Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund



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Monthly Fact Sheet April 2021

Fund Performance

Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund Performance (after fees) as at 30 Apr 2021

Performance ¹	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	2 years % p.a	3 years % p.a	5 years % p.a	10 years % p.a	Inception % p.a ²
Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund	3.97	9.08	52.75	21.12	-	-	-	21.96
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	4.98	7.44	39.78	10.07	-	-	-	12.25
Active return	-1.01	1.64	12.97	11.05	-	-	-	9.70

¹ 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, 30 Apr 2021.**

Track Record of Investment Strategy

Historical performance of the investment strategy applicable to the Fund³ - as at 30 Apr 2021

Performance	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	2 years % p.a	3 years % p.a	5 years % p.a	10 years % p.a	Inception % p.a ³
Investment strategy	3.97	9.08	52.75	21.12	15.04	14.99	11.42	11.26
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	4.98	7.44	39.78	10.07	9.10	11.10	4.89	4.58
Active return	-1.01	1.64	12.97	11.05	5.94	3.89	6.53	6.68

³Eiger 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, 30 Apr 2021.**

Fund facts				
Portfolio managers	Stephen Wood, Victor Gomes, David Haddad			
Fund inception date	26 March 2019			
Investment objective	The Fund aims to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over rolling five year periods (after fees).			
Management fee	1.00%			
Performance fee	20% of the Fund's daily return (after fees and expenses and after adding back any distributions paid) above the Performance Benchmark. ⁴			
Buy/sell spread	+0.40% / -0.40%			
Fund size	\$57.9M			
Distribution frequency	Quarterly			

⁴The 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.

² The inception date for the Fund is 26 March 2019



Top 3 active positions (alphabetical)

AP Eagers Limited

Lynas Rare Earths Ltd

NEXTDC Ltd

Stock attribution (alphabetical)

Top contributors (month)

Adairs Ltd

Life360 Inc

Reece Ltd

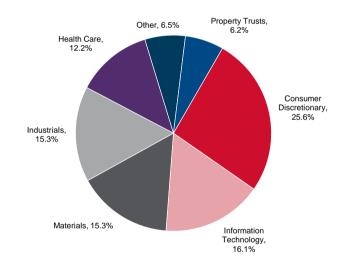
Top detractors (month)

Lynas Rare Earths Ltd

Redbubble Ltd

Whitehaven Coal Ltd

Asset allocation	Actual %	Range %
Security	97.13	90-100%
Cash	2.87	0-10%



Fund performance summary

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index returned +4.98% for the month. The fund underperformed the market and delivered a +3.97% return over the month.

Contributors

Adairs Ltd (ADH)

Nothing specific. Valuation support.

Life360 Inc (360)

Acquisition of adjacent product.

Reece Ltd (REH)

Beneficiary of strong property development in USA and Australia.

Detractors

Lynas Rare Earths Ltd (LYC)

Strong in prior months. Concern about increased supply from

Redbubble Ltd (RBL)

Weaker than expected March 2021 quarterly.

Whitehaven Coal Ltd (WHC)

Weak March 2021 quarterly and reduced production outlook. Poor optics on MD share sale.

Market overview

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index (XSO) increased by a 4.98% during April 2021. The Small Industrials increased by 3.91%, while the Small Resources increased by a significant 9.5%. XSO finished the month on a forecast FY22 price to earnings ratio of 18.6x which is 14% above its 5-year average. This valuation is a 2% premium to the ASX200.

The best performing sectors were: Metals & Mining – Base, (+14.8%), Metals & Mining - Precious (+13.2%), Metals & Mining - Steel (+12.2%), Real Estate Management (+10.1%) and Metals & Mining - Other (9.9%). The worst performing sectors during April were Energy (-9.8%), Biotech (-6.7%), Chemicals (-1.5%) and Consumer Discretionary (-0.6%).

The best performing stocks within the XSO Index were Galaxy Resources (GXY, +55%), De Gray Mining (DEG, +48%), Orocobre (ORE, +42%) and Chalice Mining (CHN, +33%). Galaxy and Orocobre merged to create a larger more diversified supplier of lithium. De Gray and Chalice both had strong exploration drilling results.

The worst performing stocks in the XSO index were Coronado Resources (CRN, -34%), Whitehaven Coal (WHC, -28%) and Nuix (NWH, -20%). Coronado undertook a capital raising and is impacted by low coking coal prices. Whitehaven Coal reported a weak March 2021 quarterly and a downgrade to FY21 production. Nuix confirmed that it would not achieve its prospectus forecasts.

Market outlook

The market and economic outlook are dominated by the rate of recovery from COVID-19 and vaccine rollout rates. Currently markets are anticipating a recovery in industrial production in 2021. In the UK and North America, in particular, there is a race to rollout vaccines as fast as possible. Infection rates in those countries now appear to be falling rapidly. However there is now significant concern about outbreaks in emerging economies, notably India. We believe whatever the shape of the downturn and recovery that interest rates will remain relatively low and debt will remain very high despite recent ructions in the global bond markets.

The ongoing trade dispute between The US and China has become more pronounced during the COVID-19 lockdown period. The election of Joe Biden has made little difference to the trade dispute between The US and China. Australia is caught up in this dispute with several exports targeted. Despite this commodity prices are rising particularly LNG and thermal coal, key exports for Australia. Iron ore has remained strong throughout the year to date.

Resources and their related mining services suppliers are also dependent on the US\$/A\$ exchange rate. The A\$ is currently trading around US\$0.77c. The A\$ has strengthened as optimism on world growth in 2021 has improved. The farming



community also looks set to significantly benefit from record crops across Australia following best in a decade growing conditions. Despite the China trade bans there seems to be significant demand for the record Australian wheat crop and barley. Wine exports, the initial focus of China imports tariffs, have also held up much better than expected. The biggest concern at present seems to be finding enough people to pick the crops given State based COVID restrictions.

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