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The Elvest Fund

Monthly Report - April 2026

Commentary

The Elvest Fund returned 9.5% for April, versus the Benchmark return of 3.3%. Since inception, the Fund has returned a total of 37.2%, versus the Benchmark return of 25.1%.

Though fragile and with the flow-on effects to be felt for some time, the Middle East ceasefire agreement was welcomed by markets. Australian stocks enjoyed a modest rebound in April following a challenging March quarter, particularly for small and mid cap industrial stocks.

That said, Australian equities still lagged international stocks during the month, with the US market led higher by an increasingly narrow group of large and mega cap stocks. Domestically, Small Cap Resources outperformed Industrials, returning 5.0% for the month.

With interest rate hikes back on the agenda, the RBA noted that many firms experiencing cost pressures are looking to increase prices of their goods and services. This frames the current expectation for continued inflationary pressure, largely as a consequence of the Middle East war and its impact on energy prices.

Key contributors were Zip Co (ZIP), Develop Global (DVP), Southern Cross Electrical Engineering (SXE) and IPD Group (IPG). The main detractor was Regal Partners (RPL).

ZIP rose on a strong March quarter update that reported continued US momentum (43% TTV growth), upgraded FY26 guidance and an improving loss rate outlook. Pay-in-2, launched in February, has had a good start and should drive higher spend per user over 2026, while ZIP's Stripe integration is driving robust merchant expansion. Notably, US loss rates came in below expectations and appear to have peaked. We believe ZIP continues to be underestimated, particularly as the loan book mix shifts towards shorter duration credit.

Stocks leveraged to electrification and data centre capex themes extended their rally during the month, with DVP, SXE and IPG all rising solidly.

Of particular note was DVP's quarterly update, where it revealed sound progress across all parts of its business. Management noted the tendering environment for mining services to be the most buoyant it has seen in a long time, with its own mining services pipeline of opportunity standing at \$2.5bn.

Separately, DVP's newly operational copper asset, Woodlawn, hit nameplate capacity during the quarter, underpinning expectations for strong growth in earnings and cash generation in the quarters to come.

RPL fell during the month despite announcing a solid quarter of net inflows for the March quarter (\$449m), to now trade on just 7x earnings. With net cash and fund investments of \$250m approximating 25% of the company's market capitalisation, RPL is well positioned to invest for growth while also executing on its \$75m buyback program.

Small and mid cap stocks continue to trade well below historical levels, with both the Small Ordinaries and Small Industrials priced at more than 2 standard deviations below their longer term medians.

So while a prolonged conflict in the Middle East may ultimately translate to pressure on near term earnings growth, we continue to see good value on offer though a medium to long term investment lens.

Top Holdings (alphabetical order)

360	Life360
NGI	Navigator Global Investments
NWS	News Corporation
PNI	Pinnacle Investment Management
ZIP	Zip Co

Performance	1 Month	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	Since Inception p.a.*	Since Inception*
The Elvest Fund	9.5%	5.4%	7.6%	8.4%	37.2%
S&P/ASX Small Industrials TR	2.5%	-0.2%	4.4%	3.3%	13.4%
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries TR	3.3%	15.3%	8.7%	5.9%	25.1%

* Inception date 1 June 2022. Performance after all fees & expenses. Cum distribution unit price (1/5/2026): MID (\$) 1.2262, ENTRY (\$) 1.2293, EXIT (\$) 1.2232.

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The Manager

Elvest Co is a boutique investment manager specialising in small and mid cap Australian equities. Independently owned and operated by managers with a strong track record, Elvest Co is the investment manager of The Elvest Fund.



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Adrian is a Portfolio Manager of the Elvest Fund, and a co-founder of investment management company Elvest Co Pty Limited. Adrian has over 15 years' experience in financial markets, with prior roles including Analyst, Senior Analyst, Portfolio Manager and Head of Investments.



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Investment Approach

Our bottom-up research and company visitation program results in an actively managed portfolio of high-quality Australian businesses offering dynamic growth. We seek to own a part share of established emerging leaders that are still relatively early in their life cycle. We therefore expect to benefit from the earnings and dividend growth that often follows. We target companies that have emerging industry leadership, a strong balance sheet, healthy cash generation, aligned management teams and large opportunity sets.

About The Fund

The Elvest Fund is a long-only Australian equities fund. The Fund invests in 20-40 companies that are typically outside of the S&P/ASX 100 at the time of initial inclusion. The objective is to provide strong absolute returns to investors, while also outperforming its Benchmark over the long term.

Fund Information

Name	The Elvest Fund	Investment Eligibility	Wholesale only
Structure	Wholesale Unit Trust	Minimum Investment	\$250,000 (unless otherwise agreed)
Investment Universe	ASX-Listed small and mid caps	Liquidity	Monthly
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ords Accum. Index	Distributions	Annually
Number of Holdings	20 to 40 securities	Fees	1.28% (incl. GST, net of RITC) 20.5% (incl. GST, net of RITC) of outperformance of the Benchmark, subject to a high water mark.
Stock Limit	10% at cost		
Investment Timeframe	5 years+		
APIR Code	FHT0540AU	Administration	Fundhost
Platform Availability	HUB24, Netwealth, Mason Stevens	Custodian	HSBC

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