

# L1 Long Short Fund Limited (ASX:LSF)

December 2025

- The L1 Long Short Fund (LSF) portfolio returned 3.7%<sup>1</sup> in December (ASX200AI 1.3%) taking performance for calendar year 2025 to 46.8%<sup>1</sup> (ASX200AI 10.3%).
- Over the past 5 years, the portfolio has returned 18.1%<sup>1</sup> p.a. (ASX200AI 9.9% p.a.).
- Since inception in 2014, the L1 Capital Long Short Fund has been the best performing long short fund in Australia, returning 19.9% p.a., compared to 8.2% p.a. for the ASX200AI.<sup>2</sup>

The ASX200AI rose moderately in December, driven by strength in Resources and Financial sectors, as rising base and precious metal prices provided a key tailwind for Resource stocks. The RBA held rates steady at 3.6%, supporting market stability, as Governor Bullock opened the door to 2026 rate hikes amid strong labour data, higher household spending and positive employment results.

The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returned 1.3% over the month. Materials (+6.7%), Financials (+3.4%) and Property (+2.0%) were the strongest sectors, while Information Technology (-8.7%), Healthcare (-7.1%) and Consumer Services (-3.1%) lagged.

U.S. equity markets were broadly flat, as encouraging inflation data – November CPI of 2.7% versus expectations of 3.1% – was offset by ongoing uncertainty around the future path of Federal Reserve policy. While the Fed delivered a widely anticipated rate cut at the December FOMC meeting, commentary signalled a cautious approach to further easing in 2026, tempering investor enthusiasm.

Portfolio performance was solid, with key contributors including long positions in Mineral Resources and Flight Centre, alongside tailwinds from gold equities exposure.

Mineral Resources rallied as lithium prices continued to move sharply higher (+37% in December to end the year up ~90%). In addition, iron ore prices held at attractive levels (>US\$108/t), positioning the business well, with Onslow Iron achieving nameplate capacity.

Flight Centre shares rose on the announcement of an earnings-accretive cruise acquisition, as well as accounting issues at a key competitor (Corporate Travel Management) that could necessitate customer refunds.

Gold equities performed strongly, particularly in the mid-cap space where we are positioned. The gold price increased ~2% over the month, bringing the rally to around 65% for the calendar year.

## Returns (Net)<sup>1</sup> (%)

	LSF Portfolio	S&P/ASX 200 AI	Out-performance
<b>1 month</b>	3.7	1.3	+2.4
<b>3 months</b>	14.1	(1.0)	+15.1
<b>1 year</b>	46.8	10.3	+36.5
<b>3 years p.a.</b>	16.7	11.4	+5.4
<b>5 years p.a.</b>	18.1	9.9	+8.2
<b>7 years p.a.</b>	20.7	10.5	+10.2
<b>LSF Since Inception p.a.</b>	14.0	9.2	+4.7
<b>LSF Strategy Since Inception<sup>2</sup> p.a.</b>	19.9	8.2	+11.8

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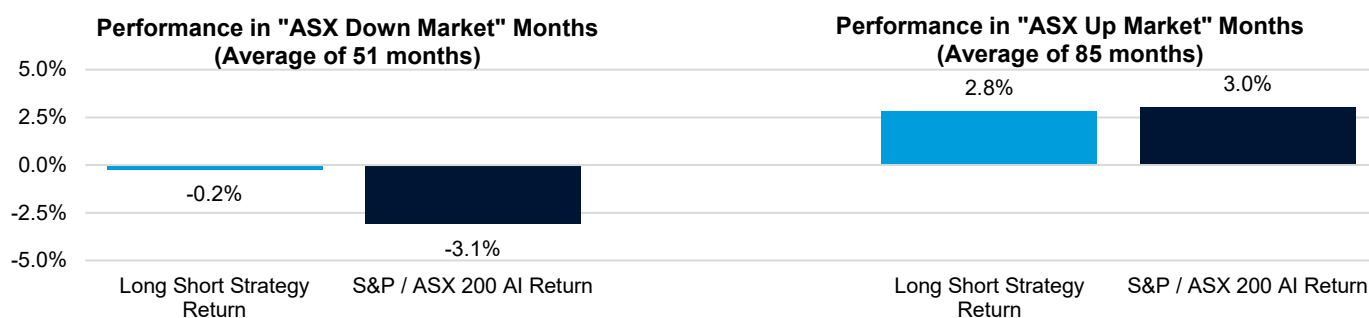
Gold's significant outperformance continues to be driven by large and growing U.S. federal fiscal deficits and debt levels, U.S. dollar devaluation, emerging market central bank accumulation and a global interest rate cutting cycle.

We believe the Australian equity index is relatively fully valued, with several large cap stocks trading well above historical multiples and global peers. Encouragingly, we are continuing to find numerous undervalued stocks offshore, where we see a far more compelling combination of strong earnings growth, shareholder-friendly management, conservative balance sheets and significant valuation support. We continue to believe that infrastructure, gold, U.S. cyclicals, uranium and 'quality value' stocks provide some of the best opportunities globally. Given the enormous outperformance of high P/E stocks in recent years and over the past decade, we are finding more compelling opportunities in 'Value' stocks. We believe low P/E stocks will strongly outperform high P/E stocks (in general) over the coming 1-2 years, which should be supportive of portfolio returns.

All performance numbers are quoted net of fees. Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding. **Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance.** 1. LSF (ASX:LSF) returns are calculated based on the movement of the underlying investment portfolio net of all applicable fees and charges since inception on 24 April 2018. 2. LSF Strategy Since Inception returns are for the L1 Capital Long Short Fund – Monthly Class since inception (1 September 2014). Based on Zenith FE funds data as at 30 November 2025. 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.

Strategy returns (Net)<sup>3</sup> (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2.4)	3.0	2.8	1.6	5.1
2015	0.6	9.1	2.4	1.7	3.7	(0.9)	3.3	2.1	5.5	8.5	8.1	4.6	60.5
2016	5.8	0.6	5.5	2.5	2.8	(0.9)	3.2	3.9	0.5	(0.1)	0.6	2.2	29.6
2017	2.5	1.9	3.2	1.0	4.2	1.7	2.6	1.7	1.9	2.5	0.9	3.6	31.4
2018	0.6	(0.5)	(1.6)	(1.3) <sup>3</sup>	(4.1)	(6.0)	1.0	(5.3)	(2.1)	(3.9)	(2.6)	(6.0)	(27.7)
2019	4.3	5.1	0.2	3.1	(2.7)	3.9	0.6	0.4	2.5	3.5	0.4	2.1	25.5
2020	(7.8)	(6.8)	(22.9)	23.2	10.9	(2.1)	(1.7)	10.0	0.6	(2.4)	31.9	4.3	29.5
2021	(0.2)	9.0	(0.1)	5.1	4.1	(0.5)	1.8	5.1	4.9	2.3	(7.4)	3.7	30.3
2022	2.8	6.9	1.3	3.4	0.1	(13.5)	(3.3)	5.4	(7.6)	5.2	7.5	4.4	10.7
2023	3.6	(2.0)	0.5	1.6	(3.2)	1.7	5.2	(4.9)	0.9	(3.1)	2.4	3.7	6.2
2024	0.3	(1.0)	8.1	3.3	2.6	(5.0)	1.5	(3.3)	4.3	(1.4)	(2.9)	(3.8)	2.0
2025	0.2	(0.9)	2.0	(0.7)	6.9	5.8	4.3	6.1	4.3	2.3	7.5	3.7	46.8

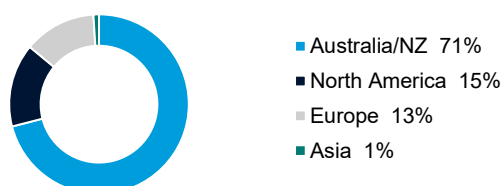
Strategy performance in rising and falling markets<sup>4</sup> (Net)

## Portfolio positions

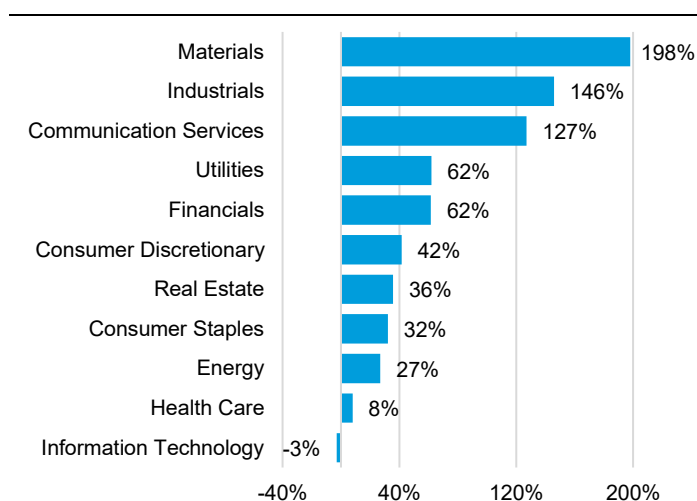
Number of total positions	77
Number of long positions	58
Number of short positions	19
Number of international positions	31

## Net and gross exposure (%)

	Gross long	Gross short	Net exposure
Australia/NZ	90	(69)	21
North America	31	(4)	27
Europe	29	-	28
Asia	2	-	2
Total <sup>6</sup>	152	(73)	78

Gross geographic exposure as a % of total exposure<sup>4</sup>Company information as at 31 December 2025<sup>5</sup>

Share Price	\$3.99
NTA before tax	\$4.00
NTA after tax	\$3.68
Shares on issue	632,982,953
Company market cap	\$2.53b

Sector contribution since Strategy inception<sup>4</sup> (Net)

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## Company information – L1SF

<b>Name</b>	L1 Long Short Fund Limited
<b>Structure</b>	Listed Investment Company (ASX:L1SF)
<b>Inception</b>	24 April 2018
<b>Management fee*</b>	1.44% p.a.
<b>Performance fee**</b>	20.5% p.a.
<b>High watermark</b>	Yes
<b>Platform availability</b>	BT Panorama, CFS Firstwrap, HUB24, IOOF, Macquarie Wrap, Mason Stevens, Netwealth, Powerwrap, uXchange

## L1 Capital (Investment Manager) overview

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