

# SGM MAJOR MARKETS TRUST

*Year Ending December 31, 2020*

## OVERVIEW

The Trust's investment objective is long-term total return.

## PERFORMANCE (%)

Net of Fees, AUD	+7.28
Gross of Fees, AUD	+8.37
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill <sup>1</sup>	+0.37
<b>Value Added</b>	<b>+8.00</b>

## Major Performance Drivers

The portfolio finished the year with a strong return in the final quarter, after successfully navigating the Covid-19 induced sell-off in the first quarter. The portfolio started the year with a positive equity beta, and moved to reduce this swiftly in response to what the team identified as underappreciated risks with the then localized coronavirus outbreak. This repositioning to a net negative beta exposure aided performance as the pandemic developed and broad markets fell precipitously through March. Equity risk was increased in a measured manner throughout the remainder of the year, finishing in positive territory as measured by both net exposure and equity beta. Value added from equity market allocation was partially offset by losses incurred from equity market selection. Gains were enjoyed from a long position in emerging markets, whilst positioning in European markets detracted. Beta timing helped over the period, particularly through March 2020. The returns from positioning within fixed income were slightly negative, whilst returns from currencies were generally positive over the period as the U.S. dollar, held short relative to European currencies amongst others, weakened. Conversely, a short position in higher beta currencies, the Canadian dollar and Australian dollar, detracted. The returns from commodities were strong as the portfolio was able to profit from large swings in many markets over the year on both the long and short side and across energy and metals markets. Standout performers include crude oil and silver.

**Past performance information in the above is historical and is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns are shown after the deduction of management fees and other expenses. This information is current as at the date specified and is subject to change.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index is an independently maintained and widely published index comprised of short-term Australian bills.