

STRATEGIC RECEIVES TOP ASX GOLD SECTOR RATING

In the Australian Sharemarket in the 'top performance' survey of the past twelve month period.

Strategic Minerals Corporation NL was rated number one in the gold sector on the Australian Stock Exchange in terms of investment return. The survey, carried out by L.E.K. Consulting, saw Strategic return 633% over the period, due principally to the exploration success achieved at it's Woolgar Gold Project in North Queensland.

The overall best performing stocks on the ASX as reported by the Australian Newspaper are listed in the following tables.

Industry/Sector	Company	%
* Gold	Strategic Minerals Corporation	633
Chemicals	Orica	123
Transport	Wridgways	184
Food & Household Goods	Ruralco Holdings	140
Miscellaneous Industrials	MXL	181
Paper & packaging	Plaspak Group	96
Engineering	Vietnam Industrial Investments	49
Property Trusts	Prime Retail	47
Building Materials	Reece Australia	95
Tourism & Leisure	lasbet	223
Retail	Skansen Holdings	450
Investment Services	Treasury Group	931
Banks	Wide Bay Capricorn Bld Society	60
Development & Contractors	Macmahon Holdings	181
Div Industrials	Schaffer Corporation	155
Div Resources	Minerals Corporation	8
Infrastructure & Utilities	Alintagas	40

Over 1 year				
ASX Code	Company	Sector	Mkt Cap (\$m)	1 year
MNR	Minotaur Resources	Other Metals	27	938.1
TRG	Treasury Group	Investment Services	80	930.8
* SMC	Strategic Minerals Corp	Gold	46	633.3
CMQ	Chemeq	Biotech/Pharmaceutical	184	565.0
SKN	Skansen Holdings	Retail	21	450.0
ARQ	Arc Energy	Energy	78	420.4
SRI	Sipa Resources Int	Gold	64	376.9
CST	Cellestis	Biotech/Pharmaceutical	102	368.3
GML	Gateway Mining	Gold	19	352.4
SDI	SDI	Healthcare	68	335.1
ASL	Ausdrill	Miscellaneous Services	17	317.9
ABS	A.B.C. Learning Centres	Miscellaneous Services	195	311.2
TBC	Tribeca Corporation	Miscellaneous Services	28	310.4
ATG	Austin Group	Retail	20	292.6
HHL	Hunter Hall International	Investment Services	154	262.3
COA	Coates Hire	Miscellaneous Services	461	243.0
ECL	Ecat Development Capital	Investment Services	22	228.6
IAS	lasbet	Tourism/Leisure	29	222.7
JET	Jetset Travelworld	Retail	16	216.9
BMS	Basin Minerals	Other Metals	111	208.6