

Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund

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Monthly Fact Sheet October 2021

Fund Performance

Eiger Australian Small Companies Fund Performance (after fees) as at 31 Oct 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	-0.56	6.55	44.19	24.64	-	-	-	24.05
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	0.92	3.68	31.01	13.11	-	-	-	13.05
Active return	-1.47	2.87	13.18	11.54	-	-	-	11.00

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, 31 Oct 2021.**

² The inception date for the Fund is 26 March 2019

Track Record of Investment Strategy

Historical performance of the investment strategy applicable to the Fund³ - as at 31 Oct 2021

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Investment strategy	-0.56	6.55	44.19	24.64	21.46	16.23	14.34	12.21
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	0.92	3.68	31.01	13.11	13.54	11.47	6.98	5.11
Active return	-1.47	2.87	13.18	11.54	7.92	4.76	7.36	7.10

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, 31 Oct 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	\$253.8M
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.

Top 3 active positions (alphabetical)

Johns Lyng Group Ltd
Life360 Inc
Technology One Limited

Stock attribution (alphabetical)

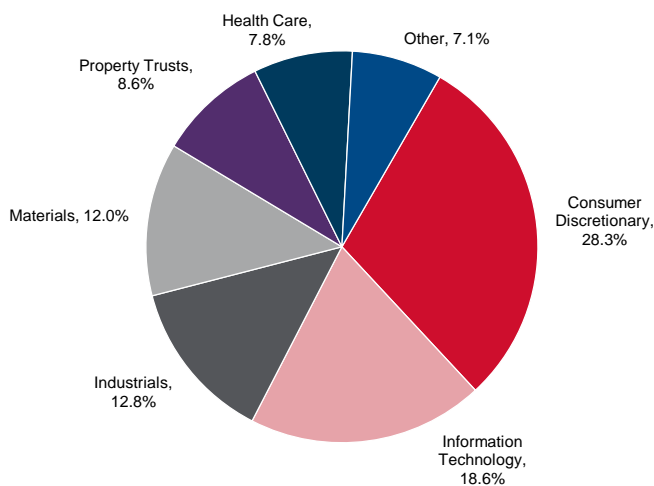
Top contributors (month)

Gold Road Resources Ltd
Life360 Inc
Lynas Rare Earths Ltd

Top detractors (month)

Domino's Pizza Enterprises Limited
EML Payments Limited
Mainfreight Ltd

Asset allocation	Actual %	Range %
Security	95.23	90-100%
Cash	4.77	0-10%



Fund performance summary

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index returned +0.92% for the month. The fund underperformed the market and delivered a -0.56% return over the month.

Contributors

Gold Road Resources Ltd (GOR)

Strong gold price and around a 30% increase in gold reserve announced.

Life360 Inc (360)

Strong 3Q announcement.

Technology One (TNE)

No specific news.

Detractors

Domino's Pizza Enterprises Limited (DMP)

Very strong in September quarter.

EML Payments Limited (EML)

Delay in resolving issues with Irish Central Bank.

Mainfreight Ltd (MFT NZ)

Very strong in September quarter.

Market overview

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Index (XSO) increased by 0.92% during October 2021. The Small Industrials decreased by 0.6%, while the Small Resources increased by a substantial 6.5%. XSO finished the month on a 2yr forecast price to earnings (P/E) ratio of 19.6x which is 17% above its 5-year average. This valuation is a 10% premium to the ASX200.

The best performing sectors were: Metals & Mining - Precious, (+15.1%), Metals & Mining – Advanced Materials (+7.7%), Mining Services & Engineering (+6.9%) and IT Products & Services (+6.1%). The worst performing sectors during October were Financial Services (-5.2%), Agricultural Products (-4.7%), Biotechnology (-3.9%) and Consumer Discretionary & Leisure (-3.8%).

The best performing stocks within the XSO Index were West African Resources (WAF, +34%), Liontown Resources (LTR, +32%), Nick Scali (NCK, +30%) and Paladin Energy (PDN, +28%). West African Resources announced exploration success and benefitted from the stronger gold price. Liontown completed a demerger and has been included in the ASX 300. Nick Scali announced the acquisition of Plush furniture. Paladin Energy benefitted from renewed interest in nuclear energy and uranium.

The worst performing stocks in the XSO index were Strike Energy (STX, -36%), Marley Spoon (MMM, -32%) and EML Payments (EML, -24%). Strike Energy announced disappointing reserves from its Perth Basin project. Marley Spoon is struggling to maintain a combination of margin and growth in the face of its markets exiting from COVID conditions. EML Payments announced that its efforts to settle outstanding issues with the Irish Central Bank are going to take longer than previously announced.

Market outlook

The market and economic outlook are dominated by the rate of recovery from COVID-19 and its impact on inflation and interest rates. Hospitalisation rates from COVID in those countries with high vaccination rates appear to be within expected limits. The debate around the trajectory of inflation post COVID has shifted from the near certainty that it was a temporary concern to the prospect that it will remain elevated for a longer period. The risk of stagflation has also risen. Global bond markets are voting with 5yr US Treasury yields increasing from 0.95% a month ago to 1.2% now. The equivalent Australian bond yield has increased from 0.78% to 1.36%. We believe whatever the shape of the downturn and recovery that interest rates overall will remain lower than in prior cycles as debt will remain very high.

The cost of hard and soft commodities and particularly energy has risen sharply. Energy costs could potentially feed into widespread price rises if they persist. In addition, the ability of China to supply the world with a just-in-time supply or a huge range of consumer goods has at least temporarily declined.

Shipping costs have skyrocketed. Booming real estate prices in most developed economies is beginning to cause reflection among key Central banks.

Resources and soft commodities are also dependent on the US\$/A\$ exchange rate. The A\$ is currently trading below US\$0.75c and has started to rise but remains at a level that is very positive for Australian exporters.

We continue to believe that low interest rates will remain positive for equity valuations. However, we are becoming more cautious on the impact this will have on growth.

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