



September 2024 Monthly Report

Returns 31-Dec-12 to 30-Sep-24

	Norse Capital	All Ords Accum	Outperformance	Small Ords Accum	Outperformance
Inception	435.43%	194.71%	240.72%	94.70%	340.73%
Inception per annum	15.34%	9.17%	6.17%	5.46%	9.88%
CY2024 (ytd)	26.44%	12.41%	14.03%	9.47%	16.98%
CY2023	17.73%	12.98%	4.75%	7.82%	9.90%
CY2022	-30.79%	-2.96%	-27.83%	-18.38%	-12.41%
CY2021	16.86%	17.74%	-0.88%	16.90%	-0.04%
CY2020	26.36%	3.64%	22.73%	9.21%	17.15%
CY2019	43.44%	24.06%	19.38%	21.36%	22.08%
CY2018	7.46%	-3.53%	10.99%	-8.67%	16.13%
CY2017	15.55%	12.47%	3.08%	20.02%	-4.46%
CY2016	9.31%	11.65%	-2.33%	13.18%	-3.87%
CY2015	36.80%	3.78%	33.02%	10.16%	26.65%
CY2014	10.81%	5.02%	5.79%	-3.81%	14.62%
CY2013	19.24%	19.66%	-0.41%	-0.76%	20.00%
1m	5.54%	3.45%	2.09%	5.06%	0.48%
3m	4.03%	7.85%	-3.83%	6.53%	-2.51%
6m	15.31%	6.60%	8.71%	1.78%	13.53%
1y	41.33%	22.15%	19.18%	18.79%	22.54%
2y pa	17.72%	17.51%	0.21%	12.64%	5.08%
3y pa	1.16%	8.09%	-6.93%	-0.57%	1.73%
5y pa	9.25%	8.65%	0.59%	4.38%	4.87%
7y pa	14.60%	9.98%	4.62%	6.45%	8.14%
10y pa	15.37%	9.17%	6.21%	6.96%	8.42%
Sharpe Ratio	0.92	0.61	1.52x	0.31	2.96x
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Annualised standard deviation	14.71%	13.64%		16.77%	
Highest monthly return	11.91%	10.16%		14.27%	
Largest monthly loss	-10.61%	-20.94%		-22.38%	
Largest drawdown	-36.68%	-27.33%		-29.11%	
% positive months	69.50%	65.96%		57.45%	

A pleasing +5.5% result for September to outpace both the Australian indices (All Ords +3.5% and Small Ords +5.1%) and the US indices (S&P 500 +1.0% and Nasdaq +2.7%).

The largest (and really only significant) negative contributor to September's returns was the +2.2% rise in the AUD-USD which cost the portfolio -1.1%. Much of the negative effect was muted thanks to our currency futures hedge which we started building up gradually since late 2022, averaging slightly under 65.5c overall. Our AUD-USD currency exposure currently sits at ~17.5% of the portfolio with some sold calls against about a third of the hedge due to expire or exercise shortly.

Our enterprise software basket was flat for the month (actually costing a tiny -0.03%). The worst performer was ZS with the shares down -14.5% despite posting results that beat forecasts with revenue +31% (vs +26.5% expected) and non-GAAP EPS at 88c (vs 69c expected). However decelerating billings guidance spooked the market. Elsewhere CRWD was up +1.2% while DDOG was down -1.0% and TTD rose +4.9%. The basket currently makes up ~16.5% of the portfolio.

Otherwise, on the positive side of the ledger, PME's stock continues to shoot the lights out with the shares rising +18.3% in September, continuing their run following their positive earnings report and just recently exceeding \$180! I sold another small parcel just above \$171 to yet again show how awful my PME selling performance has been. Despite my selling, PME remains our biggest single holding at a >15% weighting.

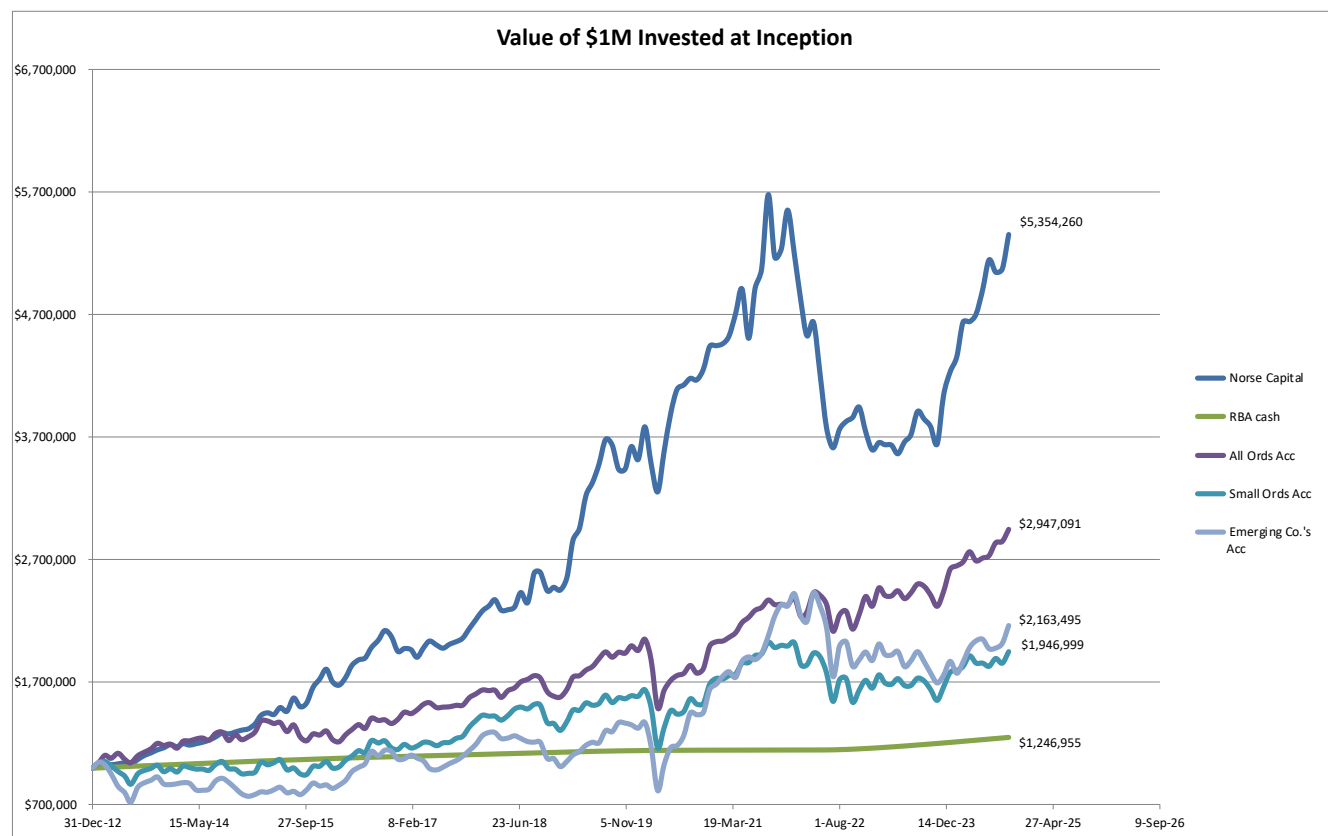
A good performance too from another of our top 5 holdings with RUL adding +12.8% as the shares were added to the S&P/ASX 300 Index. Other significant positive contributors were SDR, up +29.0% and TLX, up +11.4%. Along with the transition to positive cash-flow, SDR no longer has to lodge quarterly cash flow reports with the ASX. On TLX, we added 10% to our position when the shares dipped below \$18.

Shorts and hedges cost the portfolio -0.35% while the aforementioned rise in the AUD cost another -1.1%.

Portfolio Holdings:

Cash:	16.1% (AUD and USD)
AUD-USD currency exposure:	17.6%
Longs:	87.7%
Shorts:	-7.4%
Options delta:	-1.5%
Net exposure:	78.8%
Top 5 equities (alphabetical):	AAPL, PME, RMD, RUL, TTD

Net exposure has increased by over 8%, almost entirely due to our option delta whittling away. We cashed out almost half of our CRWD puts while the remainder expired worthless. Also expiring worthless was one of our QQQ put spreads. We rolled up some of our AAPL puts higher and also rolled out our NVDA puts along with SPY and QQQ put spreads. Despite that, our put deltas are diminishing as equity indices continue higher.



Performance/Risk Ratios

