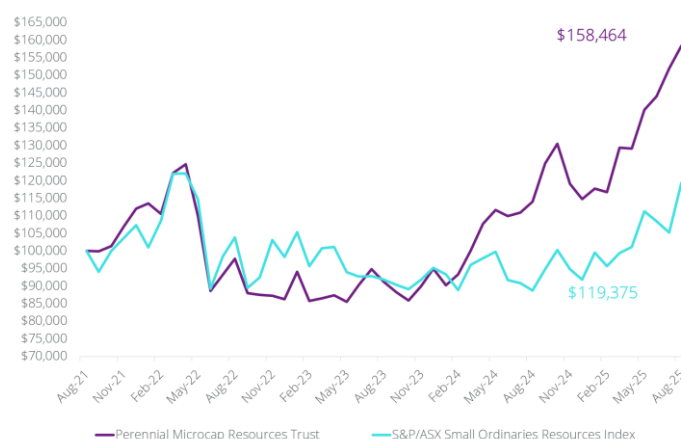
The drivers of commodities rally was a combination of optimism around further Chinese stimulus measures and increasing optimism regarding a US rate-cut in September.

There is also a growing collection of positive bottom-up commodity developments, for example; increasing military spend in Europe, adding roughly 0.8% to copper and 0.6% to aluminium demand. While these numbers aren't massive, in the context of finely balanced markets 1% here or there does make a difference.

With the US, Europe and China on a stimulatory path, the risk to demand lies to the upside, albeit somewhat mitigated by tariff headwinds.

The long end of the yield curve is also getting some focus, where rates continued to tick higher in August. This can indicate growing concerns around the sustainability US fiscal policy, which is a tailwind for gold.

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 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.

Portfolio Manager

Sam Berridge

Trust FUM

AUD \$36 million

Distribution Frequency

Annual

Minimum Initial Investment¹

\$25,000

Trust Inception Date

August 2021

Fees

1.20% p.a. + Performance fee

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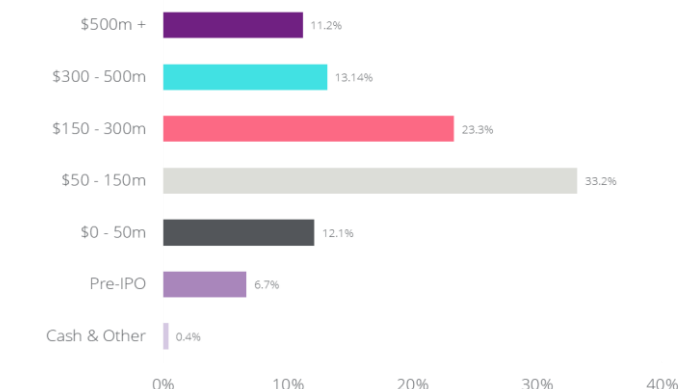
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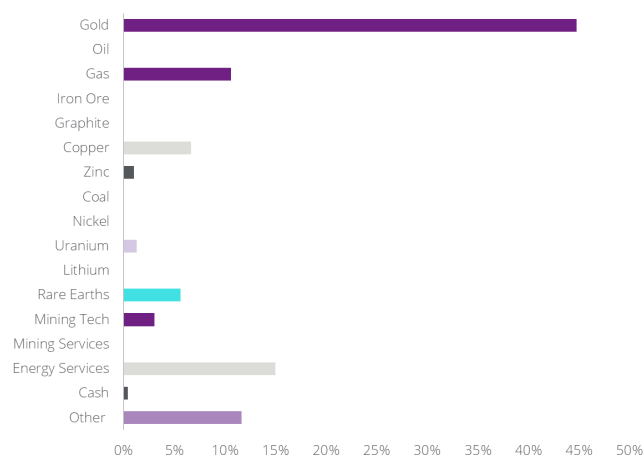
Top 5 Positions	Trust (%)
Rox Resources	6.4
Metro Mining	4.6
Brazilian Rare Earths	4.5
Great Southern Mining	4.0
Toubani Resources	4.0

Source: Perennial Value Management. As at 31 August 2025.

Market Capitalisation Exposure



Sector Exposure



Trust Review

Gains were broad-based in August, with key contributors to trust performance including:

- Energy tech firm **DUG Technology**, finished up 20.9% are reporting in-line results for FY25 with a buoyant outlook and order book.
- Bauxite producer **Metro Mining**, rallied 7.0% after reporting a large impairment reversal, resulting in record 1H statutory NPAT of \$119.7m
- **Rox Resources** bounced 22.4% on a development update and stronger gold price

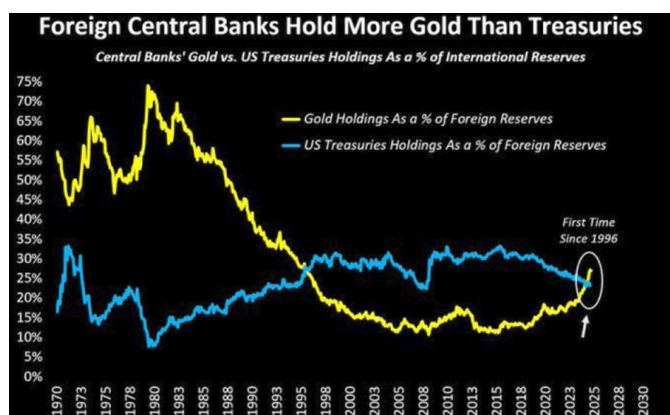
Investments which weighed on performance during the month included:

- Mineral Sands developer, **Petratherm**, drifted 13.5% lower on no news
- Gas developer, **Conrad Asia Energy** traded down 14.9% post a prospective resource update for its Aceh acreage. While the update was positive, the market is more concerned with a farm-down of its Mako Gas project.

While the US Fed has been successful in lowering the front end of the year curve (1-5 year bonds) by either cutting rates, or suggesting they're about to, the end of the yield curve, out at 30 years, is proving harder to tame.

Rising yields on 30-year government debt can mean many things, but foremost amongst them is the growing concern regarding the sustainability of US fiscal policy. For that reason, along with the US weaponizing it's status as the global reserve currency when it froze Russian holdings its US debt post its invasion of Ukraine, the appeal of US government debt as a reserve asset has dwindled, improving the appeal of gold in the process.

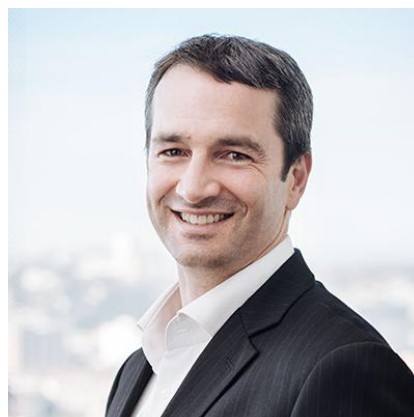
So much so that central bank holdings of gold have now surpassed holdings of US treasuries. We consider the reasons behind this switch to be structural and thus aren't going to reverse any time soon.



Source: Bloomberg, Crescent Capital Research

Global, Currency & Commodities (%)

S&P 500	2.0
Nikkei 225	4.1
FTSE 100	1.2
Shanghai Composite	8.1
RBA Cash Rate	3.60
AUD / USD	65.4c
Iron Ore	2.6
Oil	-6.5
Gold	4.8
Copper	2.1



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The Trust finished the month with 39 stocks and 1.5% cash.

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