

Astra Natural Resources Strategy

AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

Quartz Partners' Astra Natural Resources Strategy is a stock strategy that seeks to provide exposure to the commodities market through investments in companies whose profitability is tied to the world's natural resources.

PROCESS

Invests in equities of firms operating in the natural resource and commodities markets. This investment approach for commodities can provide participation in long-term commodity price trends because corporate profitability of firms operating in the natural resource sectors are often strongly linked to commodity prices.

STRATEGY PROFILE

Commodity-Linked Equity Strategy

BENCHMARK

S&P GSCI Index

INCEPTION DATE

4/1/2021

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Quartz Partners Investment Management

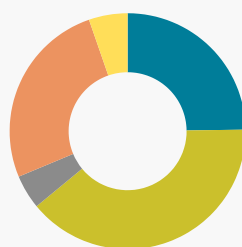
PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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Joseph Arena
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TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Security Name	Weight (%)
Cash	7.63
Kinross Gold Corp	5.32
Intrepid Potash Inc	5.21
Smart Sand Inc	5.20
UGI Corp	4.91
Plains GP Holdings LP	4.83
Dole PLC	4.83
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co	4.81
Bunge Global SA	4.69
Ternium SA ADR	4.67

EQUITY SECTORS (%)



Communication Services	0.00
Consumer Defensive	24.79
Consumer Cyclical	0.00
Energy	39.24
Financials	0.00
Health Care	0.00
Industrials	4.68
Materials	25.98
Real Estate	0.00
Technology	0.00
Utilities	5.31

Strategy allocations may vary depending on the custodian selected and are based on the target portfolio at the end of each period. The portfolio is dynamically adjusted and will frequently and substantially change. Actual allocations will vary due to market fluctuations.

ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS %

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Strategy - Gross	6.73	6.73	3.96	0.35	-	-	6.31
Strategy - Net	6.21	6.21	1.90	-1.64	-	-	4.21
Benchmark	4.89	4.89	3.83	1.25	-	-	14.32

ANNUAL RETURNS %

	Strategy (Gross)	Strategy (Net)	Benchmark
2021 beg. 4/1	8.44	6.83	23.61
2022	15.12	12.86	25.99
2023	-5.42	-7.31	-4.27
2024	1.37	-0.64	9.25
2025 YTD	6.73	6.21	4.89

RISK STATISTICS (SINCE INCEPTION)

	Strategy (Gross)	Benchmark
Standard Deviation		
3-Year	18.16	14.00
5-Year	-	-
Since Inception	16.99	17.13
Sharpe Ratio		
3-Year	-0.13	-0.15
5-Year	-	-
Since Inception	0.26	0.67

The Astra Natural Resources Strategy was named Asteria Equity Commodity Strategy until April 1, 2025.

DEFINITIONS **Standard deviation:** a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. It is designed to gauge the historical risk of an investment in terms of its past volatility. **Sharpe Ratio:** the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. **S&P GSCI Index:** a composite index of commodities that measures the performance of the commodities market. The index is designed to be investable by including the most liquid commodity futures, and provides diversification with low correlations to other asset classes.

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