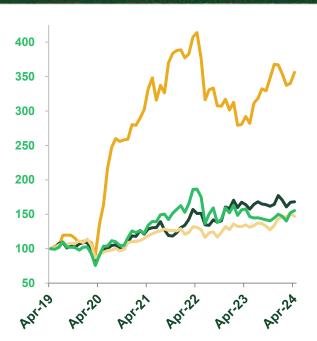


## LOWELL RESOURCES FUND

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## Lowell Resources Fund



1. Overview ASX.LRT



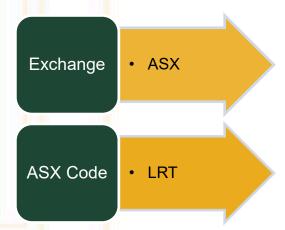
## Fund Summary 31 August 2024

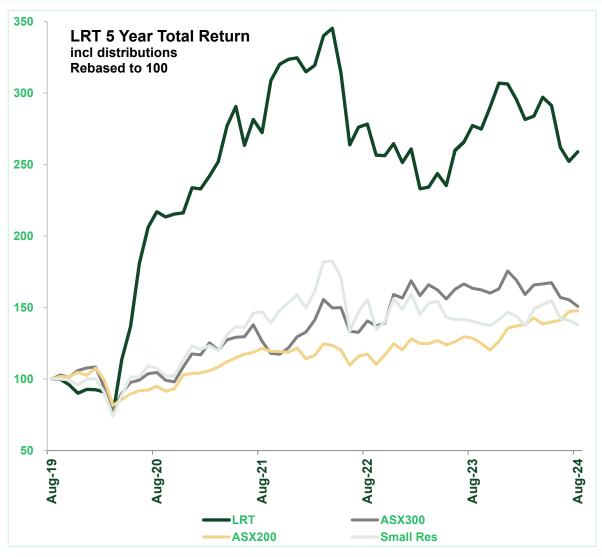


#### **Overview**

Fund size (NAV)	A\$44.0 m
Units on issue	34.5m units
Net Asset Value 31/08/24 (post-distribution)	\$1.28/unit
Distribution FY24 paid 31/07/24	\$0.152/unit
ASX Unit Price on 31/08/24	\$1.13
Number of unit holders	~880
Liquidity (3 month avge)	~\$24k/day

#### **Listing summary**



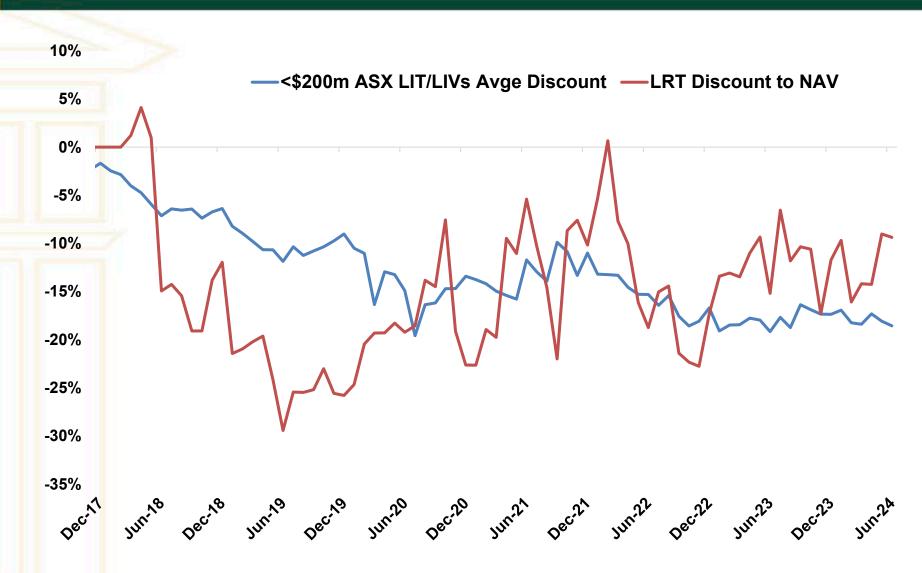


At 31 August 2024 LRT refers to Lowell Resources Fund NAV per unit, 'Small Res' refers to the S&P/ASX Resources Accumulation Index. Investment Portfolio Performance includes distributions to unitholders and is net of operating expenses, fees, taxes and interest.



## **ASX Traded Discount to NAV**







## Fund Summary



#### Characteristics of the Lowell Resources Fund

#### Nature of Fund

Long only, ungeared fund

## Investee Companies

 Small mining & energy companies, predominantly in the exploration phase offering major growth potential

#### Investment Type

• Predominantly listed equities globally

# Distribution Policy

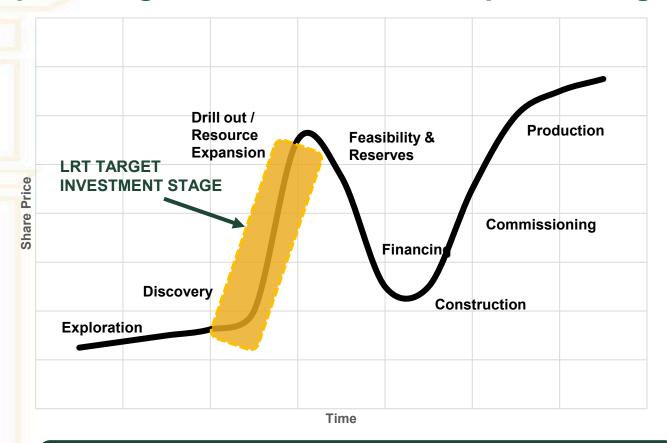
- 100% of taxable profits distributed annually
- Last 5 years A\$0.51/unit in distributions
- \$0.152 distribution FY24



#### Our Strategy: Investing in Exploration Stage



#### Capitalising on value accretion: optimal stage



- Leverage: milestone investing "value accretion model"
- LRF focus is on the period from discovery to reserve definition



# Investment Committee Members





John Forwood,
Chief Investment Officer

Mr Forwood is a trained geologist and lawyer, with experience as an exploration geologist in Australia, and overseas. He spent 17 years in junior resource financing with RMB Resources, including 13 years as a Manager of the Telluride Fund. He debt financed Northern Star and Saracen into their first gold mines. He also qualified with a major Australian law firm to practice as a barrister and solicitor. He has been CIO of the Lowell Resources Fund since 2016.



Richard Morrow,
Investment Committee
Member

Mr Morrow is a Melbournebased stockbroker with Ord Minnett and has 35 years' experience in Australia and the UK. He is a non-exec director of Queensland tungsten miner EQ Resources. He is a Fellow of the AusIMM.



Stephen Mitchell,
Investment Committee
Chair

Mr Mitchell began his career as a natural resources specialist at investment banks and advisory firms in the US and Australia. From 1999-2011 he was Managing Director of Molopo Energy Ltd, an ASX-listed oil and gas company which generated a 10 fold increase shareholder value and entered the ASX 200.

Stephen is a partner of MP Capital Partners, a Melbourne based corporate advisory firm.



Stuart Baker, Investment Committee Member

Mr Baker has a strong local and international reputation for oil and gas E&P company coverage as a senior investment analyst, including 14 years with Morgan Stanley. Mr Baker has also worked in senior research roles with BT **Equities and Macquarie** Equities. He initially gainied industry experience with international oilfield services group, Schlumberger, and also has extensive board experience on ASX listed energy companies

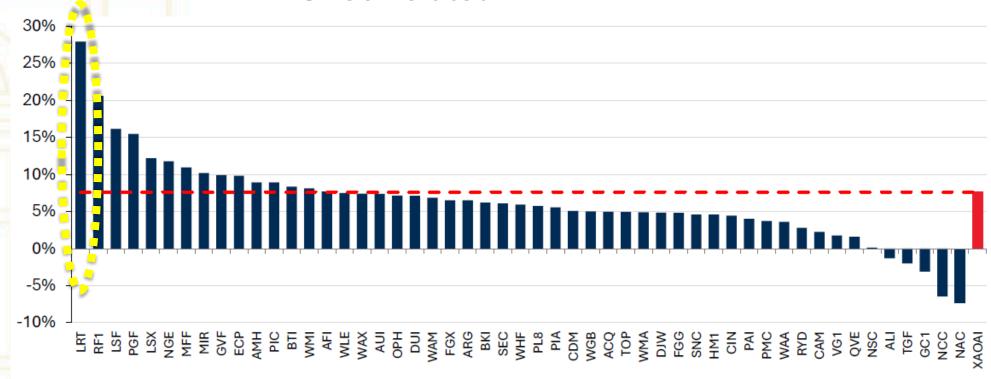


# LICs & LITs NTA Compound Annual Growth Rate over 5 years





Uncorrelated



Source: Bloomberg, IRESS, OML. Figures as at 30 June 2024.



## Fund Performance

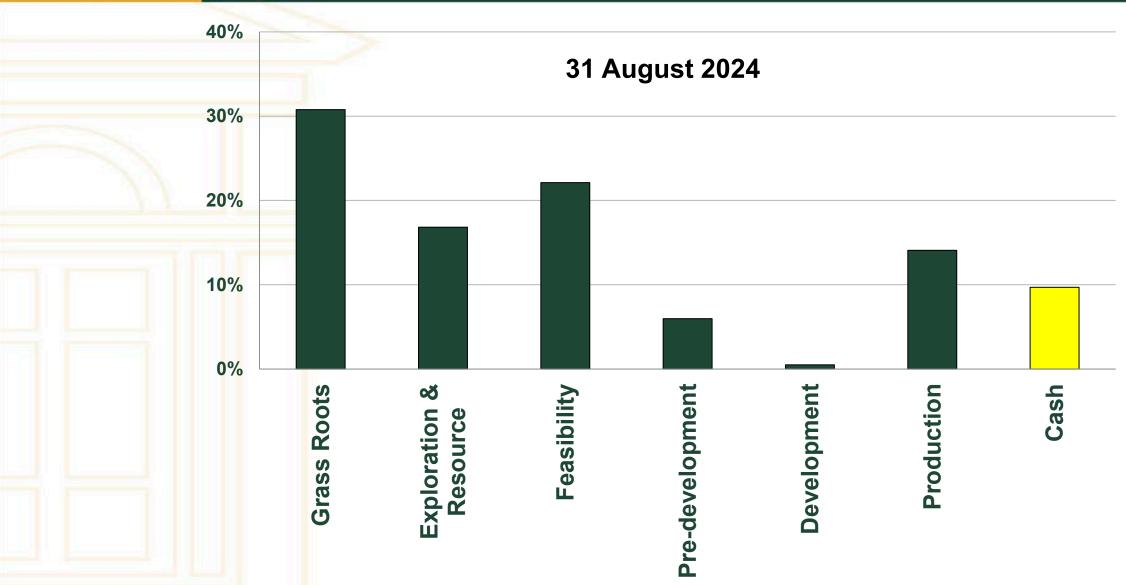


Total Portfolio Performance to 31 August 2024	LRT Change in NAV per unit incl distributions	S&P/ASX Small Resources Accumulation Index (XSRAI)	ASX Resources 300 Index (Total Return)	ASX 200 Index (Total Return)
12 months	-4.7%	-1.8%	-7.7%	14.9%
5 years p.a.	21.0% pa	6.7% pa	8.6% pa	8.1% pa
10 years p.a.	10.6% pa	5.0% pa	7.1% pa	8.0% pa



## LRT Portfolio by Resource Development Stage

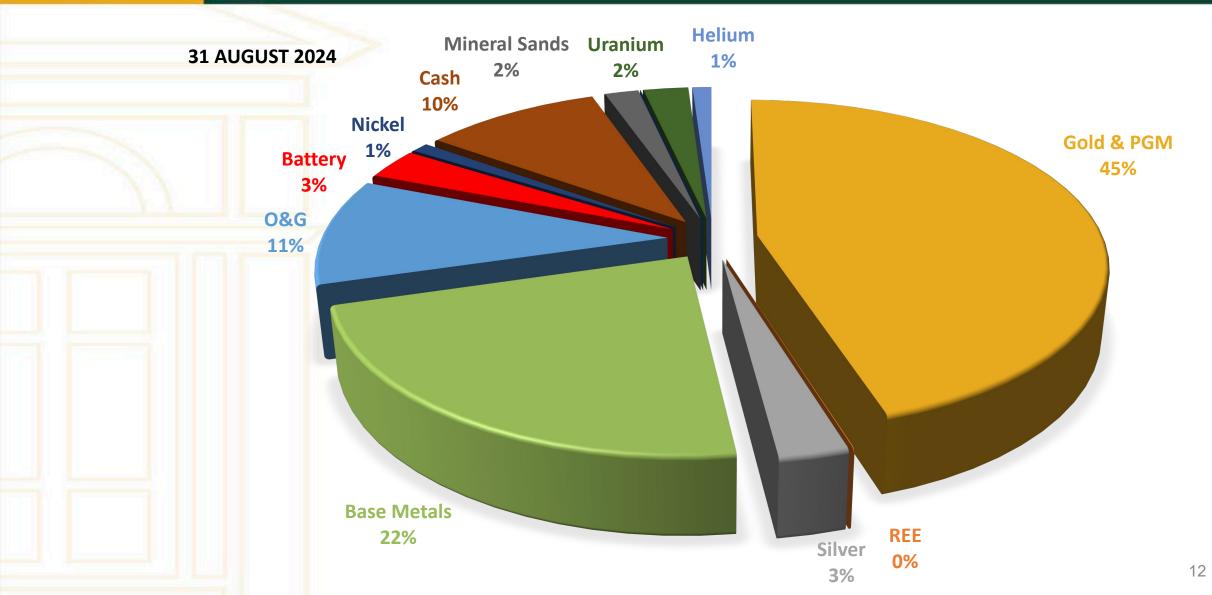






#### LRT COMMODITY EXPOSURE



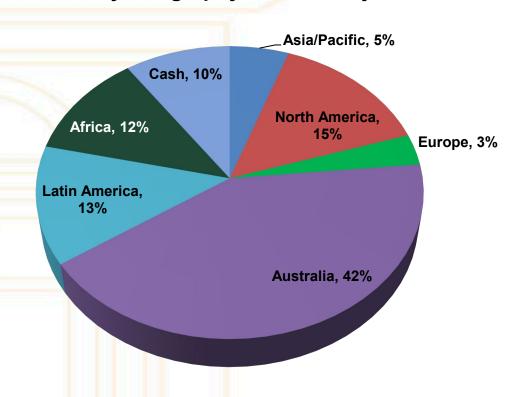




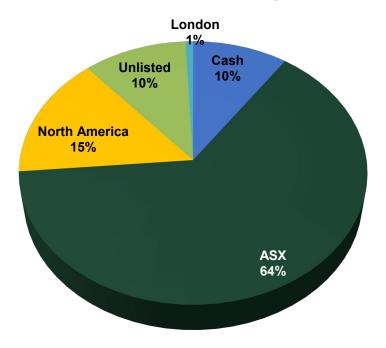
# Portfolio Characteristics 31 August 2024



#### Portfolio by Geography of Main Project



#### **Investment Listing**



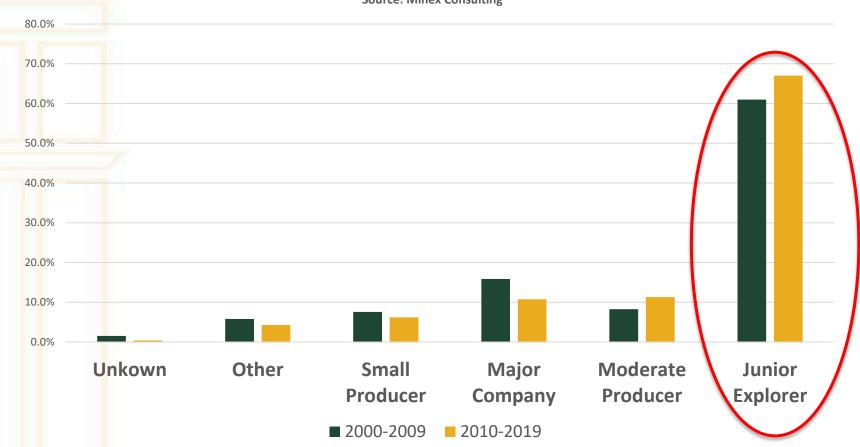


# We Invest in Explorers....because Explorers Make the Discoveries



#### **Australian Mineral Discoveries by Company Size**

**Source: Minex Consulting** 





## Market Thematics

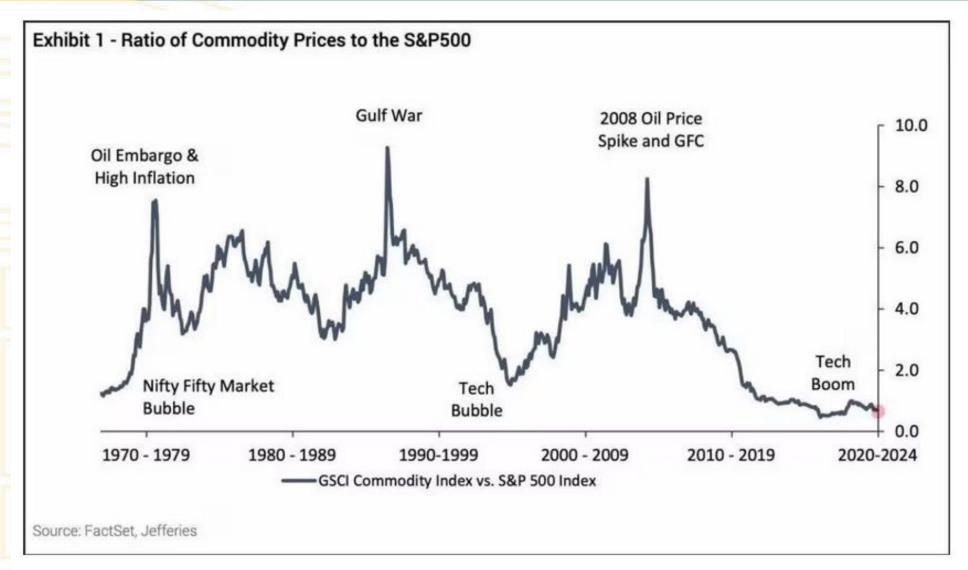


2. Key Market Factors



## Commodities Undervalued vs Equities

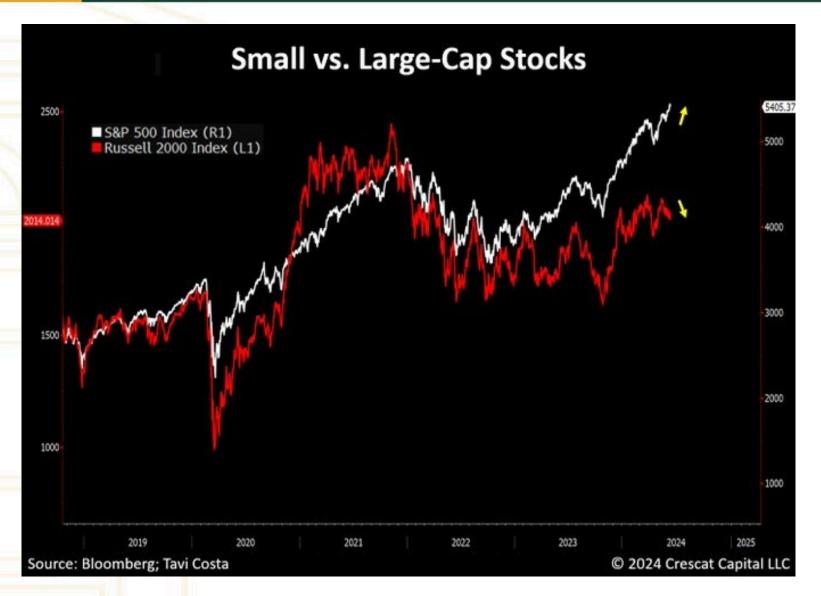






## Small Caps vs Large Caps





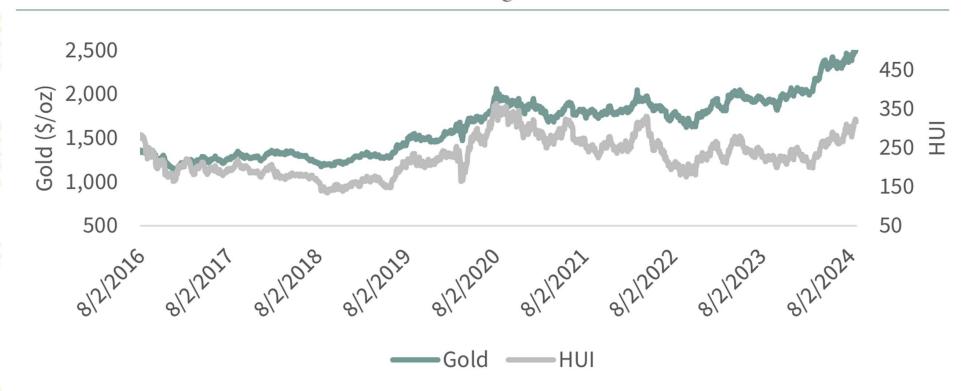
Small Equities decouple from Large Caps



#### Gold Price vs HUI Gold Index



#### FIGURE 3 Gold Price vs. HUI Gold Bugs Index



Gold 30% above 2011 peak, but HUI 50% below

HUI today is only 10% above its August 2016 level- when gold was US\$1,300 per ounce.

HUI's earnings per share expected to quadruple this year compared to 2016.

Source: Bloomberg, G&R Models.



#### Central Banks & Gold



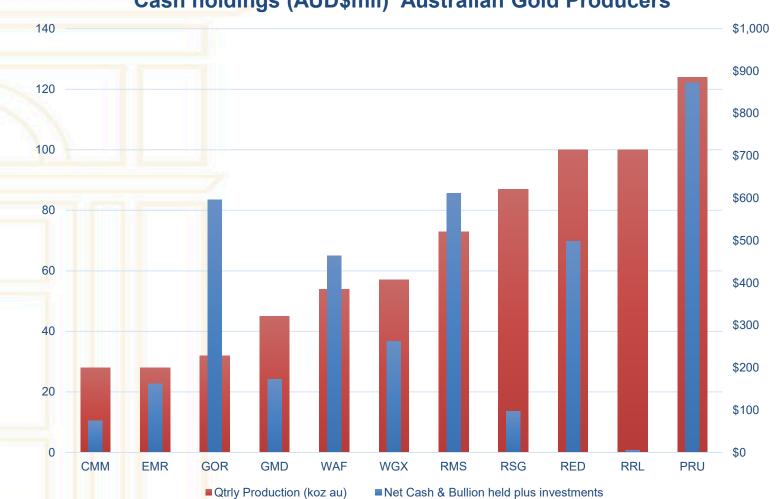




#### **Australian Gold Producers**



#### Cash holdings (AUD\$mil) Australian Gold Producers



Average Cash equivalents ~A\$350million



## Copper vs ASX Junior Resources



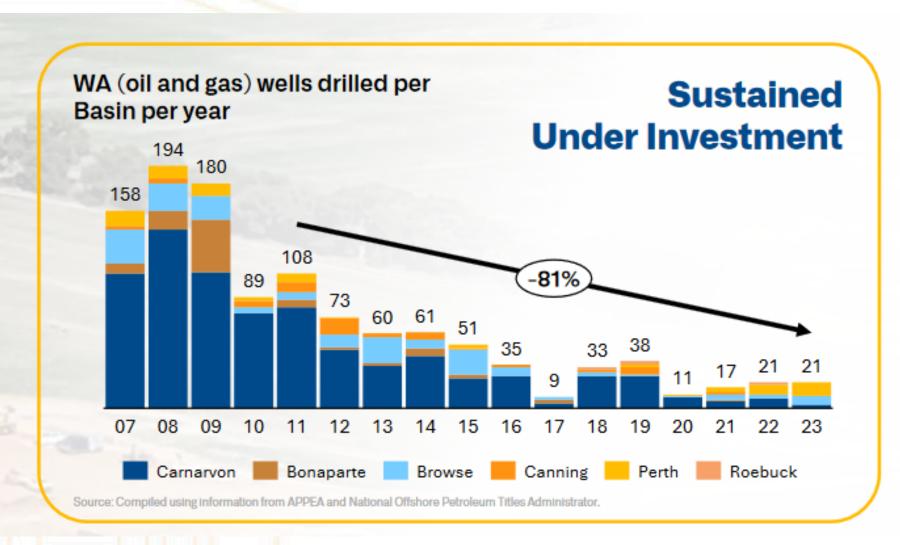


Junior
Equities
decouple from
Copper Price



## O&G Drilling - WA





Sustained underinvestment globally in oil (and metal mining)

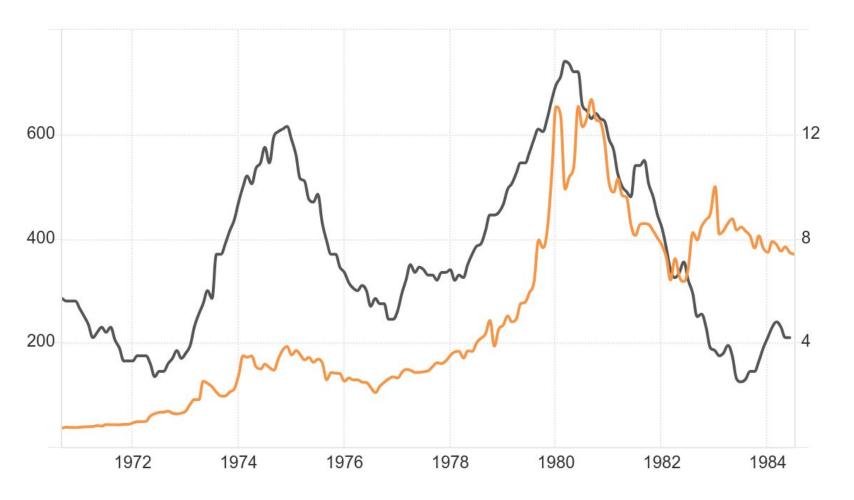
Source: Strike Oil



#### Gold in USD vs US CPI – 1980's



Source: tradingeconomics.com



Possible similar scenario to the 1970's playing out for gold



## Investment Examples

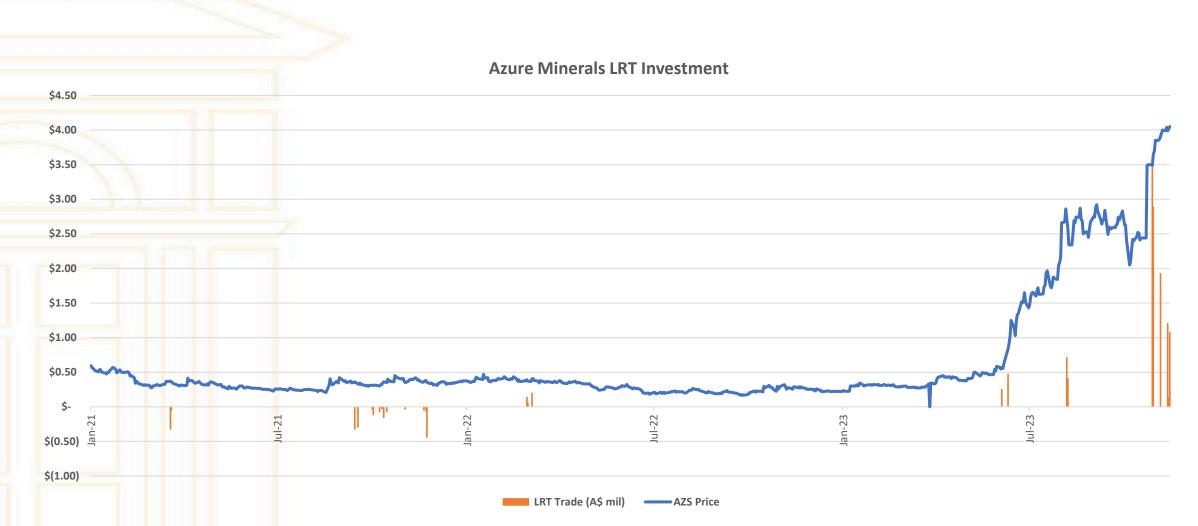


3. Recent Outperforming Stocks



#### **Azure Minerals**







#### Southern Cross Gold SXG.ASX







## Case Study: De Grey Mining







## Current and Upcoming



4. Preferred Positions



## Top 10 Positions



LRT Portfolio at 31 August 2024						
Code	Company	Commodity	Portfolio Weight	Comment		
RMS	Ramelius Resources	Gold	8.2%	Held from scrip takeover of Musgrave Minerals		
PDI	Predictive Discovery	Gold	5.4%	Tier 1 African gold discovery – subject to M&A		
AAR	Astral Resources	Gold	4.2%	WA Goldfields M&A or standalone development		
СОІ	Comet Ridge	Gas	3.3%	Australian East Coast Gas thematic		
STN	Saturn Metals	Gold	3.1%	Gold leverage from large low-grade project		
HAN.TSXV	Hannan Metals	Copper	2.8%	Greenfields Porphyry Copper Discovery		
FVL.TSXV	Freegold Ventures	Gold	2.5%	Alaskan project similar to Hemi (DEG)		
CVV	Caravel Minerals	Copper	2.3%	Copper leverage from large low-grade project		
ADX	ADX Energy	Gas	2.2%	European Gas		
RUG.TSXV	Rugby Resources	Copper	2.0%	Porphyry Copper Discovery		
Cash	Cash	Cash	9.7%			



## Some Outstanding Opportunities



Region	Commodity	Existing Holding?	Comment
Eastern Australia	Tin	No	Low capex scoping study with high grade exploration
Western Australia	Gold	Yes	High grade +1Moz resource with potential infrastructure solution
Western Australia	Gold	Yes	Medium grade +1Moz resource near processing infrastructure
South America	Manganese	Yes	Large, high-grade non-JORC resource acquisition
South America	Copper	Yes	Unlisted with compelling porphyry copper exploration
Eastern Europe	Polymetallic Cu-Au	Yes	Unlisted with multiple large and/or high-grade targets
North America	Gold	Yes	20Moz resource with parallels to De Grey
North America	Gold	Yes	600koz with dominant holding of highly prospective belt
SE Asia	Gold	Yes	Unlisted explorer with high grade targets adjacent to producer



# Lowell – a Unique Investment Opportunity





#### **11** Fund Focus

 One of the few investment funds that offers exposure to the junior resources sector across Australia and global stock exchanges in unlisted and listed companies

#### Successful track record for 20 years

- Superior performance over the medium and long term
- Fund must distribute 100% of taxable profits
- · Distribution Reinvestment Plan in place

#### **Experienced Management**

 Deep technical, financial and commercial expertise and networks with experience through numerous cycles.

#### 04 Unique network, not easily replaced

- Access to deal flow in public and private markets
- Proven ability to generate returns throughout the cycle

#### 05 Liquidity

· ASX Listing under the code "LRT"



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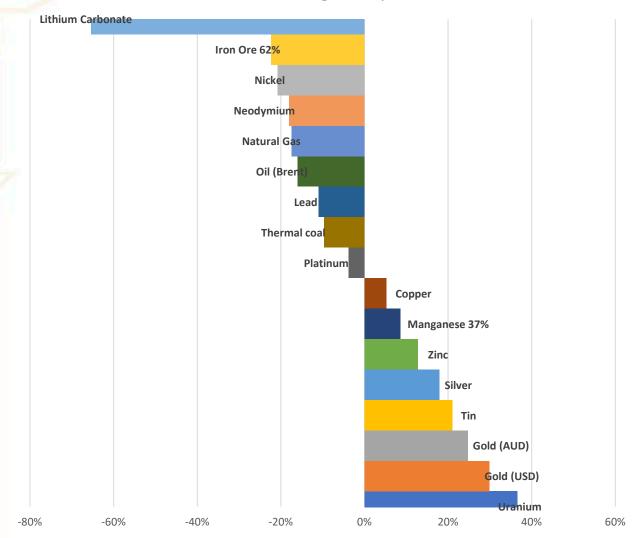
Resources Market Information



## 12 Month Commodity Prices





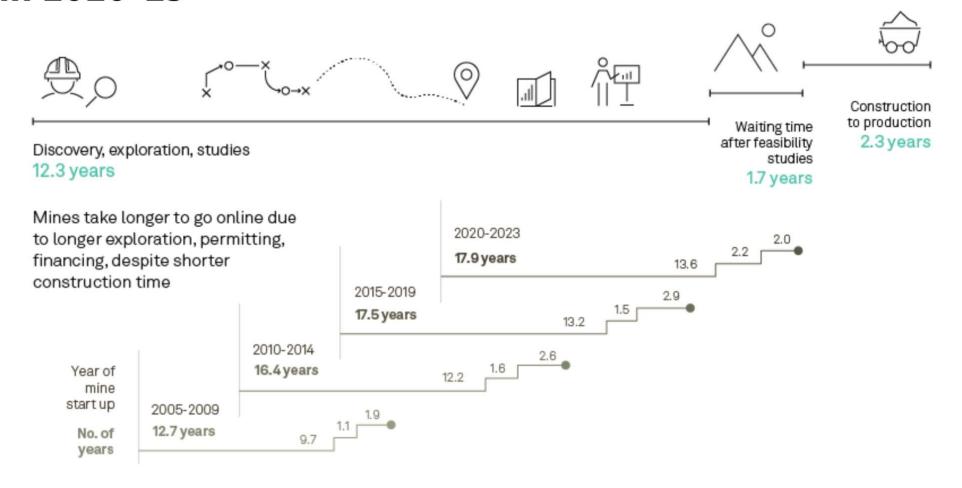




#### Lead Time for New Mines



## Average lead time almost 18 years for mines started in 2020-23

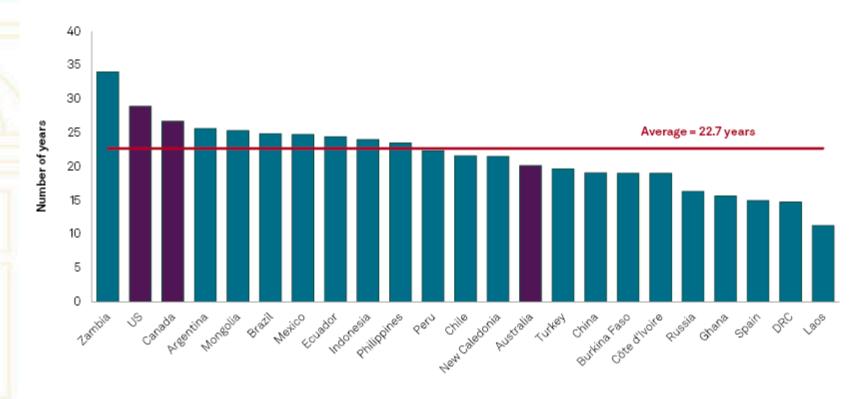




#### Lead Time for New Mines



#### Zambia, US, Canada have longest mine development lead times



Data compiled Feb. 21, 2024.

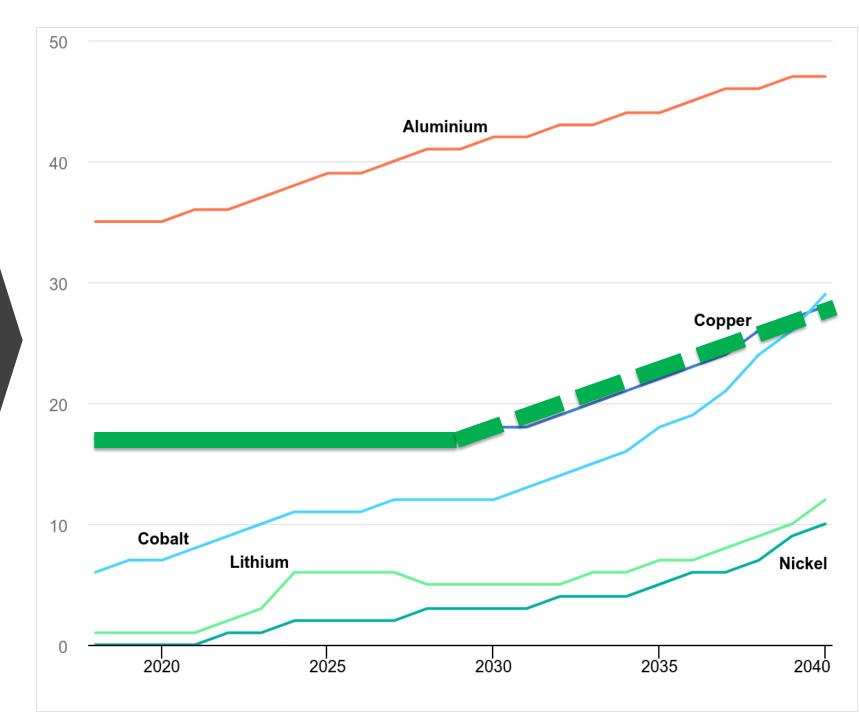
DRC = Democratic Republic of Congo.

Includes countries with at least two mines. Includes mines not yet in operation.

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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# Metals Recycling -IEA



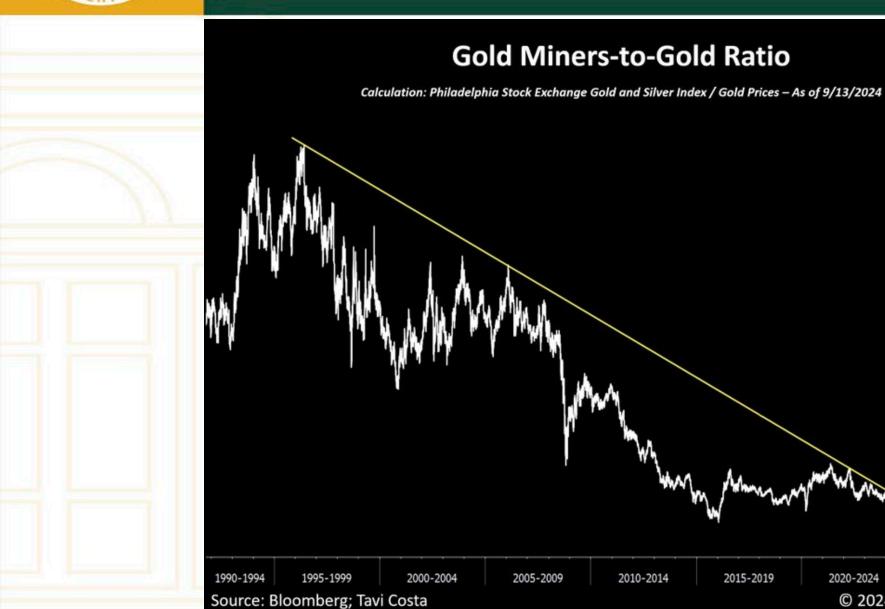


#### Gold Miners to Gold Price Ratio



-0.15

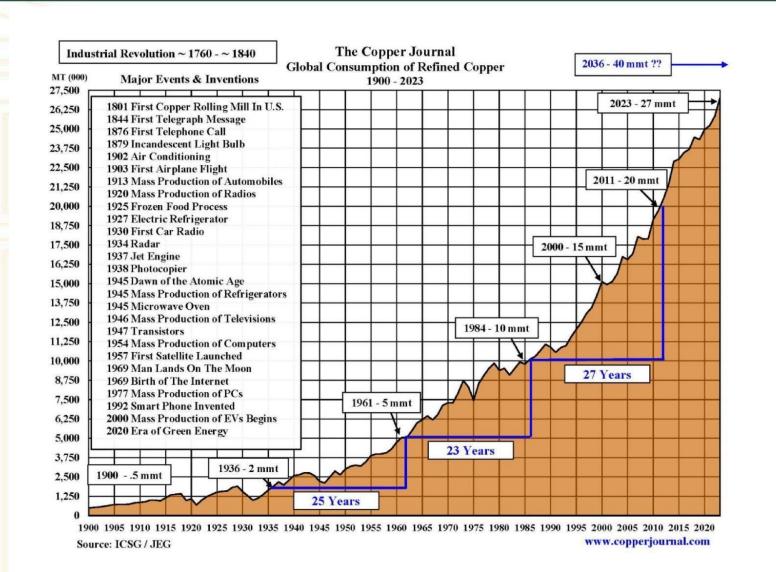
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## Copper Consumption 1900-2023

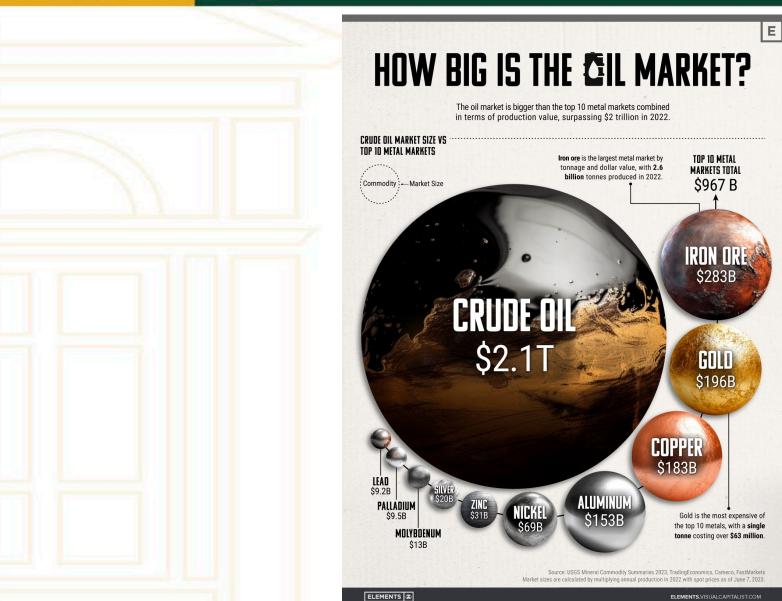






#### Oil Market





Oil traders reported to return to metals in H1 2024



# Appendix 2







## Fee Structure



Gross Asset Value	Existing Management Fee
< \$20m	\$300,000 p.a. plus 0.6%
Next \$20m - \$50m	2.100%
Next \$50m - \$150m	1.600%
Next > \$150m	1.600%

PERFORMANCE FEES (calculated 6 monthly)	
Variables	Existing
Benchmark	10% pa outperformance
Fee rate	17.5%
Calculated & Paid	6 monthly



#### **Stock Selection**



#### Top down focus



- Macroeconomics
- Equity markets

- Market sectors
- Commodities

- Resource categories
- Individual stocks

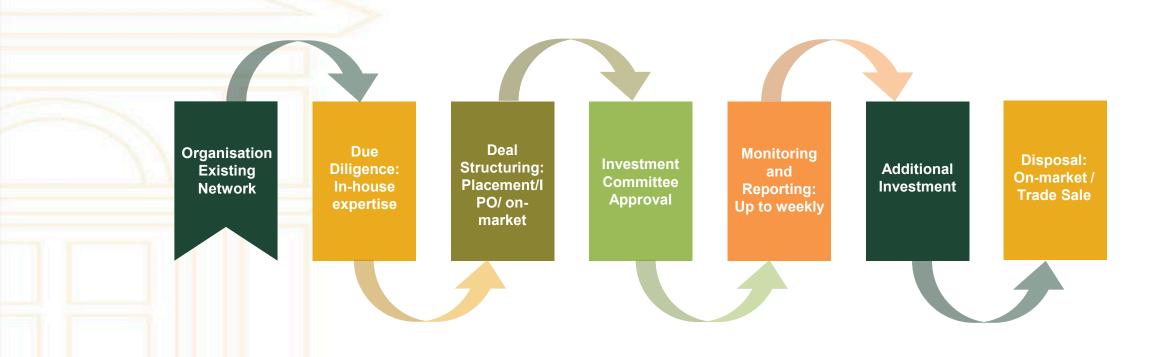
#### **Criteria**

- ✓ Management
- ✓ Geographic location
- ✓ Geological setting
- ✓ Resource/ Reserve magnitude
- √ Grade, metallurgy
- √ Stage
- ✓ Infrastructure and market
- ✓ Indicative economics
- ✓ Valuation
- ✓ Timing



#### Our Investment Process





LRFM prefers to keep holdings to < 5% of any company

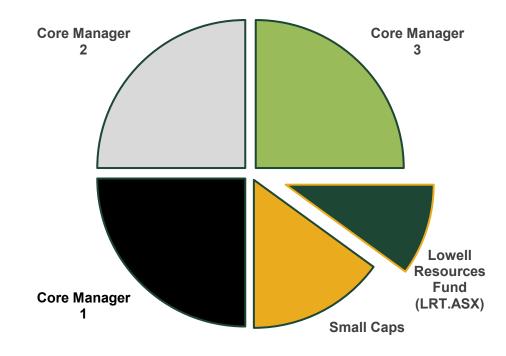
- Allows a range of exit alternatives in relatively illiquid stocks
- In a boutique fund, these positions can still 'move the needle' for performance



# Application in Equities allocation



#### **Portfolio**



- There is a compelling case for Lowell Resources Fund to be in an equities portfolio (Australian or Global), as one of the small cap manager allocations
- Lowell is an uncorrelated investment manager with superior stock selection
- Investing primarily in Australian companies that provide exposure to global growth



# Appendix 3

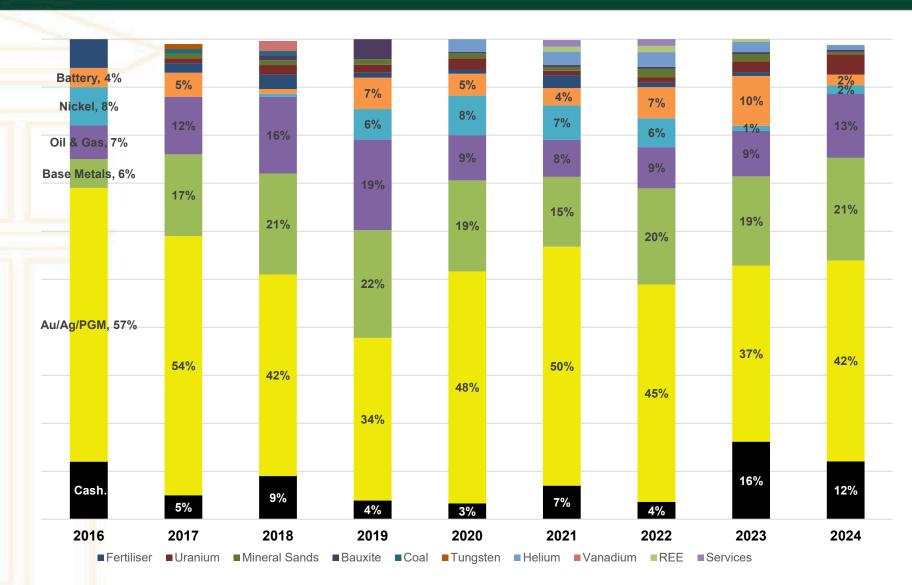






### LRT Commodity Allocation over Time



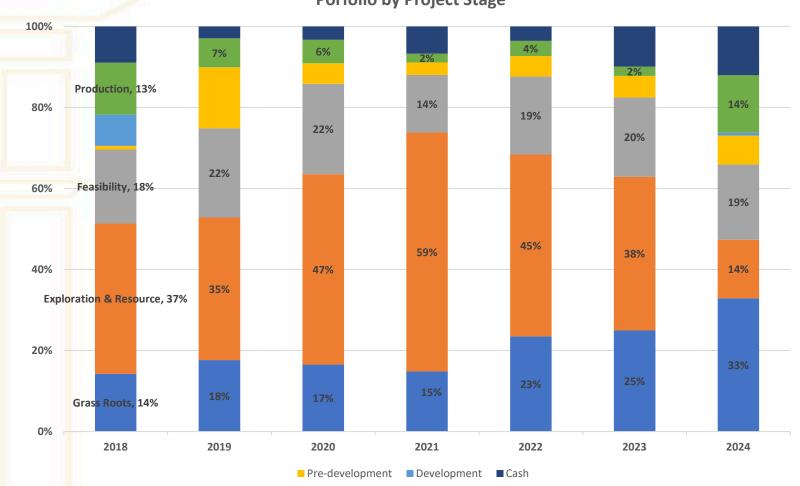




# LRT Project Stage Allocation









## LRT Top 20 Holdings



# LRT Holdings by Value 31 August 2024

