

Overall Commentary

The Company performance for the month of July was 6.7% (after fees), outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 3.2%.

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.

Company Facts

Investment Manager	Spheria Asset Management Pty Limited
ASX Code	SEC
Share Price	\$2.190
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 ¹
Performance Fee	20% (plus GST) of the Portfolio's outperformance ²
Market Capitalisation	\$131.0m

¹ Calculated daily and paid at the end of each month in arrears.

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

Performance as at 31 July 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Inception p.a. ³
Company ¹	6.7%	3.0%	9.7%	2.4%	7.3%	7.1%
Benchmark ²	3.5%	2.0%	9.3%	-0.6%	3.5%	4.8%
Difference	3.2%	1.0%	0.4%	3.0%	3.8%	2.3%

¹ 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

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

³ 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)¹

Pre-Tax NTA²

2.344

Post-Tax NTA³

2.310

The NTA values shown above are after the dividend of 3.4 cents per share payable on 13 August 2024. The ex-date of the dividend was 23 July 2024.

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

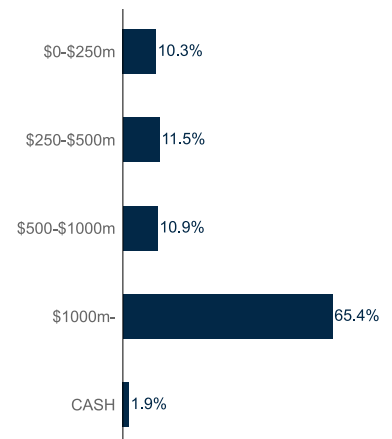
² Pre-tax NTA includes tax on realised gains/losses and other earnings, but excludes any provisions for tax on unrealised gains/losses.

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

Top 10 Holdings

Company Name	% Portfolio
IRESS Limited	4.9
Healius Limited	4.6
Bega Cheese Limited	4.4
Supply Network Limited	4.4
The Star Entertainment Group Limited	3.7
Magellan Financial Group Limited	3.7
Deterra Royalties Limited	3.0
Breville Group Limited	2.8
GWA Group Limited	2.8
Fletcher Building Limited	2.8
Top 10	36.9

Market Cap Bands



Fund Ratings



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