

Performance as at 31 May 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Inception p.a ¹
Fund ²	-2.6%	-1.7%	8.8%	2.7%	6.6%	8.4%
Benchmark ³	0.0%	1.5%	10.9%	-0.1%	4.2%	5.9%
Difference	-2.5%	-3.3%	-2.1%	2.8%	2.5%	2.5%

¹ Inception date is 11 July 2016. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a. returns are annualised.

² Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund. Returns of the Fund are net of applicable fees, costs, and taxes.

³ Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

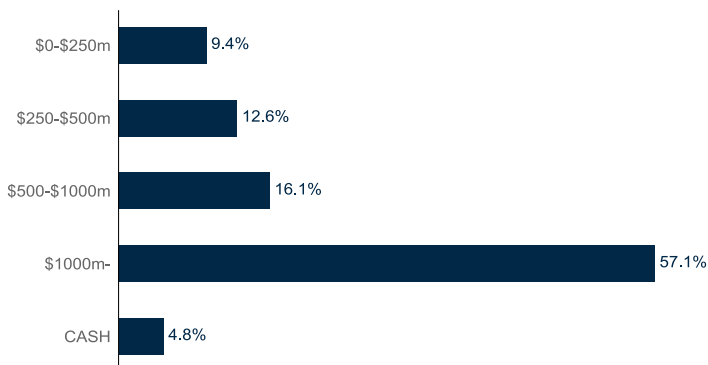
Overall Commentary

The Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund returned -2.6% (after fees) during the month of May, underperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 2.5%.

Top 5 Holdings

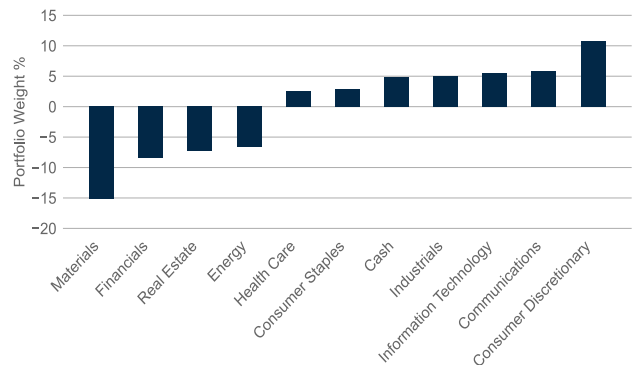
Company Name	% Portfolio
Bega Cheese Limited	5.0
Supply Network Limited	4.7
Healius Limited	4.2
IRESS Limited	3.9
Deterra Royalties Limited	3.1
Top 5	20.9

Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

Active Sector Exposure



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Markets

The recurring “flight to safety” thematic drove another leg up in extremely expensive names. Anything cyclical / out-of-favour generally became even more so in May. The bifurcation was perhaps exacerbated by transition selling in the small and micro-cap space as two of our competitors were closed during the month. Nevertheless, it was a difficult month for the fund as several holdings downgraded their earnings expectations including Michael Hill International (MHJ.ASX) and Ainsworth Game Technology (AGI.ASX). Unfortunately, positive movements in the share prices of Supply Network (SNL.ASX), Vista Group International (VGL.ASX) and Star Entertainment Group (SGR.ASX) failed to make up for the aforementioned factors.

In our opinion, the Australian economy is experiencing “recession like” conditions which though negative for company profits in the short term could paradoxically precipitate an easing of monetary policy in the not-too-distant future. Given the market tends to price in advance of such shifts, we believe there is currently an attractive window to buy cyclically exposed companies that in many cases are plumbing multi-year lows and, in some cases, all-time lows.

Platform Availability List

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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
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
APIR	WHT0008AU
Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000

Fund Ratings



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