

# AB Managed Volatility Equities Fund (Managed Fund)— MVE Class

# **MVE-Class Objective**

 The AB Managed Volatility Equities Fund (Managed Fund)—MVE Class (the "MVE-Class") aims to achieve returns that exceed the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index after fees over the medium to long term.

#### **Fund Benefits**

- An equity investment that seeks to reduce volatility and limit downside risk in falling equity markets while capturing most of the upside in rising markets.
- Potential for long-term capital growth with some income including franked Australian dividend income.
- Access to experienced AB investment professionals and investment processes.

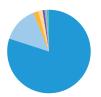
#### **MVE-Class Structure**

#### **Sector Allocation**



- Financials: 17.8%
- Healthcare: 16.3%
- Consumer Staples: 14.1%
- Industrials: 13.4%
- Materials: 9.9%
- Communication Services: 8.9%
- Consumer Discretionary: 7.4%
- Technology: 7.2%
- Energy: 3.5%
- Cash: 1.5%

# Country Allocation\*



- Australia: 79.0%
- US: 13.6%
- Canada: 1.9%
- UK: 1.6%
- Japan: 1.0%
- Germany: 0.8%
- Singapore: 0.6%

Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

\* Australia exposure is composed of ASX-listed securities.

# Ratings









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#### **MVE-Class Performance**<sup>†</sup>

	Gross Fund Returns	Total Returns	Growth Returns	Distribution Returns	Benchmark Returns‡	Relative Returns
One Month	2.40%	2.36%	-4.17%	6.52%	0.92%	1.44%
Three Months	-1.75%	-1.89%	-8.14%	6.25%	-1.20%	-0.69%
FYTD	2.12%	1.57%	-5.82%	7.39%	11.92%	-10.35%
One Year	2.12%	1.57%	-5.82%	7.39%	11.92%	-10.35%
Three Years	3.10%	2.55%	-1.37%	3.92%	6.08%	-3.53%
Five Years	4.11%	3.56%	0.35%	3.21%	7.22%	-3.66%
Since Inception <sup>§</sup>	8.94%	8.40%	5.10%	3.30%	7.92%	0.48%

See Performance Figures disclosures.

† Please refer to our website, www.AllianceBernstein.com.au, to view the MVE-Class's performance.

**\$**S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

§ MVE-Class inception: 31 March 2014

# Top 10 Holdings (% Total Net Assets)

Stock Name	Portfolio	Index	
Telstra	4.9	1.8	
Woolworths	4.9	1.7	
Coles Group	4.8	1.0	
Medibank	4.8	0.4	
Sonic Healthcare	4.8	0.5	
CSL	4.7	6.0	
Lottery Corp	4.4	0.5	
Transurban	4.1	1.6	
QBE Insurance	3.4	1.1	
Computershare	3.3	0.6	
Total Number of Stocks	56	290	
Beta <sup>  </sup>	0.605		

Il Beta is a measure of market sensitivity, indicating the extent to which a portfolio fluctuates with an index. The index is assumed to have a beta of 1.0, while a portfolio that is more sensitive to index moves has a beta greater than 1.0, and a portfolio that is less sensitive to index moves has a beta less than 1.0.

# **Key Facts**

Portfolio Managers	Roy Maslen and Hamish FitzSimons
Inception Date	31 March 2014
MVE-Class Size	A\$1,307,144,777
APIR	ACM0006AU
Minimum Investment	A\$50,000
Entry/Exit Fee	None
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25%/0.25%
Management Cost	0.55% p.a.
ICR#	0.55% p.a.
Distribution Frequency	Semi-annual

# Indirect cost ratio (ICR). Financial year to date, annualised

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# **MVE-Class Review**

• In June, the Fund outperformed its benchmark, the S&P/ASX 300, which was up 0.92% in Australian-dollar terms.

#### **Contributors**

- The materials and healthcare sectors contributed the most to relative performance, while financials and utilities detracted.
- An underweight to mining company BHP contributed to relative results. BHP underperformed as iron ore fell on demand concerns in China.
- Diagnostic company Sonic Healthcare contributed as the market gained confidence in the forward earnings outlook following a period of elevated earnings volatility.
- Computer technology company Oracle contributed to results as the market reacted positively to a quarterly earnings report that showed a strong lift in cloud growth indicators, providing upside risk to near-term earnings growth.

#### **Detractors**

- A lack of exposure to major banks Commonwealth Bank of Australia and National Australia Bank detracted on limited news.
   The big four banks are now trading near all-time high price-to-earnings multiples, and we continue to believe that the forward earnings outlook does not justify current valuations.
- Royalty asset manager Deterra Royalties underperformed as it announced a bid to acquire UK-listed royalty company Trident and as iron ore fell on demand concerns in China.

# **MVE-Class Change Highlights**

- During the month, we added shares of hearing implants company Cochlear as we are attracted by its strong balance sheet and robust earnings profile, which will benefit in the near term from a product upgrade cycle following the release of its next-generation hearing device.
- We rotated iron ore exposures, trimming our position in Deterra Royalties and adding shares of BHP as the relative risk/reward shifted

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# **Access**

There are now multiple ways for investors to access this strategy as MVE Class is now available on the securities market. Trading under the ticker code AMVE, investors can now access the MVE Class via Cboe, an innovative securities and derivatives exchange.



# **Invest Through Cboe**

You can invest in the MVE Class directly via your online broking account. The MVE Class is available through Cboe.



# **Invest Directly With the Fund**

The MVE Class is also offered on a number of industry leading platforms. By downloading and completing the application form, investors can also buy units directly from AB provided they apply for the minimum investment of A\$50,000 in units.



# Speak to Your Financial Adviser

Before making a decision to invest, investors should speak with their financial adviser to see if the MVE Class is right for them.

Investors should read the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and speak to their financial adviser before making a decision.

Monthly Fact Sheet

# **Performance Figures**

In Australian dollars. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. The total, growth and distribution returns of the MVE-Class are net of fees and costs and do not allow for tax or inflation. Performance is calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council Standard No. 6, using the relevant end-of-month exit prices, and assumes that income is reinvested and that the investment is held for the full period. The performance figures are historical and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. The information

The Benchmark was changed to the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index on 1 June 2019, and retrospectively to the MVE-Class's inception date of 31 March 2014. The MVE-Class's previous benchmarks are the S&P/ASX 300 Franking Credit Adjusted Daily Total Return Index (Tax-Exempt), which was effective 1 March 2016, and the FTSE ASFA Australia 300 Index—Tax Exempt, which was used for the period 31 March 2014 to 29 February 2016.

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