

# AXA's Australian Equity – Value Fund

## Fund performance<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

### One year rolling return

	Nov 2011 %	Nov 2010 %	Nov 2009 %	Nov 2008 %	Nov 2007 %
Distribution	5.3	1.8	5.9	7.8	12.4
Growth	-17.2	-2.3	24.7	-47.7	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>-39.9</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Benchmark	-6.3	1.8	32.5	-40.5	23.8

### Fund return at 30 November 2011

	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years pa	5 years pa
Distribution	0.0	0.0	5.3	4.3	7.0
Growth	-6.1	-4.6	-17.2	0.3	-11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
Benchmark	-3.4	-3.0	-6.3	8.1	-1.4

## Market and fund review

The Australian market, measured by the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, fell to -3.4% as continued uncertainty over the euro area crisis once again came into play. The RBA commenced a rate easing cycle, cutting the cash rate by 25 bps to 4.5% on 1 November and then a further 25 bps to 4.25% on 6 December. Market expectations regarding future rate cuts remain wide. With investor sentiment remaining particularly cautious, more defensive sectors including healthcare, telecommunications and utilities fared well and cyclically sensitive sectors such as materials, energy and financials lagged the market.

AXA's Australian Equity Value Fund underperformed its benchmark in November.

Contributors for the month included Telstra and Telecom New Zealand. Telstra held its investor day presentations and reiterated its low single digit growth. Telecom New Zealand benefited as its credit rating was upgraded by Moody's. Detractors included OneSteel and BlueScope Steel. OneSteel shares declined after announcing that it expects first half 2012 profits to be approximately half of first half 2011 results. BlueScope Steel suffered significantly upon announcing it would sell shares to raise additional capital and is expected to report a small underlying loss in the first half of 2012.

AllianceBernstein indicates that there is an abundance of cheaply priced stocks in the Australian market, with valuation spreads at close to all-time highs, and they believe there is an exceptional value opportunity for them to capture. However, AllianceBernstein also indicate that in the face of continued global macro uncertainty, they do not believe that now is the right time to increase the overall risk in the portfolio. Hence, their objective is to take the appropriate combination of risks and seek the right balance between cyclical and defensives.

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. The performance figures for the Australian Equity – Value Fund have not taken into consideration the following fees: an entry fee of up to 4.4 on each amount invested; or where the investor has chosen the nil-entry fee option, deferred fees of up to 0.3625 per quarter on application of the first 4 years and early withdrawal fees of up to 5.28 on redemptions made within the first 4 years (both payable by reduction in units), a buy-sell spread of 0.30, a sliding scale management fee rebate applicable for balances over \$50,000; an optional adviser review fee where applicable and any trail commission rebates. The Growth return reflects changes in the capital value of units, while the Distribution return reflects total distributions paid from the Fund.



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### Sector allocation at 30 November 2011

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Energy	2.3	7.4
Materials	21.3	25.4
Industrials	3.6	7.2
Consumer Discretionary	11.4	4.0
Consumer Staples	2.0	8.9
Health Care	0.0	3.5
Information Technology	0.0	0.7
Telecommunication Services	10.4	4.2
Utilities	0.0	1.5
Financials Inc. Listed Prop. Trusts	46.9	37.2
Liquidity	2.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Top 10 holdings at 30 November 2011

	Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
NAB	Financials Ex Prop. Trust	9.9	5.1
BHP Billiton	Materials	9.5	11.1
Telstra	Telecom Services	8.3	3.9
ANZ Bank	Financials Ex Prop. Trust	8.3	5.2
Rio Tinto	Materials	6.6	2.7
Westpac	Financials Ex Prop. Trust	6.3	6.2
Macquarie Group	Financials Ex Prop. Trust	4.4	0.8
NewsCorp	Consumer Discretionary	4.3	0.8
CBA	Financials Ex Prop. Trust	4.3	7.4
Fairfax Media	Consumer Discretionary	3.4	0.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>65.3</b>	<b>43.4</b>
<b>Total number of holdings</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>294</b>

**Fund size at 30 November 2011:** \$25.1 million

**Inception date:** July 2003

**Investment objective:** The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index after costs and rolling five year periods.

**Investment manager:** The Fund uses the global investment resources and capabilities of Bernstein Value Equities, the value style investment and research management unit of AllianceBernstein L.P.(AllianceBernstein), a leading global investment management firm. This expertise is delivered to Australian investors through a joint venture between AXA Asia-Pacific Holdings and AllianceBernstein Australia Limited.

<sup>2</sup> The Benchmark is the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

<sup>3</sup> The Australian Equity - Value Fund was closed to new investors on 30 September 2004. The Fund is now offered as Generations Bernstein Value Australian Equity as part of the Generations range.

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