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Ausbil Global Resources Fund

Monthly performance update

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Performance Review

Fund performance for the month of June 2024 was -12.31% (net of fees), underperforming the Fund's Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark. Short-term Macroeconomic concerns increased during June, negatively impacting commodity equities, following a period of stability in recent months.

Key contributors for the period came from our short exposures (mainly pairs) and put exposure, which was insufficient to offset the net long exposure within the Fund. Detractors for the month came from our long exposures including Battery Materials (primarily Pilbara Minerals, Wildcat Resources, Syrah Resources and Lynas), Uranium (primarily Boss Energy, Paladin Energy, Uranium Energy Corp, Cameco and NexGen Energy) and Copper (primarily Nevada Copper, Ivanhoe Mines, Freeport-McMoRan and Hudbay Minerals)

Commodity prices were significantly weaker, outside of the oil and gas complex, over the month of June. Base metals were materially weaker, with Copper down 4.6%, Nickel down 12.4%, Aluminium down 4.6% and Zinc down 1.2%. Precious metals were flat to weaker with Gold flat for the month while Silver was down 4.2%. Bulk commodities were weaker, with Iron Ore down 7.4%, Metallurgical Coal down 10.7% and Thermal Coal down 6.3%. Oil prices were stronger than prior months with WTI and Brent up 5.9% and 5.1% respectively on the back of continued Middle Eastern geopolitical tensions.

Outlook

Through 2024 we see a broadly supportive backdrop for commodities, with demand stabilising and increasing following significant uncertainty since the start of Covid. The month of June saw volatility increase, with a broad-based selloff in Commodity Equities, however, the building blocks for commodities appear positive on a medium to long-term view. China continues to ensure their economy is supported, with increased government intervention, while Western Economies remain resilient. Within commodity markets broadly, limited investment in new projects is leading to a lack of available supply and limited growth. Evidence of this is playing out, with small supply shocks leading to significant commodity price increases, and we expect several commodities to remain supply-constrained supporting higher commodity prices over time.

Strategy

The Fund remains positioned long key commodities where we see positive supply-demand dynamics. Our core exposures remain Copper, Battery Materials, Uranium and Energy. Copper markets appear extremely tight following limited investment, supply disruptions and broad-based production disappointments while the demand outlook has structurally increased due to decarbonisation. Battery materials demand continues to grow at significant rates and markets appear tighter than commodity pricing suggests. Uranium has undergone a fundamental shift in the availability of excess inventory, while Energy markets remain tight. Net exposure remains at the upper end of our exposure band based on our economic outlook. Shorts within the Fund remain predominantly pairs trades, albeit following the end of the month we have increased alpha shorts tactically.

Returns as at 30 June 2024

Period	Fund % Net	Benchmark[1] %	Out/Under Performance % Net
1 month	-12.31	0.35	-12.66
3 months	-11.28	1.08	-12.37
6 months	-21.04	2.18	-23.22
1 year	-41.98	4.37	-46.36
2 years pa	-32.75	3.63	-36.38
3 years pa	-26.23	2.44	-28.67
4 years pa	-8.08	1.84	-9.92
5 years pa	-6.92	1.64	-8.56
Since inception pa Date: 31 May 2018	-4.86	1.70	-6.56

Market Exposure

Exposure (month end)	%
Long	116.50
Short	-42.16
Net	74.33
Gross	158.66

Largest 5 Long Positions by Company

Company	%
1. Boss Energy	6.3
2. Freeport-McMoRan	6.3
3. Ivanhoe Mines	6.1
4. Santos	6.1
5. Karoon Energy	6.0

Largest 5 Short Positions by Sector

Sector		%
Company 1	Gold Mining	-5.6
Company 2	Gold Mining	-5.2
Company 3	Iron Ore Mining	-5.2
Company 4	Gold Mining	-4.5
Company 5	Diversifieds	-4.2

Regional Exposure

Region	Long %	Short %	Gross %	Net %
Australia	62	-17	78	45
Canada/US	49	-21	71	28
Europe	5	-4	9	1
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	117	-42	159	74

1. The benchmark is the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.

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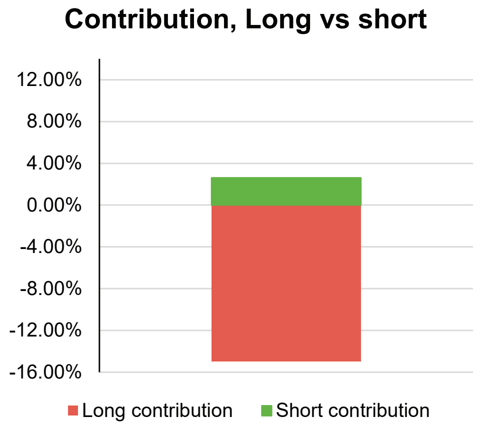
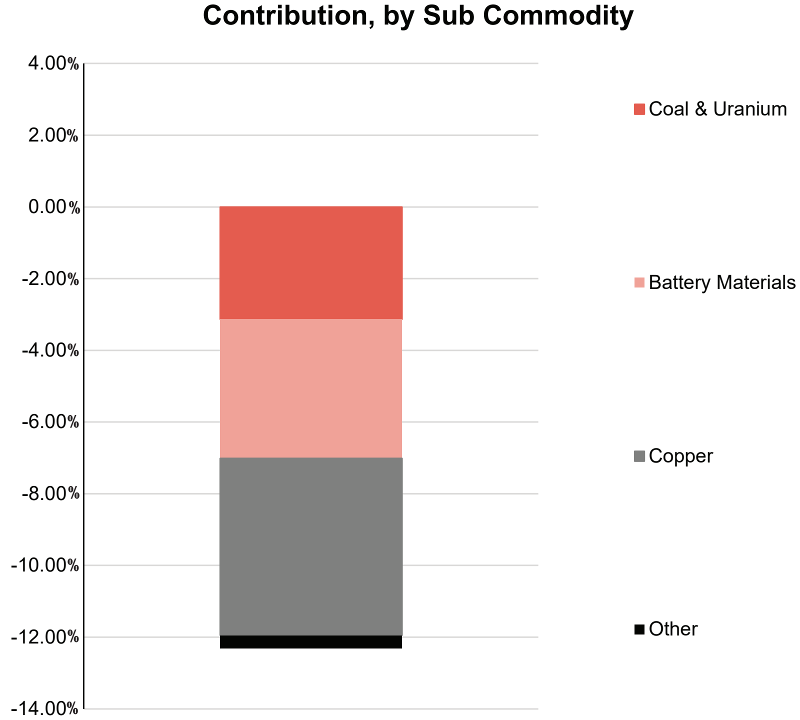
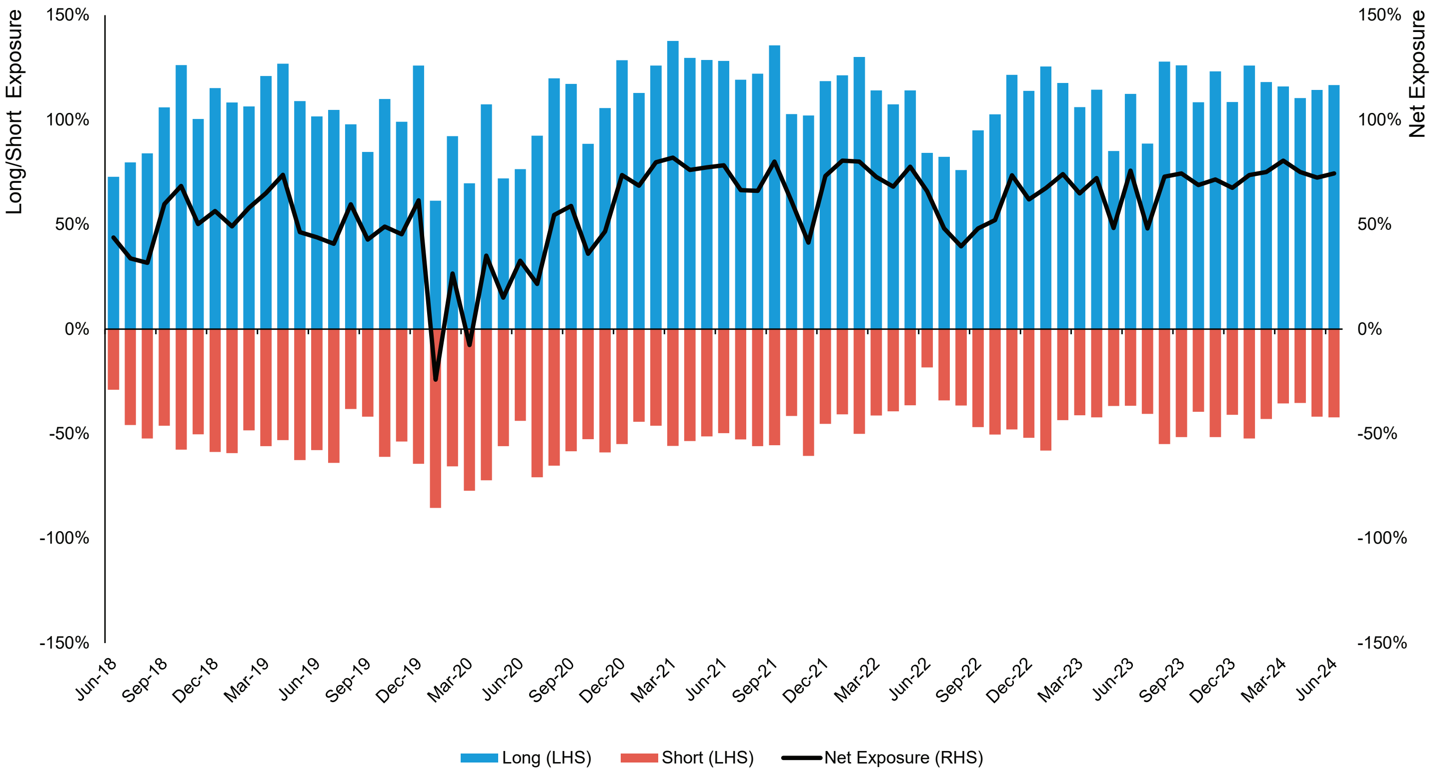
Contribution of Alpha - Net of fees (Month of June)

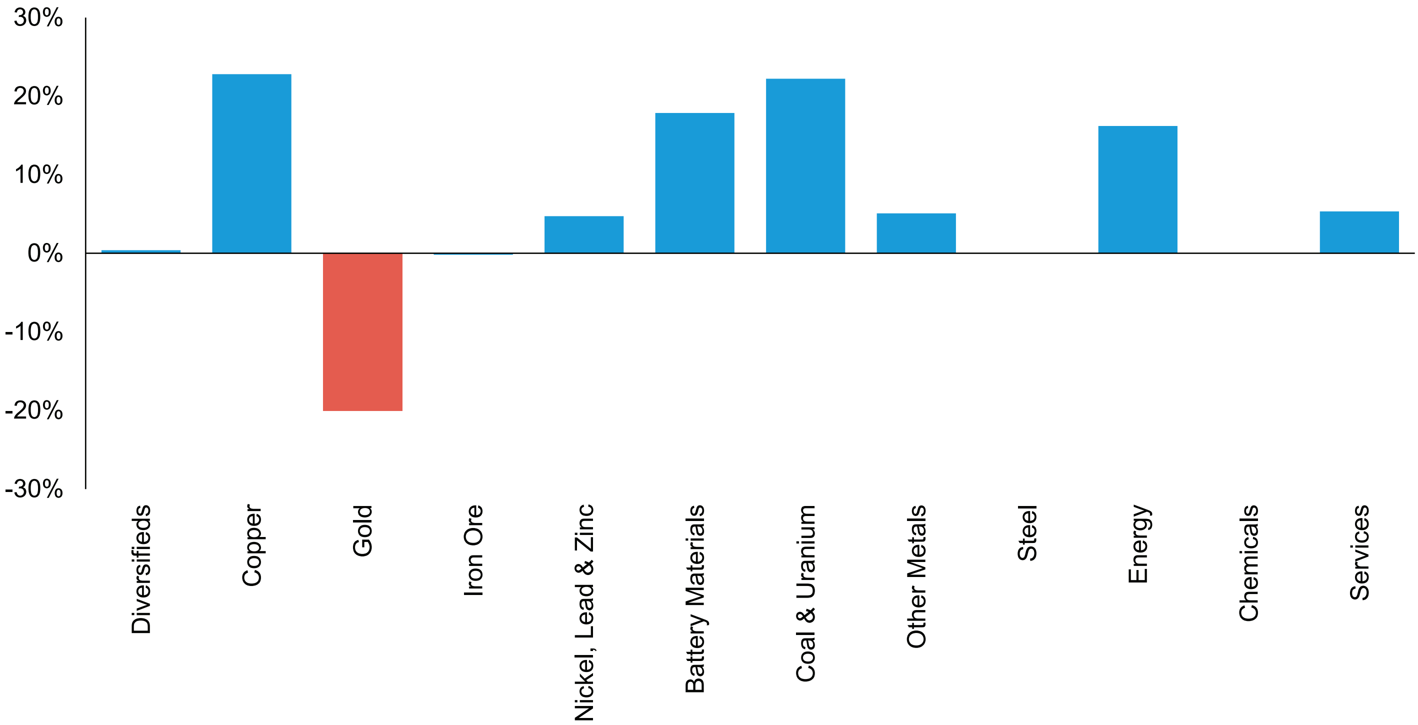




Ausbil Global Resources Fund - Long, Short and Net Exposures



Commodity Net Exposure



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