

Portfolio Scoop

Insights into the Trends and their performance

JUNE 2023

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Welcome to our latest Portfolio Scoop from AtlasTrend, which provides insights into our Trends and their performance.

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U.S. economic data is robust

The U.S. Federal Reserve kept interest rates constant at a benchmark rate of between 5.00% and 5.25% although it had flagged a few rate hikes for the balance of the year. Inflation is trending down with core inflation at 5.3% but is still well above the Federal Reserve's target of 2.0%.

U.S. economic data remained robust with core retail sales (+0.4%) and core durable goods orders (+0.7%) were positive and housing activity also rebounded. Then only worrying sign was the uptick in the unemployment rate to 3.7%, up from 3.4% last month (the lowest level since 1953).

Europe in technical recession and inflation remains high

A GDP growth report revealing a technical recession in the European Zone was a negative for equities, but European markets generally recovered by month end, following improved industrial production data.

Inflation remained elevated in the U.K. at 8.7%, its highest reading since 1992 while headline inflation in the European Zone fell to 5.5%.

Central banks continued to raise their respective policy rates, including the European Central Bank (+0.25% to 3.5%) and the Bank of England (+0.50% to 5.0%).

Chinese economic data remains weak but Japan is rebounding

China's economy continues to encounter difficulties in its re-opening recovery and from the ongoing slump in the property market. Chinese equities continue to underperform as China's economic data remained weak with retail sales growth decelerating to 12.7% and industrial production growth to 3.5%.

The People's Bank of China announced marginal cuts to several key lending rates as it attempts to generate growth.

In Japan, both the manufacturing and non-manufacturing sectors rebounded while core inflation reached 4.3%, its highest level since 1981. However, the Bank of Japan made no changes to its interest rate policy.

Trend Round Up





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Trends Performance Trends Performance p.a. +127.12% +113.30% +80.37% +74.69% +60.18% +11.64% +9.75% Big Data Online MSCI Clean MSCI Big Data Online MSCI Clean MSCI World¹ World¹ Shopping Disruption World² Shopping Disruption World² Note: Launch date of the Trends is 9 November 2015 apart from Clean Disruption Fund, which was launched on 6 June 2018. MSCI World refers to the MSCI World ex Australia Index. ¹ Start date 9 November 2015. ²

In the last 12 months, we have delivered performances of +18.41%, +8.87% and +11.66% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of +22.59%).

In the last 6 months, we have delivered performances of +27.03%, +13.58% and +9.25% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of +17.53%).

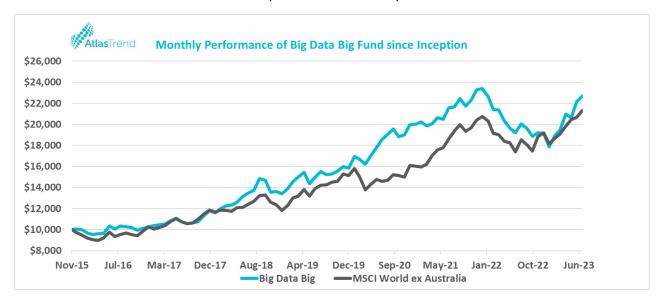
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In the last 3 months, we have delivered performances of +8.26%, +1.54% and +0.28% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of +7.63%).

Big Data Big Fund

The Trend return for the month was +2.59% and since launch (9 November 2015) is +127.12%.

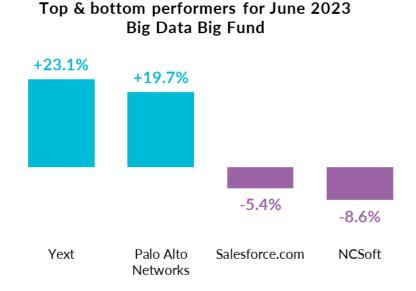
This Trend has delivered a +11.34% return per annum since inception.



This Trend had another positive month with technology stocks having another strong performance. It was led by double-digit gains from Yext, Palo Alto Networks, Digital Realty and Meituan as well as gains from large cap names such as Apple and Amazon.com.

Weakness came from NCSoft and Salesforce.com.

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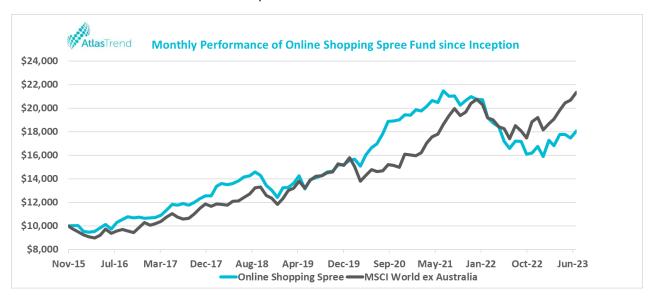


Note: % share price return in local currency, excluding any dividends received during the month

Online Shopping Spree Fund

The Trend return for the month was +3.29% and since launch (9 November 2015) is +80.37%.

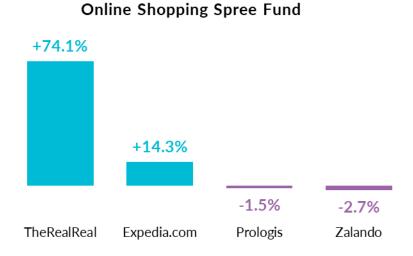
This Trend has delivered a +8.03% return per annum.



This Trend had a strong overall with very few negative performers namely only Zalando and Prologis. The strongest names were TheRealReal, Expedia.com, FedEx, Netease and Meituan. The Trend also gained strong contributions from large cap names such as Apple, Amazon.com and Walmart.

Top & bottom performers for June 2023

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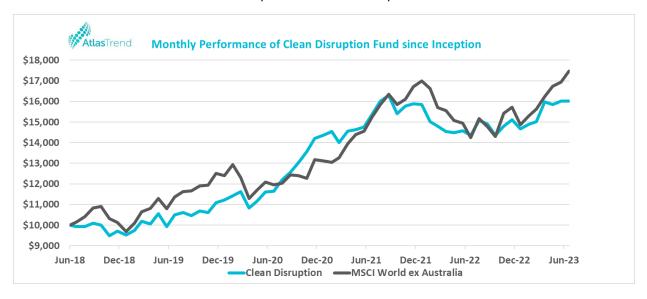


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Clean Disruption Fund

The Trend return for the month was -0.03% and since launch (6 June 2018) is +60.18%.

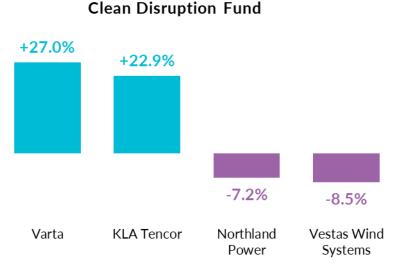
This Trend has delivered a +9.75% return per annum since inception.



This Trend had a mixed performance mostly due to underperformers in Vestas Wind Systems, Northland Power, First Solar and Algonquin. This was mostly offset by contributions from Varta, KLA Tencor, Xylem, Waste Management and Iberdrola.

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