

# Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund

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## Performance as at 31 October 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>	1.2%	4.1%	33.9%	1.9%	8.7%	9.3%
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	0.8%	3.8%	26.6%	-0.6%	4.7%	6.3%
Difference	0.4%	0.3%	7.2%	2.5%	4.0%	3.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inception date is 16 May 2016. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a. returns are annualised.

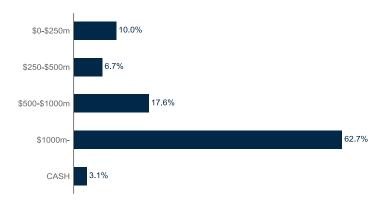
# **Overall Commentary**

The Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund returned 1.2% (after fees) for the month of October, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 0.4%.

## Top 5 Holdings

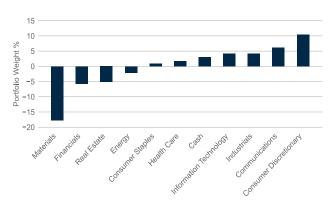
Company Name	% Portfolio	
Supply Network Limited	5.4	
Fletcher Building Limited	4.9	
Insignia Financial Limited	4.5	
IRESS Limited	4.1	
Healius Limited	3.9	
Top 5	22.7	

## Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

# **Active Sector Exposure**



Source: Spheria Asset Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Spheria Australian Microcap 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**

Small caps continued to march higher in October, outperforming larger companies. General sentiment continues to improve with markets increasingly believing that central bankers are navigating a soft landing with inflation falling and interest rates beginning to be cut across most markets. Australia has been the exception so far on this front and is increasingly looking like an isolated case – although against this we didn't tighten anywhere nearly as far as the US, UK or NZ. This backdrop is viewed as supportive for consumer spending and growth more generally. Despite ongoing geopolitical and election uncertainty the small-cap index is up over 26% in the last year.

Insignia Financial (IFL.ASX, +70bps), not owning WEB Travel Group (WEB.ASX, +49bps), and not owning Champion Iron (CIA.ASX, +23bps) were positive contributors for the month. The largest detractors from performance included not owning Arcadium Lithium (LTM.ASX, -54bps), Sigma Healthcare (SIG.ASX, -27bps) and Life360 (360.ASX, -24bps).

### **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 Incover 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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