

### Overall Commentary

The Company performance for the month of October was 1.0% (after fees), outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 0.2%.

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, +66bps), not owning WEB Travel Group (WEB.ASX, +49bps), and Michael Hill International (MHJ.ASX, +27bps) 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).

### Company Facts

<b>Investment Manager</b>	<b>Spheria Asset Management Pty Limited</b>
ASX Code	SEC
Share Price	\$2.330
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	\$139.3m

<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 31 October 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>	1.0%	3.7%	33.2%	1.0%	7.9%	7.4%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	0.8%	3.8%	26.6%	-0.6%	4.7%	5.2%
Difference	0.2%	-0.1%	6.6%	1.6%	3.3%	2.2%

<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>

<b>Pre-Tax NTA<sup>2</sup></b>
2.395
<b>Post-Tax NTA<sup>3</sup></b>
2.339

The NTA values shown above are after the dividend of 3.5 cents per share paid on 12 November 2024. The ex-date of the dividend was 22 October 2024.

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

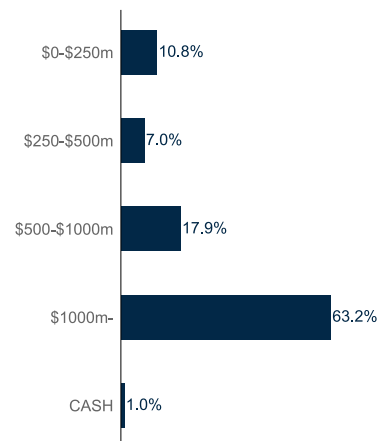
<sup>2</sup> Pre-tax NTA includes tax on realised gains/losses and other earnings, but excludes any provisions for tax on unrealised gains/losses.

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### Top 10 Holdings

Company Name	% Portfolio
Supply Network Limited	5.5
Fletcher Building Limited	4.9
Insignia Financial Limited	4.4
IRESS Limited	4.2
Healius Limited	3.8
Bega Cheese Limited	3.6
Universal Store Holdings Limited	3.2
Sims Limited	3.0
Technology One Limited	2.9
Deterra Royalties Limited	2.7
<b>Top 10</b>	<b>38.2</b>

### Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

## Fund Ratings



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