

# Spheria Australian Microcap Fund

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### Performance as at 28 February 2025

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Inception p.a <sup>1</sup>
Fund <sup>2</sup>	-0.8%	4.0%	11.2%	9.2%	18.8%	13.7%
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	-2.8%	-1.5%	7.3%	2.1%	5.6%	6.5%
Difference	2.0%	5.4%	3.9%	7.1%	13.2%	7.2%
Microcap Index <sup>a</sup>	-2.0%	-0.9%	14.2%	-1.0%	12.6%	9.2%

<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.

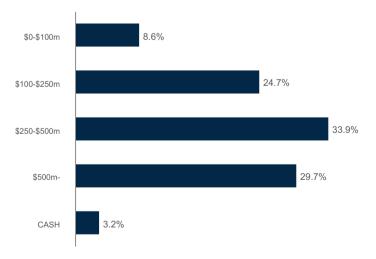
### **Overall Commentary**

The Spheria Australian Microcap Fund returned -0.8% (after fees) for the month of February and handsomely outperformed the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 2.0%.

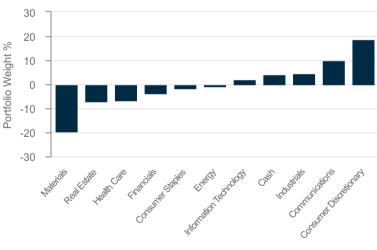
## Top 5 Holdings

Company Name	% Portfolio
Supply Network Limited	5.8
Nzme Limited	4.8
Praemium Limited	4.4
Gr Engineering Services Limited	4.1
Coast Entertainment Holdings Limited	4.0
Top 5	23.2

### Market Cap Bands



## **Active Sector Exposure**



Source: Spheria Asset Management Source: Spheria Asset Management

Spheria Australian Microcap Fund. Returns of the Fund are net of applicable fees, costs, and taxes.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Microcap Index refers to S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Accumulation Index.



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### **Markets**

The Fund performed strongly over a very volatile results season. Some of the moves around results reflected either extremely pessimistic or overly optimistic assumptions going into numbers. This is one of the reasons we generally feel investing for "results" is a fraught strategy. Several companies we liked long term but had some short-term concerns around their earnings proved significantly more resilient than even we would have expected. Retail names like Universal Stores (UNI.ASX) and Motorcycle Holdings (MTO.ASX) would sit in this bucket and yet both produced solid earnings with attendant share price appreciation.

In addition to strong organic results, Domain Holdings (DHG.ASX - not held in the Microcap Fund) got a bid from Costar Group of the USA, who acquired a 17% shareholding late in the month. Our sense is that this might be the precursor to a reasonable year in small cap M&A - rates are falling, the Australian Dollar has been weak, and valuations are attractive in many sectors of the small and microcap market in our opinion.

Over the month the largest contributors were owning Ainsworth Game Technology (AGI.ASX, +28%), Bravura Solutions (BVS.ASX, +17%), and Fiducian Group (FID.ASX, +19%). The largest detractors from performance included owning hipages Group (HPG.ASX, -26%), owning Praemium (PPS.ASX, -20%), and an overweight position in OFX Group (OFX.ASX, -14%).

### **Platform Availability List**

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DASH

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Insignia Expand

Macquarie Wrap

mFund Netwealth Onevue Praemium Premium Choice

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Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index			
Investment Objective	The Funds aims to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term			
Investing Universe	Primarily listed companies outside the top ASX 250 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	Annually			
Fees	1.35% 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	20% - 40%			
Style	Long only			
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Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000			



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### **Fund Ratings**



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