

Monthly Report | JUNE 2023

- The L1 Long Short Fund (LSF) portfolio returned 1.7%¹ in June (ASX200AI 1.8%).
- Over the past 3 years, the portfolio has returned 29.2%¹ p.a. (ASX200AI 11.1% p.a.).
- Global equity markets rose in June driven by improved investor sentiment as U.S. economic data surprised positively and as
 inflation showed further signs of moderation.

Global equity markets rose in June on increased optimism for a possible soft-landing in the U.S. Economic data surprised positively, with first quarter U.S. GDP growth revised upwards from 1.3% to 2.0% as consumer spending remained more resilient than expected. Inflation also showed further signs of moderation, with the Fed's preferred measure, the Core PCE Price Index, slowing to 3.8% in May, the lowest level in two years.

Mega-cap technology stocks continued their strong performance, maintaining the extremely narrow level of market leadership we have seen over the year to date.

Bond yields rose in Australia and the U.S. (Australian 10-year yield +42bps and U.S. 10-year yield +18bps). The RBA lifted interest rates by 25bps during the month, in a surprise move relative to consensus expectations. The Fed paused, however, signalling that a further 0.5% increase in U.S. interest rates is likely by the end of 2023.

The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returned 1.8%. Materials (+4.8%), Information Technology (+3.5%) and Financials (+3.1%) were the strongest sectors, while Health Care (-6.6%), Communications Services (-1.0%) and Property (0.0%) lagged.

Portfolio performance was positive over the month, driven by several supportive stock-specific updates.

We remain cautious on the outlook for the stock market given the looming impact of significant interest rate hikes, weakness in leading economic indicators, gradually increasing pressure on corporate earnings and lingering tail risk from geopolitical tensions.

We anticipate ongoing market volatility as investors continue to reassess their expectations for the economy, interest rates and corporate profits. From our extensive company research, we are continuing to identify numerous mis-priced stocks that we believe will deliver attractive long-term returns for our investors.

Returns (Net) ¹ (%)	L1 Long Short Portfolio	S&P ASX 200 AI	Out- performance
1 month	1.7	1.8	(0.1)
3 months	0.1	1.0	(1.0)
6 months	2.1	4.5	(2.4)
1 year	13.5	14.8	(1.3)
2 years p.a.	11.6	3.6	+8.0
3 years p.a.	29.2	11.1	+18.0
4 years p.a.	20.3	6.1	+14.2
5 years p.a.	14.6	7.2	+7.4
LSF Since Inception p.a.	11.5	8.0	+3.4
Strategy Since Inception ² p.a.	20.0	7.2	+12.9

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Key contributors to portfolio performance in June included:

Capstone (Long +12%) shares rose on the back of strengthening copper prices and the continued strong execution of its growth projects. M&A activity and deal speculation in the sector also provided broad support, with Hudbay's acquisition of Copper Mountain and the rumoured approach by Barrick towards First Quantum. Capstone continues to have an exceptional growth profile with a pipeline of fully-permitted projects that are poised to more than double its current copper production of ~185kt to nearly 400kt over the next few years. Additionally, the integration of its Mantoverde (MVDP) and Santo Domingo assets remains on track, potentially establishing Capstone as one of the largest and most cost-effective battery-grade cobalt producers in the world.

The company is fully funded to complete its currently approved project pipeline and is led by a highly capable, focussed and aligned management team.

^{1.} All performance numbers are quoted net of fees. Net returns are calculated based on the movement of the underlying investment portfolio. Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding. Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance. 2. Strategy performance and exposure history is for the L1 Long Short Fund Limited (ASX:LSF) since inception on 24 Apr 2018. Prior to this date, data is that of the L1 Capital Long Short Fund – Monthly Class since inception (1 Sep 2014). NOTE: Fund returns and Australian indices are shown in A\$. Returns of U.S. indices are shown in US\$. Index returns are on a total return (accumulation) basis unless otherwise specified.



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BlueScope (Long +11%) shares strengthened over the month, as U.S. steel spreads continued to hold above long-run averages, providing a tailwind for the company's second half earnings expectations. BlueScope remains committed to growing its U.S. operations across three key initiatives, namely, (i) the 850ktpa capacity expansion and 500ktpa debottlenecking project at the North Star facility in Ohio, (ii) the acquisition of the U.S.'s second largest metal coating/painting company Coil Coatings, and (iii) the establishment of BlueScope Recycling from its acquisition of the MetalX recycling business.

Despite the strong recent share price performance, we continue to believe the market significantly undervalues BlueScope's unique and strategic asset base.

Downer (Long +14%) shares increased in June as the company made progress in its transition towards a higher-quality urban services portfolio. The company completed the sale of its Australian Transport Projects business, a more volatile and less profitable division. With a renewed leadership team at both the Board and senior management level, Downer continues to pursue additional self-help measures and simplification initiatives within the core business. These include a cost reduction target of \$100m p.a. by FY25 and further asset sales. We anticipate these changes, will help transform Downer into a more resilient, less capital-intensive and lower risk services business exposed to growing, annuity-style contracts.

Key detractors from portfolio performance in June included some short positions in high-multiple growth/technology stocks which rallied as 'Growth' stocks strongly outperformed 'Value' stocks.



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Strategy returns (Net)3 (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2.42)	3.03	2.85	1.61	5.17
2015	0.59	9.14	2.42	1.71	3.73	(0.86)	3.30	2.06	5.51	8.49	8.11	4.62	60.52
2016	5.81	0.59	5.47	2.46	2.78	(0.89)	3.22	3.92	0.46	(0.13)	0.55	2.22	29.61
2017	2.51	1.87	3.15	1.03	4.18	1.70	2.62	1.69	1.93	2.54	0.89	3.56	31.40
2018	0.56	(0.47)	(1.64)	$(1.32)^3$	(4.05)	(5.96)	1.01	(5.34)	(2.06)	(3.90)	(2.60)	(5.95)	(27.74)
2019	4.26	5.11	0.16	3.05	(2.73)	3.87	0.63	0.40	2.54	3.46	0.36	2.06	25.46
2020	(7.75)	(6.85)	(22.93)	23.16	10.94	(2.12)	(1.69)	9.99	0.63	(2.37)	31.94	4.29	29.50
2021	(0.17)	9.00	(0.14)	5.11	4.07	(0.52)	1.75	5.10	4.86	2.32	(7.36)	3.66	30.29
2022	2.79	6.87	1.34	3.44	0.06	(13.39)	(3.34)	5.37	(7.60)	5.24	7.52	4.36	10.72
2023	3.65	(2.04)	0.54	1.64	(3.19)	1.70							2.15

Portfolio positions

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Number of total positions	81
Number of long positions	60
Number of short positions	21
Number of international positions	27

Net & gross exposure by region³ (%)

Geography	Gross long	Gross short	Net exposure
Australia/NZ	103	79	25
North America	42	17	25
Europe	13	-	13
Asia	2	-	2
Total	161	96	65

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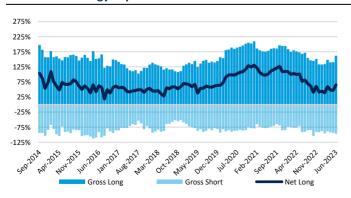
Company information as at 30 Jun 2023⁴

Share Price	\$2.81
NTA before tax	\$2.98
NTA after tax	\$2.92
Shares on issue	616,618,288
Company market cap	\$1.73b

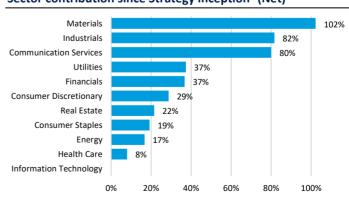
Strategy performance since inception³ (Net)



Historical Strategy exposures³



Sector contribution since Strategy inception³ (Net)



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Name	L1 Long Short Fund Limited
Structure	Australian Listed Investment Company (ASX:LSF)
Inception	24 April 2018
Management fee	1.44% p.a. inclusive of GST and net of RITC
Performance fee	20.50% p.a. inclusive of GST and net of RITC
High watermark	Yes
Platform availability	BT Panorama, CFS Firstwrap, HUB24, IOOF, Macquarie Wrap, Mason Stevens, Netwealth, Powerwrap, uXchange

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