



BetaShares

Exchange Traded Funds

Media release

BetaShares March 2018 Australian ETF Review: *Sharemarket declines end 13-month growth run*

SYDNEY, 12 April 2018: ETFs continued to attract net inflows in March, but weaker Australian and global equity markets pushed overall funds under management (FUM) below February's peak, according to the *BetaShares Australian ETF Review – March 2018*.

March saw the continuation of positive net inflows into the industry with \$481m of net flows. However, declining equity markets performance pushed total industry FUM 0.8% lower (-\$288 million) – ending a 13-month run of positive growth.

As with the previous two months of 2018, International Equities continued to be the largest category for inflows, which accounted for just under \$200m, followed by Australian Equities, attracting \$180m in net inflows.

Commenting on the dip, BetaShares' Chief Executive, Alex Vynokur, said: "We have seen a solid 13 months of uninterrupted growth in the industry, but coming into the second month of the year, global equity markets fell significantly, and despite the continued positive flows, the industry slowed in line with the fall in markets. Notably, this was not caused by a lack of net buying by investors but rather market forces."

Short exposures perform

The market declines allowed products providing short exposure to perform strongly, with **BetaShares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund (BBOZ)** and **BetaShares US Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund (BBUS)**, the top two performers for March.

"Similar to last month, we saw many investors using exchange traded products to not only take long positions during the global share-market sell-off, but also to hedge portfolios using short products," said Mr Vynokur.

"The benefit of exchange traded products which allow people to profit from, or protect against market declines, has been vividly illustrated over the last 2 months, with trading continuing to be strong in this category."

A copy of the *BetaShares Australian ETF Review – March 2018* is attached.

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BetaShares is a member of the Mirae Asset Global Investments Group, one of Asia's largest asset management firms. Mirae currently manages over US\$120B.

BetaShares provides the following Funds to Australian investors:

Product Series	Product	Ticker
Cash & Fixed Income ETFs	Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF	QPON
	Australian High Interest Cash ETF	AAA
Hybrid Funds	Active Australian Hybrids Fund (managed fund)	HBRD
Commodity ETFs	Agriculture ETF – Currency Hedged (synthetic)	QAG
	Commodities Basket ETF – Currency Hedged (synthetic).	QCB
	Crude Oil Index ETF – Currency Hedged (synthetic)	OOO
	Gold Bullion ETF – Currency Hedged	QAU
Currency ETFs	British Pound ETF	POU
	Euro ETF	EEU
	U.S. Dollar ETF	USD
	BetaShares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	YANK
	BetaShares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	AUDS
Equities ETFs	FTSE RAFI Australia 200 ETF	QOZ
	Financials Sector ETF	QFN
	Resources Sector ETF	QRE
	Australian Ex-20 Portfolio Diversifier ETF	EX20
	Australian Small Companies Select Fund (managed fund)	SMLL
	Australian Sustainability Leaders ETF	FAIR
Equity Income Funds	Australian Dividend Harvester Fund (managed fund)	HVST
	Equity Yield Maximiser Fund (managed fund)	YMAX
Geared Funds	Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)	GEAR
	Geared US Equity Fund – Currency Hedged (hedge fund)	GGUS
International Funds	FTSE RAFI U.S. 1000 ETF	QUS
	Global Agriculture ETF – Currency Hedged	FOOD
	Global Banks ETF – Currency Hedged	BNKS
	Global Cybersecurity ETF	HACK
	Global Energy Companies ETF – Currency Hedged	FUEL
	Global Gold Miners ETF – Currency Hedged	MNRS

	Global Healthcare ETF – Currency Hedged	DRUG
	Global Sustainability Leaders ETF	ETHI
	NASDAQ 100 ETF	NDQ
	S&P 500 Yield Maximiser Fund (managed fund)	UMAX
	WisdomTree Europe ETF – Currency Hedged	HEUR
	WisdomTree Japan ETF – Currency Hedged	HJPN
Managed Risk Funds	Managed Risk Australian Share Fund (managed fund)	AUST
	Managed Risk Global Share Fund (managed fund)	WRLD
Short Funds	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund	BEAR
	Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	BBOZ
	US Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund – Currency Hedged	BBUS
Active	AMP Capital Dynamic Markets Fund (Hedge Fund)	DMKT
	AMP Capital Global Infrastructure Securities Fund (Unhedged) (Managed Fund)	GLIN
	AMP Capital Global Property Securities Fund (Unhedged) (Managed Fund)	RENT
	BetaShares Legg Mason Equity Income Fund (managed fund)	EINC
	BetaShares Legg Mason Real Income Fund (managed fund)	RINC

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