

# Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund

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### Monthly Fact Sheet August 2020

#### Fund Performance

Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund Performance (after fees) as at 31 Aug 2020

Performance <sup>1</sup>	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a	5 years % p.a	7 years % p.a	Inception % p.a <sup>2</sup>
Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund	6.61	12.81	11.24	-	-	-	14.22
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	7.24	6.61	2.07	-	-	-	5.16
Active return	-0.63	6.19	9.17	-	-	-	9.06

<sup>1</sup> Returns are calculated after fees have been deducted and assume distributions have been reinvested. No allowance is made for tax when calculating these figures. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Past performance figures that are less than 12 months are for informational purposes only and are not to be relied upon when considering the likely performance of the Fund. **Source: Fidante Partners Limited, 31 Aug 2020.**

<sup>2</sup> The inception date for the Fund is 26 March 2019

#### Track Record of Investment Strategy

Historical performance of the investment strategy applicable to the Fund<sup>3</sup> - as at 31 Aug 2020

Performance	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a	5 years % p.a	7 years % p.a	Inception % p.a <sup>3</sup>
Investment strategy	6.61	12.81	11.24	12.73	13.47	12.64	9.45
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	7.24	6.61	2.07	8.01	10.47	6.93	3.03
Active return	-0.63	6.19	9.17	4.71	3.00	5.71	6.42

<sup>3</sup>Eiger Capital launched the Fund on 26 March 2019. Eiger Capital's Stephen Wood and Victor Gomes apply the same strategy to the Fund as they applied between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2019 to a mandate they managed whilst at another large asset management firm, including the same investment process, methodology and investment universe. For information purposes, we have provided the historical performance of the strategy since 1 April 2011. The strategy's performance represented here is on an after fees basis, whereby returns are adjusted to reflect the Fund's fees as if applied throughout the relevant performance period of the strategy. **Source: Fidante Partners Limited, 31 Aug 2020.**

#### Fund facts

<b>Portfolio managers</b>	Stephen Wood, Victor Gomes, David Haddad
<b>Fund inception date</b>	26 March 2019
<b>Investment objective</b>	The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over rolling five year periods (after fees).
<b>Management fee</b>	1.00%
<b>Performance fee</b>	20% of the Fund's daily return (after fees and expenses and after adding back any distributions paid) above the Performance Benchmark. <sup>4</sup>
<b>Buy/sell spread</b>	+0.40% / -0.40%
<b>Fund size</b>	\$6.1M
<b>Distribution frequency</b>	Quarterly

<sup>4</sup>The Benchmark for the Fund is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

#### Fund features

**Concentrated:** A best-ideas portfolio of small company opportunities. Typically 30-40 stocks, diversified across industry sectors and actively risk managed.

**Nursery for future leaders:** We focus on identifying small companies with potential to strongly compound up growth over the medium term regardless of economic cycles. We prefer companies that have enduring quality-based franchise factors.

**Experienced and aligned:** The investment team has more than 60 years of combined industry experience. We have materially invested in the Fund alongside our clients and also own a majority of equity in Eiger Capital.

**Disciplined and proven process:** We take a longer term view than the market, intrinsically valuing small companies using our proprietary 6 year cashflow-based valuation model. We then apply our "9 Commandments" qualitative investment rules, distilled from our 60 years of industry experience. This proven investment process has delivered our clients strong long term investment returns through varying phases of equity markets.

### Top 3 active positions (alphabetical)

Adairs Ltd  
Collins Foods Ltd  
NEXTDC Ltd

### Stock attribution (alphabetical)

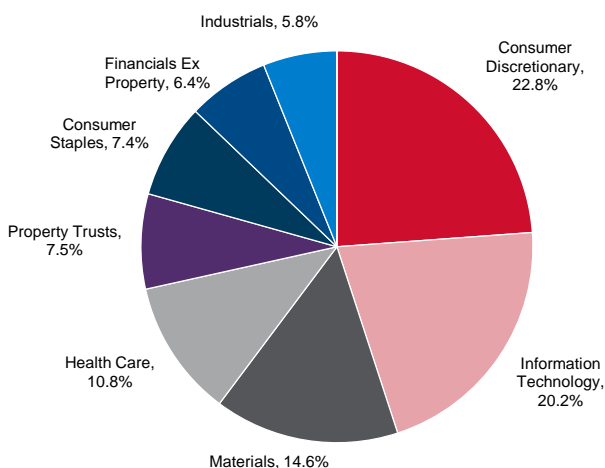
#### Top contributors (month)

Adairs Ltd  
Corporate Travel Management Limited  
Starpharma Holdings Limited

#### Top detractors (month)

Alacer Gold Corp. CDI 1 to 1  
Emeco Holdings Ltd  
Gold Road Resources Ltd

Asset allocation	Actual %	Range %
Security	95.47	90-100%
Cash	4.53	0-10%



## Fund performance summary

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index returned +7.24% for the month. The fund underperformed the market and delivered a +6.61% return over the month.

## Contributors

### Adairs Ltd (ADH)

Strong online growth and low valuation versus peers.

### Corporate Travel Management Limited (CTD)

Better than expected result and beneficiary of prospective vaccines.

### Starpharma Holdings Limited (SPL)

Announcement of development of COVID nasal spray and soluble antiviral drug.

## Detractors

### Alacer Gold Corp. CDI 1 to 1 (AQQ)

Retracement of gold equities and gold price.

### Emeco Holdings Ltd (EHL)

Dilutive capital raising.

### Gold Road Resources Ltd (GOR)

Retracement of gold equities and gold price.

## Market overview

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index (XSO) increased by 7.24% during August 2020. The Small Industrials decreased by 9.58%, while the Small Resources decreased by 1.48%. XSO finished the month on a forecast price to earnings ratio of 23.2x which is 44% above its 5 year average. This valuation is 21% higher than the equivalent ratio for the ASX200. These relative valuations are unprecedented.

The best performing sectors were: Biotechnology, (+20.0%), Automotive (+19.2%), Commercial Services (+17.7%), Media (+15.8%) and Retail (14.6%). The worst performing sectors during August were Energy (-12.3%), Metals & Mining - Precious (-6.3%), Metals & Mining - Base (-0.5%) and Chemicals (+0.25%).

The best performing stocks within the XSO Index were PointsBet (PBH, +118%), Corporate Travel (CTD, +81%), Zip (Z1P, +54%) and IDP Education (IEL, +51%). PointsBet signed a deal with NBC in the US to exploit the progressive legalisation of sports betting. Corporate Travel reported a better than expected FY20 result and is likely to be a big beneficiary of the release of COVID-19 vaccines.

The worst performing stocks in the XSO index were Whitehaven Coal (WHC, -33%), Australian Ethical (AEF, -21%) and Ioneer (INR, -20%). Whitehaven Coal is under pressure from low coal prices and lower demand from China.

## Market outlook

The market and economic outlook is still dominated by the impact of COVID-19. The economic damage measured in declines in GDP and rises in unemployment has been significant in a historical context. Whether the recovery is steep or slow will keep market guessing for the foreseeable future. As at the end of August 2020 the market was more optimistic given the progress on vaccine testing and pre-emptive dose manufacturing. In addition, it would appear that the health impact of second wave infections is likely to be less than the early 2020 "first wave". We believe whatever the shape of the downturn and recovery that interest rates will remain low and debt will remain very high.

The ongoing trade dispute between The US and China trade continues to escalate. The US Presidential election in November will probably add to these tensions. There are now almost daily developments.

Resources and their related mining services suppliers are also dependent on the US\$/A\$ exchange rate. The A\$ is now trading at almost US\$0.73c which has increased from US\$0.65c in only three months. This increase will reduce export margins. However Australia's main competitor for the sale of iron ore, Brazil, seems to be struggling to increase volume at the same rate as the Australian producers, in response to strong prices. In addition, the recent significant rainfall appears to translating into sizeable crop forecasts which combined with Iron Ore may assist the balance of trade.

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