

L1 Long Short Fund Limited (ASX:LSF)

April 2026

- The L1 Long Short Fund (LSF) portfolio returned 6.2%¹ in April (ASX200AI 2.2%) taking performance for the calendar year to date to 6.0%¹ (ASX200AI 0.5%).
- Over the past year, the portfolio has returned 54.8%¹ (ASX200AI 10.1%).
- 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 8.0% p.a. for the ASX200AI.²

Global markets rallied for much of April as early signs of de-escalation in Iran reduced near-term geopolitical risk, while optimism around AI-related capital expenditure continued to support growth equities. In Australia, however, momentum faded late in the month as failed negotiations pointed to a more prolonged conflict, renewing concerns that higher energy prices could keep inflation elevated and force central banks, including the RBA, to maintain a tighter policy stance.

Australian CPI growth accelerated to 4.6% year-on-year in March, driven largely by higher fuel prices, while underlying inflation remained slightly above the RBA's target band. The inflation surprise drove a sharp repricing of the May RBA meeting, with markets lifting the implied probability of a 25bp hike to around 80% by month-end – a move the RBA ultimately delivered in early May. This weighed on domestic equities, particularly rate-sensitive and consumer-exposed sectors.

The ASX200AI rose 2.2% in April, lagging the stronger rebound in global equities. Tech (+13.2%) and Property (+8.6%) were the strongest performers, supported by gains in data centre and AI-related exposures. Healthcare (-8.7%), Consumer Staples (-4.1%) and Energy (-2.6%) were the weakest sectors.

Global and U.S. equities outperformed the ASX200 reflecting greater exposure to AI-linked technology, semiconductors and hyperscale capex beneficiaries, which led the rally.

The portfolio performed well, supported by gains in Materials and Industrials, with notable contributions from Mineral Resources, James Hardie and Goodman Group.

Mineral Resources rallied in April as lithium prices continued to rise and management upgraded FY26 volume guidance for iron ore, lithium and mining services following strong Q3 results.

James Hardie recovered after its March sell-off, helped by a ~20bps decline in U.S. 30-year mortgage rates from their March peak. Peer results also pointed to a relatively stable U.S. housing backdrop despite elevated geopolitical volatility.

Returns (Net)^{1,2} (%)

	LSF Portfolio	S&P/ASX 200 AI	Out-performance
1 month	6.2	2.2	+4.0
3 months	(3.0)	(1.2)	(1.8)
1 year	54.8	10.1	+44.7
3 years p.a.	17.6	9.7	+7.9
5 years p.a.	16.3	8.4	+8.0
7 years p.a.	19.6	8.6	+11.0
LSF Since Inception p.a.	14.2	8.9	+5.3
LSF Strategy Since Inception p.a.	19.9	8.0	+11.9

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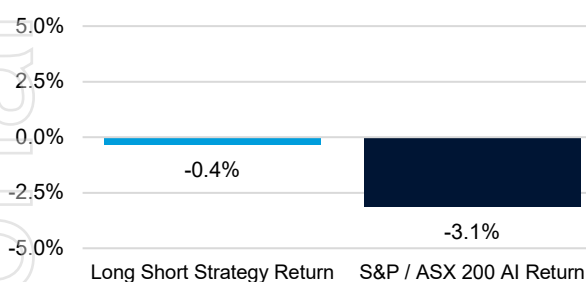
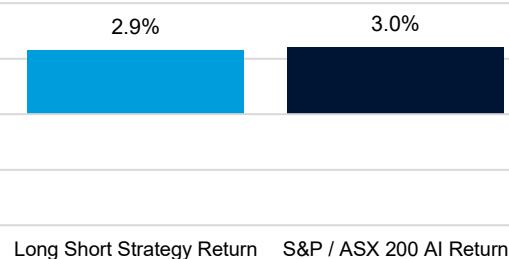
Goodman Group performed well, advancing its data centre strategy with the announcement of a 50/50 joint venture with DataBank for a 32MW co-location facility in Los Angeles. The company remains uniquely positioned given its land bank, development expertise, strong balance sheet and capital partner relationships, against a backdrop of growing demand and constrained supply.

The Iran War has triggered a major spike in market volatility. We are using this period to identify high quality companies that are now trading far below fair value, even assuming a less favourable macro outlook.

While such volatile periods can be unnerving in the short-term, they provide outstanding medium-term opportunities to invest in great companies at exceptional prices. We believe the portfolio looks particularly attractive at present, with our median long position trading on ~9x P/E, with double-digit EPS growth and modest debt levels.

Strategy returns (Net)³ (%)

	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)	(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
2026	9.3	(0.9)	(7.8)	6.2									6.0

Strategy performance in rising and falling markets⁴ (Net)Performance in "ASX Down Market" Months
(Average of 52 months)Performance in "ASX Up Market" Months
(Average of 88 months)

Portfolio positions

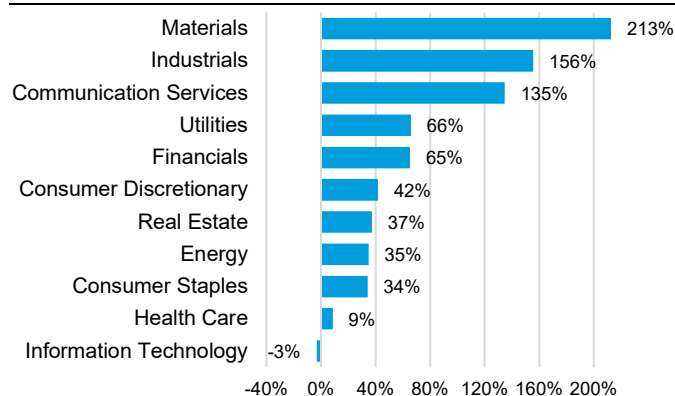
Number of total positions	78
Number of long positions	61
Number of short positions	17
Number of international positions	28

Net and gross exposure⁵ (%)

	Gross long	Gross short	Net exposure
Australia/NZ	104	(82)	22
North America	35	-	35
Europe	33	-	33
Asia	3	-	3
Other	-	(21)	(21)
Total	174	(103)	72

Company information as at 30 April 2026⁶

Share Price	\$4.12
NTA before tax	\$4.11
NTA after tax	\$3.81
Shares on issue	633,830,500
Company market cap	\$2.61b

Sector contribution since Strategy inception⁴ (Net)

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.** 3. 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. Strategy returns table is for the L1 Long Short Fund Limited (ASX:LSF) since inception on 24 April 2018. Performance prior to this date is that of the L1 Capital Long Short Fund – Monthly Class since inception (1 September 2014). 4. Performance and contribution are that of the L1 Capital Long Short Fund – Monthly Class since inception (1 September 2014). 5. Other refers to positions or portfolio hedges that are not specific to a single region. 6. The NTA before tax is calculated before the provision for deferred tax on unrealised gains and losses on the investment portfolio. The NTA after tax is calculated after all taxes.

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Company information – LSF

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

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