

Performance report | 31 May 2026

Bennelong Long Short Equity Fund

Net returns

	1 month	3 months	Fiscal YTD	1 year	Since inception ¹ p.a.
Fund	-1.28 %	0.21 %	-18.51 %	-15.14 %	11.04%

Performance figures are net of fees and expenses. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Executive Summary

BLSEF returned -1.28% in May 2026.

Portfolio outcomes during the month were broadly consistent with expectations, with realised volatility remaining within target ranges and performance contribution remaining diversified across both sectors and pair structures. The portfolio maintained 37 active pairs during the month, with seven of ten sectors generating positive net attribution.

While overall contribution was broad-based, portfolio performance was impacted by a small number of stock-specific outcomes.

Market & Portfolio Commentary

Global equity markets continued to recover during May as geopolitical concerns eased and expectations increased that the United States would seek to de-escalate conflict in the Middle East. Energy prices moderated from March highs, reducing immediate inflation concerns, although broader uncertainty surrounding inflation, growth and fiscal policy remained elevated.

Market leadership continued to be driven by a relatively narrow group of AI-related beneficiaries, while significant performance dispersion persisted across sectors, factors and individual securities. Earnings revisions remained a key driver of returns.

Within Australia, economic conditions continued to soften. Consumer spending remained subdued, housing activity moderated and earnings expectations for a range of domestically exposed businesses continued to come under pressure. In contrast, selected technology, and globally leveraged earnings streams remained relatively resilient.

The portfolio continues to maintain a cautious view on the domestic economic outlook, while selectively expressing conviction in structural themes including AI infrastructure, and selected beneficiaries of ongoing geopolitical and economic change.

Fund statistics

Fund NAV A\$M	Month End	\$24.8
Gross exposure A\$M	Month End	\$95.5
Gross leverage (x NAV)	Month End ²	3.8
Net Exposure	Month End	2.5%
Long Exposure	Month End	51.3%
Short Exposure	Month End	-48.7%
Number of Active Pairs	Month End	37
Positive Pair Contribution %	Month	54%
Positive Sector Contribution%	Month	70%
Realised volatility	(Current Month, Annualised)	11.1%
Realised volatility (annualised)	(Rolling 12 Months, Annualised)	17.1%
Strategy performance ¹ (composite)	Since inception \$1.00	\$12.79

Representative Contributors

Long	Short
Virgin Australia (VGN)	Flight Centre (FLT)
Sims (SGM)	Cleanaway (CWY)
Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)	Endeavor (EDV)

Representative Detractors

Long	Short
Brambles (BXB)	Qantas Airways (QAN)
Telix Pharmaceuticals (TLX)	Sonic Healthcare (SHL)
CSL (CSL)	Ramsay Health Care (RHC)

Attribution & Portfolio Construction

Portfolio contribution during May remained broadly diversified. The Fund maintained 37 active pairs during the month, with 20 pairs contributing positively and 17 pairs contributing negatively. Sector contribution was similarly broad, with seven of ten sectors generating positive net attribution.

Representative Contributors

VGN / FLT – Virgin Australia benefited from improving sentiment as geopolitical tensions eased, while Flight Centre remained more exposed to international travel markets.

SGM / CWY – The pair benefited from differing earnings and cash flow outlooks across their recycling and waste management businesses.

TWE / EDV – Treasury Wine Estates benefited from improving Penfolds growth expectations in China, while Endeavour Group remained exposed to weaker domestic consumption.

Representative Detractors

BXB / QAN – Brambles downgraded earnings guidance following higher-than-expected pallet repair costs. The downgrade reflected operational issues within the repair network rather than a deterioration in the company's improved pallet tracking and cash flow profile. The position was reduced following the downgrade.

TLX / SHL – Telix Pharmaceuticals retraced part of its recent strong performance during the month.

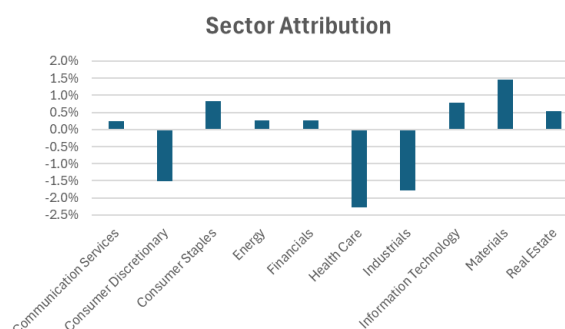
CSL / RHC – CSL reduced guidance following weaker-than-expected immunoglobulin sales reflecting elevated channel inventory levels.

Portfolio Activity

Portfolio turnover remained consistent with historical levels during the month. The Fund initiated several new pair positions where relative earnings expectations and valuation had become increasingly attractive.

Examples included **SGM / CWY**, reflecting differing earnings outlooks within the recycling and waste management sector. The Fund also established a position in **Megaport (MP1)**, which has become a high-conviction investment. Historically viewed as a niche provider of network connectivity between data centres, MP1 has evolved into a broader AI infrastructure platform offering network, compute and storage solutions. We believe the market is increasingly recognising the company's improving strategic position and long-term earnings potential.

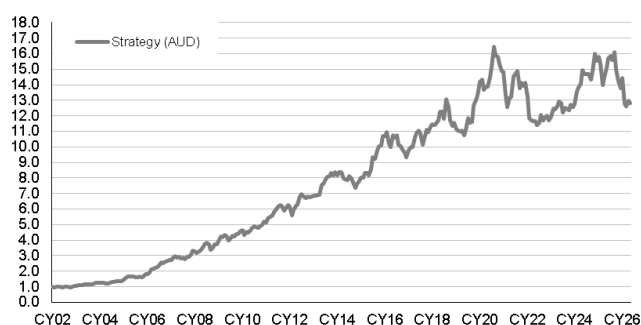
Contribution Range	Number of Pairs
>1%	0
0-1%	20
-1-0%	16
<-1%	1



Calendar year performance³

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CYTD
2026	4.87%	-11.58%	-1.26%	2.80%	-1.28%								-7.08%
2025	1.40%	-2.79%	-8.74%	3.59%	4.02%	4.14%	1.07%	-1.71%	3.34%	-6.96%	-5.22%	-3.13%	-11.49%
2024	1.73%	6.35%	1.86%	1.57%	6.44%	-1.85%	-0.06%	0.02%	-2.38%	3.97%	7.55%	-2.90%	23.88%
2023	2.21%	4.25%	-0.73%	1.69%	2.46%	-0.93%	-4.55%	2.55%	-0.57%	-0.86%	3.16%	-1.40%	7.15%
2022	-6.38%	-10.22%	-1.23%	-0.42%	-0.13%	-2.05%	1.24%	4.43%	-3.22%	1.87%	0.75%	-2.27%	-17.00%
2021	-0.25%	-10.11%	-5.95%	5.11%	0.12%	10.11%	1.33%	1.19%	-7.70%	2.82%	-1.49%	1.34%	-5.06%
2020	6.52%	0.97%	-4.50%	1.27%	0.22%	4.19%	4.82%	8.49%	-3.26%	-0.65%	-2.95%	-3.08%	11.65%
2019	-3.49%	-0.82%	-0.84%	0.54%	-2.52%	3.00%	6.92%	-2.51%	0.65%	8.84%	2.84%	2.36%	15.17%
2018	1.51%	-0.58%	0.83%	1.96%	4.75%	0.08%	-3.64%	10.59%	-3.85%	-7.05%	-3.07%	2.09%	2.51%
2017	4.95%	2.07%	0.29%	5.84%	2.86%	1.20%	-1.42%	-6.70%	3.88%	5.29%	-1.14%	2.90%	21.12%
2016	-0.29%	2.37%	-6.73%	-2.30%	7.58%	-1.04%	1.46%	-5.90%	-1.06%	-1.76%	-2.24%	-3.23%	-13.07%
2015	2.66%	0.05%	3.59%	0.03%	-1.91%	4.86%	8.85%	-0.69%	5.71%	2.54%	0.65%	6.22%	37.11%
2014	-2.32%	2.50%	0.16%	-4.97%	-0.80%	-0.44%	3.04%	-1.56%	-3.59%	-4.33%	3.12%	2.83%	-6.63%
2013	0.46%	-0.28%	0.69%	0.01%	9.49%	1.10%	3.52%	2.27%	0.83%	1.88%	-1.80%	2.68%	22.48%
2012	-2.04%	-8.43%	6.35%	4.22%	1.19%	8.47%	1.57%	-1.61%	-2.00%	1.69%	-0.41%	0.89%	9.20%
2011	-0.59%	4.39%	1.85%	2.34%	3.09%	4.12%	2.12%	1.91%	-1.25%	-5.06%	3.09%	3.27%	20.60%
2010	0.25%	-6.16%	4.77%	-1.10%	3.24%	2.84%	2.90%	-0.96%	-0.98%	1.23%	2.87%	3.65%	12.71%
2009	5.69%	7.88%	-1.72%	4.26%	-1.24%	-7.16%	2.24%	5.61%	-1.14%	2.65%	1.71%	3.57%	23.64%
2008	-2.10%	-2.82%	3.40%	1.06%	7.07%	7.36%	1.16%	-3.57%	-8.98%	3.78%	5.78%	0.49%	11.95%
2007	0.55%	5.42%	3.62%	-3.12%	0.92%	-2.90%	1.70%	-3.72%	5.63%	-0.22%	4.41%	9.04%	22.51%
2006	1.24%	4.76%	10.16%	2.90%	2.58%	0.95%	5.57%	7.67%	-2.62%	5.22%	2.01%	1.35%	49.91%
2005	6.29%	7.29%	5.01%	-0.49%	-0.27%	1.81%	-2.87%	-1.51%	4.10%	-2.33%	2.88%	8.73%	31.64%
2004	0.19%	0.16%	0.49%	-3.41%	0.78%	2.60%	4.36%	-0.80%	3.22%	1.42%	-0.29%	1.61%	10.59%
2003	2.34%	6.21%	-0.44%	0.61%	0.82%	3.00%	-1.93%	-0.99%	2.01%	4.85%	3.78%	-1.27%	20.33%

Performance since inception¹ of Strategy



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Strategy summary

Strategy	Market Neutral, Pairs	Domicile	Australia	Status	Open
AUM	A\$60.4m	Currency	AUD	Manager	Bennelong Long Short Equity Management Pty Ltd

¹ Since inception of the strategy (February 2002) return is a composite of net returns of the Bennelong Long Short Equity Fund (Wholesale Fund) since July 2008 and the net returns of the Bennelong Securities Long Short Equity Fund (Managed Account) from February 2002 to June 2008.

² Gearing calculated subject to variations in accruals.

³ The returns highlighted in bold are net returns of the Bennelong Long Short Equity Fund (pretax). The returns not bolded are "pro forma" net returns of the Bennelong Securities Long Short Equity Fund (Managed Account) (pretax) Jan 03 to Jun 08.

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