

- **December Fund Performance:** December saw the fund deliver an annualised return of 10.15%, ~ 11bps up on November off the back of improved cash utilisation during the month (+25bps), outweighing a slight reduction in loan yields of circa 14bps. At 10.15%, the return equates to the RBA OCR plus 6.55%, exceeding the Fund's target of RBA OCR plus 5.0%.
- The fund's diversity metrics improved again in December with new investments increasing the number of loan exposures to 40, with investments spread across 26 separate borrowers and 8 discreet geographies.
- It is notable that the portfolio is presently skewed toward Adelaide (~50%) where government regulation and "red tape" settings are arguably the best in the country, and where the economy and population is growing. Whilst these conditions persist, it is likely our bias will also.
- **Market Conditions and underwriting discipline:** As previously noted, market pricing has tightened, particularly on loan terms and conditions we consider acceptable. Like most, we await the market response to the yield curve's short-end upward shift over the last month. Notwithstanding, we continue undertaking rigorous due diligence, thus ensuring realistic project feasibilities, conduct critical examinations on external valuations, and ensure that loan terms allow for interest rises in line with RBA rate rises.
- **Looking ahead:** The forward pipeline is strong, and we expect Bedrock to be near-optimally invested over the coming months. Our hope is that this will offset much of the impact of tighter loan pricing, and that our hands-on management approach positions Bedrock to continue outperforming its peers.

BEDROCK MORTGAGE FUND

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- **Loans in arrears:** As noted previously, there are currently two investments in interest arrears. The first, in Newport (NSW) is pending third-party refinancing, which is well advanced and expected to complete in February/March 2026. The second, in Box Hill (Melbourne) is progressing through a mortgagee-led strategy to reposition and re-permit the site for a multi-level, high-density development. The Manager expects full repayment, including penalty interest, in the coming months.
- **Legacy second mortgage investment and guarantee:** Following the Manager's policy decision to discontinue second-mortgage lending behind a 3rd party mortgagee, the Manager has provided Bedrock a guarantee-style arrangement on its one relevant second-mortgage investment, at Morwell in Victoria. Under this arrangement (commenced November 2025) the Fund now receives monthly cash interest at 8% p.a rather than the higher contracted rate, which following a restructure of that loan has been deferred until the loan's new maturity date in approx. 9-10 months. All other contributing investors in that loan were offered the same arrangement opportunity.

Note that whilst this remains a "subordinated" loan position, as the principal is subject to this arrangement with the Manager, Bedrock will cease treating this loan as "subordinated" for the purposes of managing its up-to-15% subordinated investment capacity.

ABOUT THE FUND MANAGER

Ark Capital is a boutique property fund manager established in 2015, specialising in private real estate debt and equity, and led by owners and executives with long experience through numerous credit and property development cycles.

Ark's primary business is its Ark Wholesale Mortgage Fund, a contributory fund originating mid-market syndicated loans, primarily to property developers and development land investors. Throughout its near 10+ year history Ark Capital has transacted over 120 real estate loan and equity deals valued at over \$1 billion.

Ark's executive team has long experience in the important disciplines, including property development and project assessment, loan due-diligence, loan origination and settlement, comprehensive loan management through the loan term, loan default management and debt recovery, and funds management and governance.

At Ark we put the preservation of our investors' capital at the forefront of our risk analysis process. Ark's executive team constantly reassesses the development landscape and Ark's investment settings, in order to avoid the riskiest segments and regions in the market. Coupled with our due diligence capability, these are our key strengths.

We rigorously, meticulously assess every aspect of a borrower's proposed project, the borrower's background, the markets they develop in and sell into, their contractors, their financial position and performance, and the security they are providing. We typically reject approximately 80% of loan opportunities we assess.

Ark Capital has a growing family of loyal mortgage fund investors encompassing high net wealth investors, family offices, independent financial advisors and wealth management firms who recommend our investments to their clients. We are open and transparent with our investors, and value the faith they show in us.

ABOUT THE BEDROCK FUND

Bedrock was created to offer a "pooled" version of Ark's Wholesale Mortgage Fund to our investors, to provide an investment diversity option for our investors seeking to avoid concentration risk.

Bedrock invests exclusively in Ark Wholesale Mortgage Fund loans, in syndicate alongside other contributing investors. Bedrock takes positions in multiple loans in order to deliver an ever-reducing concentration risk as measured by the portfolio standard deviation, and essentially making it a proxy for the greater Ark Capital investment universe.

Bedrock's diversity targets include increasing the number of loans, limiting single borrower exposure, and spreading investments across multiple regions and development sectors. The portfolio is constantly calibrated to deliver its returns with as much diversity as is practicable.

Bedrock's investments include a minimum 85% 1st mortgage loans with up to 15% able to be invested in subordinated loan positions. The Fund Manager's judicious use of subordinated loan positions has added approximately 70 basis points to Bedrock's YTD annualised returns.

Bedrock's returns are determined by reference to the interest rate paid by borrowers on the loans, plus a 1% rebate from the Fund Manager of its line fee income on the loans, less the Fund Manager's 0.75% fee and direct costs capped at 0.25%.

AVAILABLE ON THESE PLATFORMS

