



# Portfolio Scoop

Insights into the Trends and their performance

**NOVEMBER 2023**

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

## What happened to the markets in November?

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## Mixed picture for the economy but inflation is slowing

October inflation in the U.S. saw the which showed that the consumer price index fall to 3.2% year-on-year from 3.7% in September. Slowing inflation could indicate an end to interest rate hikes by the U.S. Federal Reserve although any rate cuts are unlikely in the near term.

This is because the economic data remains mixed. GDP growth in 3Q 2023 rose to 5.2% for the year, up from 4.9% but the manufacturing sector continues to be weak with a PMI of 46.7, showing contraction.

## **Inflation also slowing but interest rates likely to remain elevated**

Inflation in the U.K. saw a sharp decline to 4.6% year-on-year in October, below the 6.7% reading for September. However, the Office for National Statistics showed no growth in U.K. GDP in 3Q 2023. Such a mixed picture meant that while the U.K. market was positive for the month, it lagged other developed markets including those in Europe.

Annual inflation for November in the European Union was 2.4%, down from 2.9% in October, spurring more hopes that interest rates may have peaked. However, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde warned that current interest rate levels were necessary to curb inflation and reduce it to its 2.0% target.

Other weak economic data does not also help the case for a reduction of rates in the near term with purchasing managers' index for November at 47.1, still showing contraction.

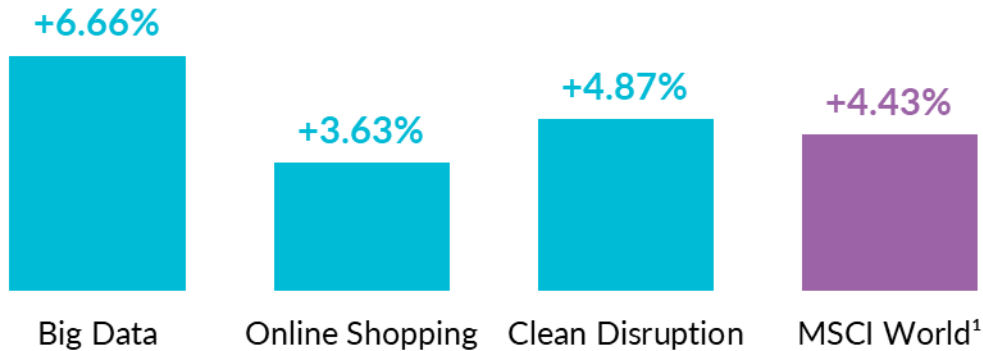
## **Chinese economy underperforms while Japan ticks along**

Chinese equities remain relatively weak due to weaker Chinese economic growth and concerns that Chinese government stimulus measures are proving ineffective in driving economic growth and fixing structural problems in the economy such as the real estate sector.

Economic figures in Japan are muted with 3Q 2023 GDP data showing weaker-than-expected domestic demand, consumption, and capital expenditure. However, wage growth is strong and as are corporate earnings generally.

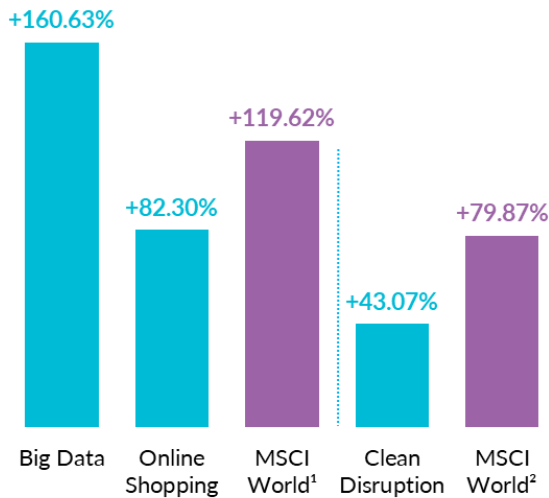
## Trend Round Up

### Trends Performance for the month of November 2023

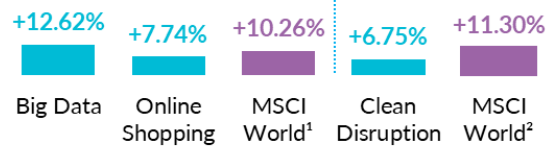


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In the last 12 months, we have delivered performances of +36.09%, +8.92% and -5.37% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of +14.37%).

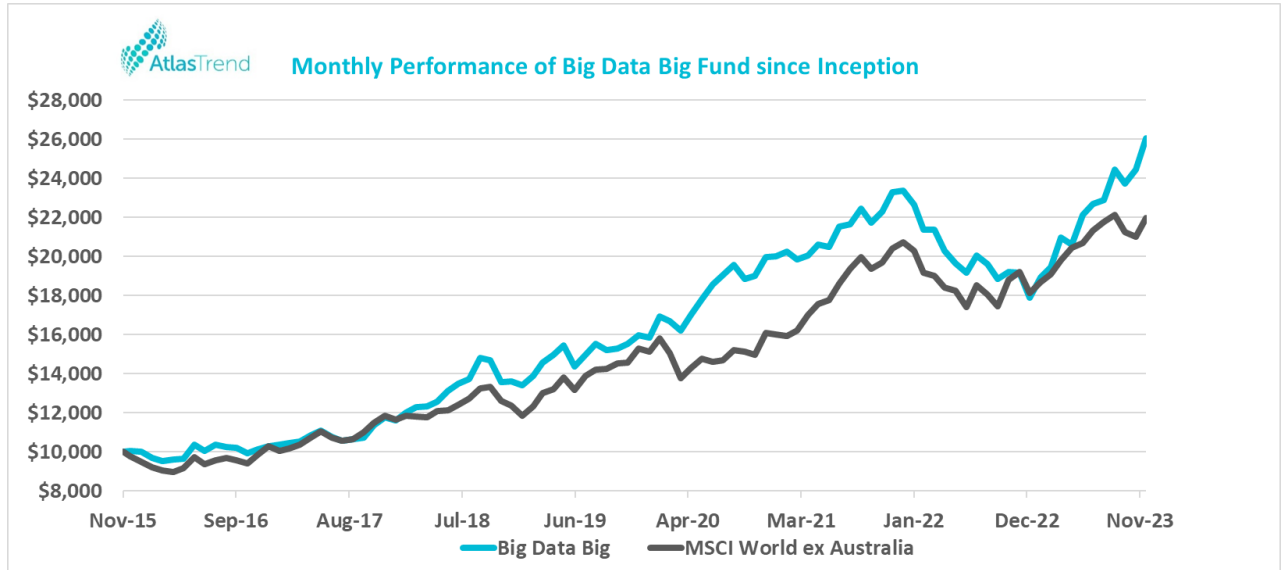
In the last 6 months, we have delivered performances of +17.73%, +4.39% and -10.71% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of +6.18%).

In the last 3 months, we have delivered performances of +6.54%, -2.32% and -5.57% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of -0.73%).

## Big Data Big Fund

The Trend return for the month was +6.66% and since launch (9 November 2015) is +160.63%.

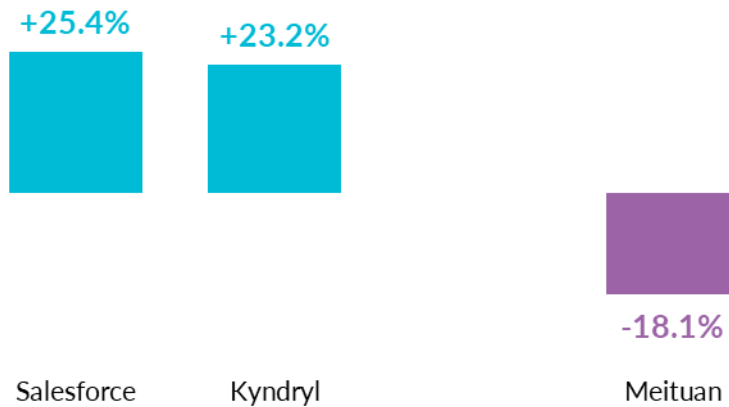
This Trend has delivered a +12.62% return per annum since inception.



This Trend had another strong month, in absolute and relative terms. Only Meituan was a negative performer, and it is one of the smallest positions in the Trend. Positive performances were led by Salesforce, Kyndryl, Palo Alto Networks, Intel, Seagate, Tencent and NCSOFT.

As of the end of November 2023, this Trend consisted of 19 companies.

### Top & bottom performers for November 2023 Big Data Big Fund

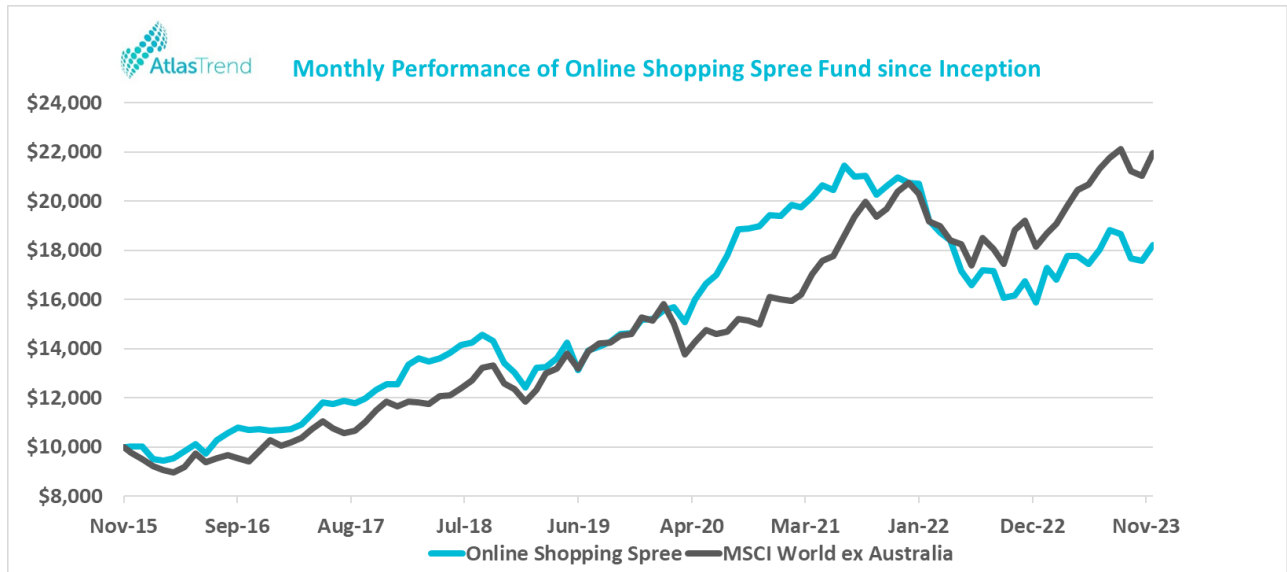


Note: % share price return in local currency, excluding any dividends received during the month

## Online Shopping Spree Fund

The Trend return for the month was +3.63% and since launch (9 November 2015) is +82.30%.

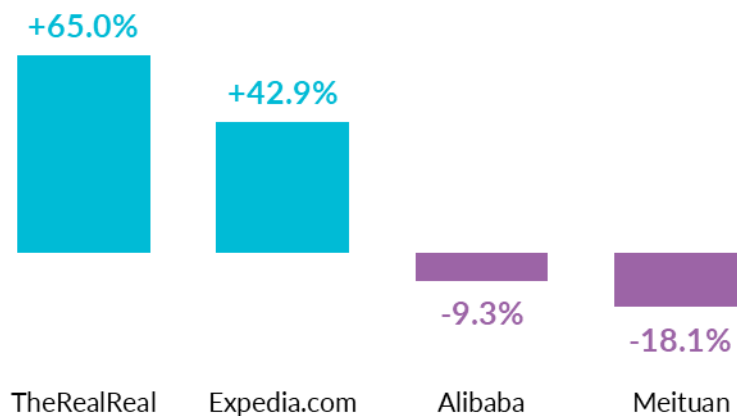
This Trend has delivered a +7.74% return per annum.



This Trend performed well during the month led by a stellar performance from Expedia.com and a smaller position in TheRealReal. Other positive performances included Prologis, Disney, Target and Tencent. Weakness came from a few positions such as Meituan, Alibaba and Walmart.

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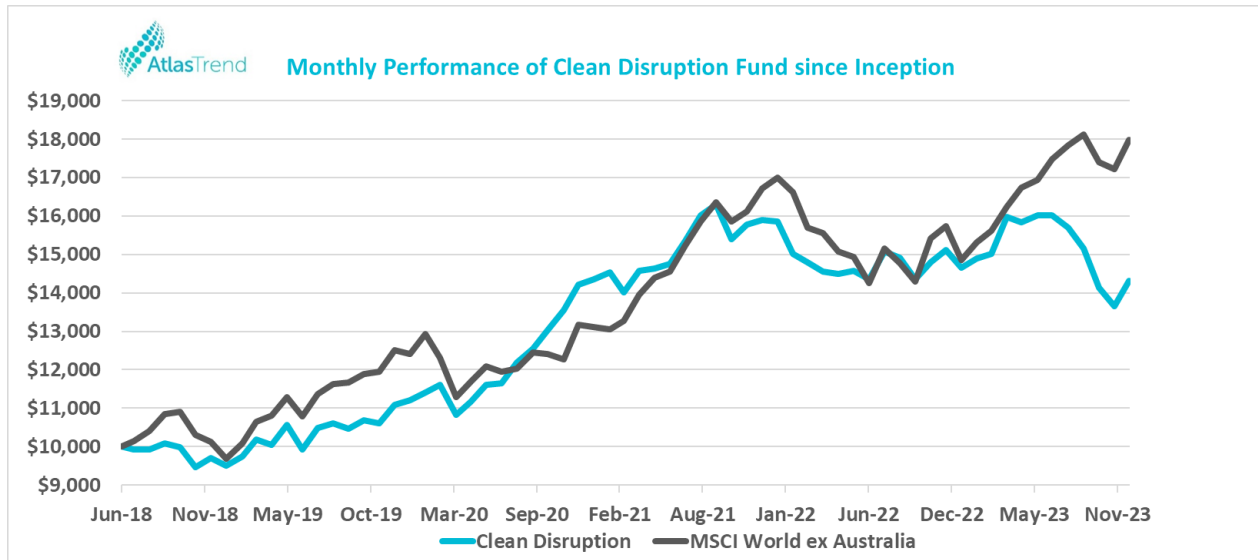


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## Clean Disruption Fund

The Trend return for the month was +4.87% and since launch (6 June 2018) is +43.07%.

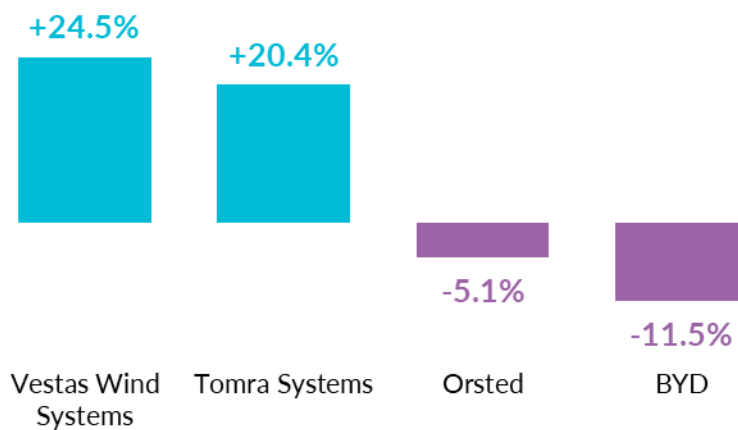
This Trend has delivered a +6.75% return per annum since inception.



This Trend had a bounce back month as laggards such as Vestas Wind Systems and Tomra Systems bounced back hard. Other positive names included Algonquin, Northland Power, First Solar and Schneider Electric, Siemens Healthineers, Rockwool, and Fanuc. There were only 3 negative performers being NYD, Orsted and Bristol-Myers-Squibb.

As of the end of November 2023, this Trend consisted of 18 companies.

### Top & bottom performers for November 2023 Clean Disruption Fund



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