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### Zenith awards Ausbil Long Short Focus Fund a 'Recommended' rating

Ausbil is pleased to announce that the Ausbil Long Short Focus Fund has received a Recommended rating from Zenith Investment Partners (Zenith).

The Ausbil Long Short Focus Fund aims to benefit from the volatility within global financial markets by employing a long/short approach to equities.

"With increasing turbulence in global markets in recent years, finding sources of consistent return has become ever more challenging. We launched this fund with the goal of helping to solve this issue for investors," said Mark Knight, Head of Distribution at Ausbil.

The Ausbil Long Short Focus Fund uses top-down macro analysis, combined with bottom-up stock selection and a disciplined risk management process, with the aim of producing consistent and controlled investment returns.

It seeks to invest in high quality companies which are expected to have sustainable earnings and cash flows, and to short sell equities which have declining earnings and cash flows, using Ausbil's best ideas across all its capabilities.

"As they are not beholden to an index, long/short funds often have an advantage over long-only or index strategies because of the flexibility they offer," said Portfolio Manager Gian Pandit.

"By using a disciplined investment process, the Fund seeks to capture market upside when markets are rising and to capitalise on opportunities when markets are falling."

#### More information

For more information on the Ausbil Long Short Focus Fund, please visit the Fund's product page at [www.ausbil.com.au](http://www.ausbil.com.au).

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#### **A short notice on the COVID-19 public health event, and how it can impact investments**

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