

Portfolio Scoop

Insights into the Trends and their performance

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Dear Members

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

What happened to the markets in January?

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The head of the International Monetary Fund noted that China's pivot from its Covid Zero policy as the most important driver for global growth in 2023 and prevent a global downturn. Meanwhile, the World Bank remained pessimistic about a global recession as it forecasted global gross domestic product rising 1.7% in 2023, about half the rate forecast in June 2023. That would make 2023 the third-worst performance in the last three decades, after the contractions of 2009 and 2020.

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A slowdown in rate increases may result in a soft landing

After hitting a high of over 9% last year, inflation for December slowed to 6.5%, the slowest inflation rate in more than a year. This resulted in a 0.25% increase in early February to 4.75% with the U.S. Federal Reserve signalling that it will slow down the rate of increases going forward.

The U.S. economy beat expectations in 4Q 2022 as GDP rose at a 2.9% annualised rate, down from 3.2% in 3Q 2022. It's the mild slowdown that the Federal Reserve is aiming for as it balances growth with reducing inflation. The labour market also remained resilient as U.S. employment bounced back to its pre-pandemic level in 2022.

Overall, the economic data is good news for the potential of a soft landing, which gave investors renewed optimism. Nonetheless, a recession remains a notable risk this year as economist warn about sustained higher borrowing costs working their way through the economy via weakness in corporate earnings, contraction in consumer sales and services activity and a slowdown in wage growth.

Rate hikes to continue in Europe

The European Central Bank remains stoic in tightening monetary policy indicating that it has at least 2 more 0.50% rate hikes in 2023 and the time to slow the pace of hikes is "still far away." Its President Christine Lagarde told the World Economic Forum in Davos that the ECB would "stay the course" in managing its monetary policy.

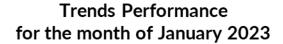
Meanwhile, Britain may avoid a long-expected recession for the time being. Economic data saw gross domestic product unexpectedly rise 0.1% in November.

Investors are bullish about China's re-opening

Investors turned positive on China's long-awaited border re-opening, which saw markets continue their recent rally domestically and in Hong Kong. There is a view that the ending of China's Covid Zero policy and an easing of regulation in the technology sector, that a turnaround is imminent even if questions remain on the state of the property sector.

Moreover, investors believe that China's re-opening after three years will aid the global economy, triggering growth in services sectors such as aviation, tourism and education. Other sectors likely benefit include commodity producers as demand returns from China.

Trend Round Up



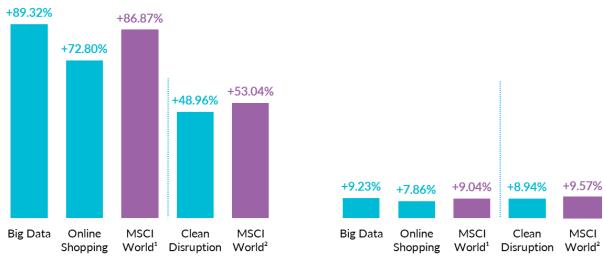




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In the last 12 months, we have delivered performances of -16.36%, -16.59% and -0.80% for the Big Data, Online Shopping Spree, and Clean Disruption Trends respectively (versus MSCI World ex Australia Index of -7.90%).

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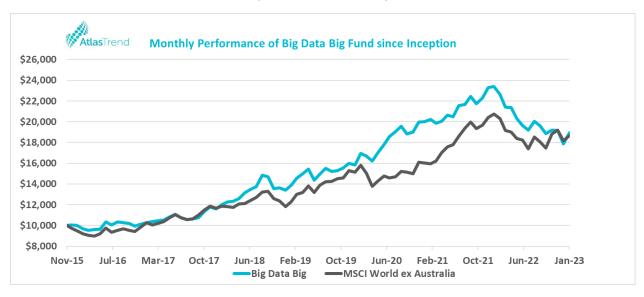
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Big Data Big Fund

The Trend return for the month was +5.89% and since launch (9 January 2015) is +89.32%.

This Trend has delivered a +9.23% return per annum since inception.

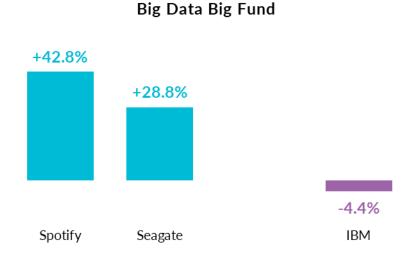


This Trend had a strong performance across the board as the technology sector bounced back. It was led by Spotify, Seagate, Tencent, Salesforce.com and Amazon, which all had returns of at least 20% for the month.

The only name with a negative performance was IBM.

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Top & bottom performers for January 2023

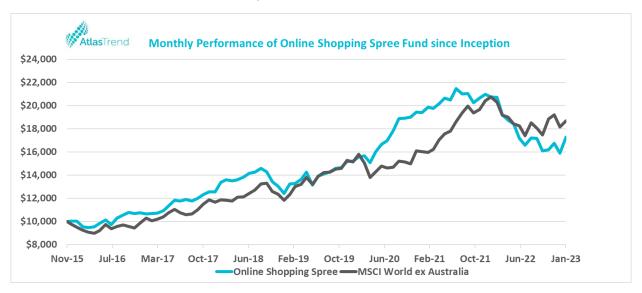


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Online Shopping Spree Fund

The Trend return for the month was +8.81% and since launch (9 January 2015) is +72.80%.

This Trend has delivered a +7.86% return per annum.



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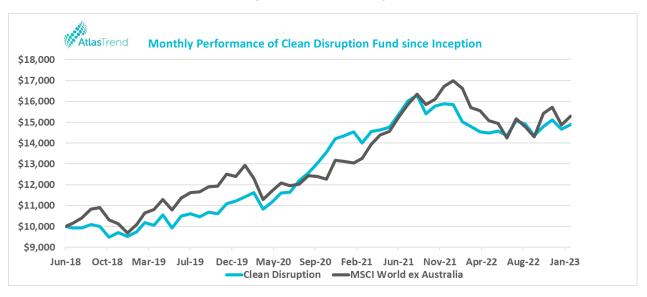


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Clean Disruption Fund

The Trend return for the month was +1.60% and since launch (6 January 2018) is +48.96%.

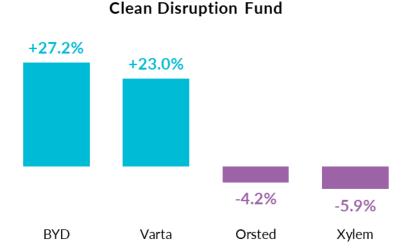
This Trend has delivered a +8.94% return per annum since inception.



This Trend performed well with positive performances from BYD, Varta, First Solar, IPG Photonics, Rockwool and Fanuc. Xylem and Orsted were the weakest names.

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