

## Overall Commentary

The Company's performance for the month of February was 0.4% (after fees), underperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 1.4%.

Small caps outperformed large caps over February continuing their strong rebound since October. Information technology and consumer discretionary sectors outperformed over reporting season, the latter we believe was due to low expectations heading into results.

Bravura Solutions (BVS.ASX), GWA Group (GWA.ASX) and Bega Cheese (BGA.ASX) were positive contributors over the month. Ainsworth Game Technology (AGI.ASX), Healius (HLS.ASX) and Michael Hill International (MHJ.ASX) were notable detractors.

## Company Facts

Investment Manager	Spheria Asset Management Pty Limited
ASX Code	SEC
Share Price	\$2.230
Inception Date	30 November 2017
Listing Date	5 December 2017
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index
Dividends Paid	Quarterly
Management Fee	1.00% (plus GST) per annum <sup>1</sup>
Performance Fee	20% (plus GST) of the Portfolio's outperformance <sup>2</sup>
Market Capitalisation	\$133.3m

<sup>1</sup> Calculated daily and paid at the end of each month in arrears.

<sup>2</sup> Against the Benchmark over each 6-month period to a high-water mark mechanism

## Performance as at 29 February 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Inception p.a. <sup>3</sup>
Company <sup>1</sup>	0.4%	13.8%	10.7%	4.7%	7.3%	7.0%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.7%	10.1%	7.8%	1.4%	4.4%	4.5%
Difference	-1.4%	3.8%	2.9%	3.3%	2.9%	2.4%

<sup>1</sup> Calculated as the Company's investment portfolio performance after fees excluding tax on realised and unrealised gains/losses and other earnings and after company expenses

<sup>2</sup> Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

<sup>3</sup> Inception date is 30 November 2017. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a. returns are annualised.

## Net Tangible Assets (NTA)<sup>1</sup>

Pre-Tax NTA<sup>2</sup>

2.323

Post-Tax NTA<sup>3</sup>

2.284

<sup>1</sup> NTA calculations exclude Deferred Tax Assets relating to capitalised issue related balance and income tax losses.

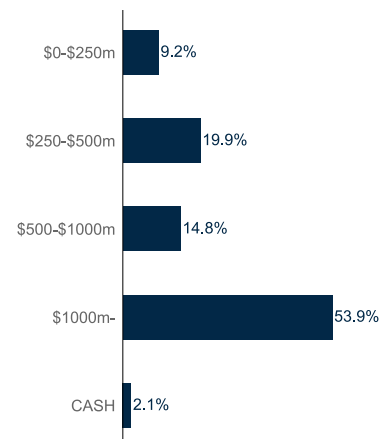
<sup>2</sup> Pre-tax NTA includes tax on realised gains/losses and other earnings, but excludes any provisions for tax on unrealised gains/losses.

<sup>3</sup> Post-tax NTA includes tax on realised and unrealised gains/losses and other earnings.

## Top 10 Holdings

Company Name	% Portfolio
IRESS Limited	5.2
Bega Cheese Limited	4.8
Supply Network Limited	4.1
Vista Group International Limited	3.7
The Star Entertainment Group Limited	3.4
GWA Group Limited	3.1
Link Administration Holdings Limited	3.1
Adbri Limited	3.0
Breville Group Limited	2.8
Deterra Royalties Limited	2.7
<b>Top 10</b>	<b>35.9</b>

## Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

### Fund Ratings



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