

# Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund

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## Performance as at 31 July 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Inception p.a <sup>1</sup>
Fund <sup>2</sup>	6.7%	3.2%	10.8%	3.1%	7.9%	9.0%
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	3.5%	2.0%	9.3%	-0.6%	3.5%	6.0%
Difference	3.2%	1.2%	1.5%	3.8%	4.4%	3.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inception date is 11 July 2016. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a. returns are annualised.

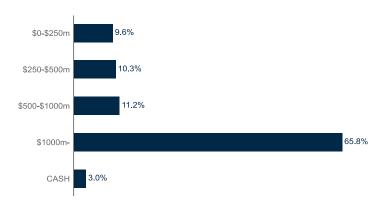
## **Overall Commentary**

The Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund returned 6.7% (after fees) for the month of July, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 3.2%.

## **Top 5 Holdings**

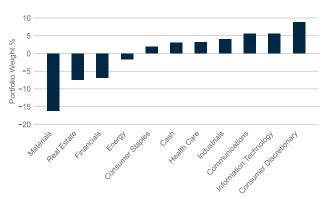
Company Name	% Portfolio	
IRESS Limited	5.1	
Healius Limited	4.6	
Supply Network Limited	4.6	
Bega Cheese Limited	4.3	
Magellan Financial Group Limited	3.5	
Top 5	22.2	

### Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

# Active Sector Exposure



Source: Spheria Asset Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund. Returns of the Fund are net of applicable fees, costs, and taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.



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### **Markets**

Overseas there was a significant rotation away from expensive technology companies into smaller companies with the Russell 2000 index gaining over 10% and outperforming the NASDAQ by almost 12%. This was driven by increased expectations of a US rate cut in September with Federal Reserve members bringing forward their view on the timing of cuts due to weaker than expected economic data. In Australia, whilst small companies rallied 3.5%, they still lagged their large cap counterparts (i.e. S&P ASX 100 Index) which gained 4.2%. We feel there remains a valuation opportunity in many small cap names that have significantly lagged large cap peers and a narrow set of small cap "growth" companies which are trading at levels that appear nearly impossible to justify.

Iress (IRE.ASX), Magellan Financial Group (MFG.ASX) and Star Entertainment Group (SGR.ASX) were positive contributors over the month. City Chic Collective (CCX.ASX) and **not owning** both Zip Co (ZIP.ASX) and Ventia Services Group (VNT.ASX) were notable detractors.

### **Platform Availability List**

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Asgard Freedom of Choice Mason Stevens PowerWrap
BT Panorama HUB24 mFund Praemium

Centric Insignia Expand Netwealth

CFS FirstWrap Insignia Financial Wrap

Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund			
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index		
Investment Objective	Outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term		
Investing Universe	Primarily listed companies outside the top ASX 100 listed companies by market capitalisation and companies listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange with an equivalent market capitalisation		
Risk	Very high		
Holdings	Generally 20-65 stocks		
Distributions	Half-Yearly		
Fees	1.10% p.a Management fee & 20% performance fee of the Fund's excess return versus its benchmark, net of the management fee		
Cash	Up to 20% cash, typically 5% - 10%		
Expected Turnover	30% - 40%		
Style	Long only		
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Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000		



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### **Fund Ratings**





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