

## Alpha Australian Small Companies - Snapshot

Morningstar Category: Australia OE Equity Australia Mid/Small Blend  
 Inception Date: 2/04/2007

## Fund and Market Commentary

The S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index fell 4.72% in October while the Alpha Small Companies Fund lagged. The best sector performance came from Materials and Resources, while Information Technology and Healthcare underperformed. Since inception, the Fund has consistently outperformed its benchmark.

Australian equities took direction from the United States where volatility increased in the lead up to the presidential election race. Given ongoing strength in the United States job market and rising inflation, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is widely expected take action with the market now assigning more than a 75% probability of a 25 or more basis point increase in December. In the meantime, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) decided to keep the cash rate steady at 1.50%.

China's Caixin Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) rose by 1.1 points to 51.2 during October with output expanding at the fastest rate in five and a half years. Inflation has also risen sharply with input costs accelerating by the fastest rate since September 2011. The Australian Dollar (AUD) fell by 0.64%, ending the month at 0.7610 United States (US) cents.

In structuring the Alpha Small Companies Fund, Alpha Fund Managers seek to select managers demonstrating a proven track record in managing risk and generating long-term outperformance. Alpha Fund Managers blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

## Top 10 Holdings - October 2016

Stock Name	Sector
Pilbara Minerals Ltd	Basic Materials
Yowie Group Ltd	Industrials
Skydive the Beach Group Ltd	Consumer Cyclical
BSA Ltd	Consumer Cyclical
Migme Ltd	Basic Materials
Pacific Brands Ltd	Consumer Cyclical
Highfield Resources Ltd	Basic Materials
QMS Media Ltd	Consumer Cyclical
Impedimed Ltd	Healthcare
Cash & Cash Equivalents	Not Applicable

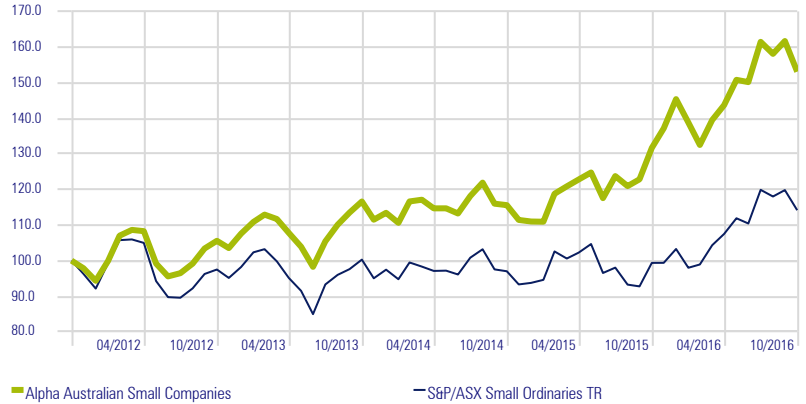
## Risk Matrix

Time Period: 1/11/2011 to 31/10/2016

	Alpha Small Companies	S&P/ASX Small Ord
Alpha	5.42	0.00
Std Dev	13.68	14.97
Sharpe Ratio	0.11	-0.17
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## Investment Growth (net of fees) versus Benchmark

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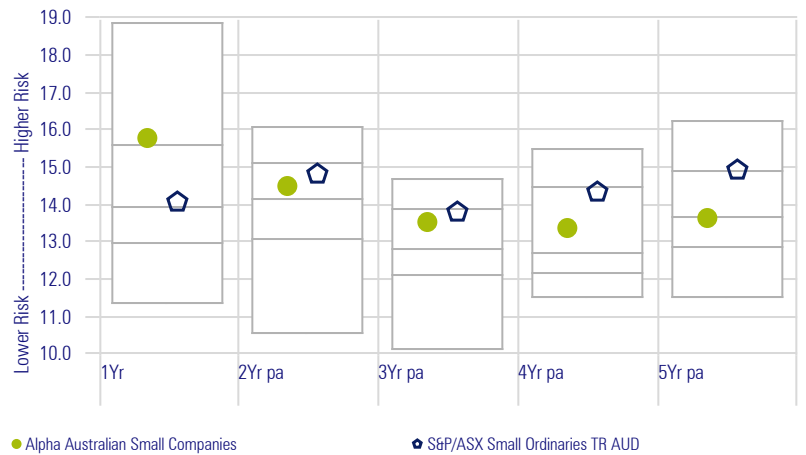


## Returns (net of fees) versus Benchmark

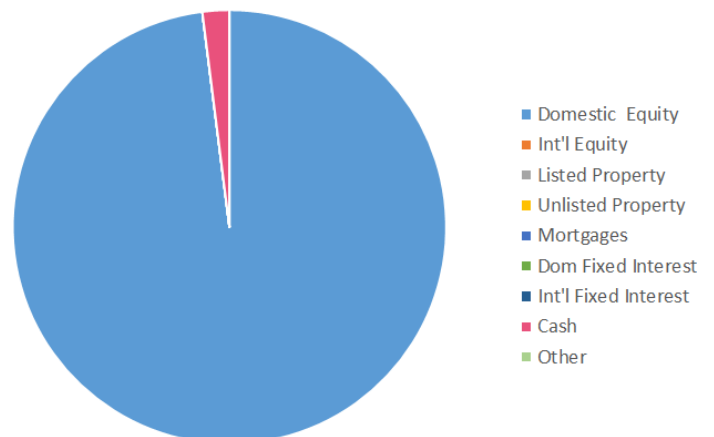
As of Date: 31/10/2016 Data Point: Return

	Month	Quarter	6 Mth	1Yr	2Yr pa	3Yr pa	4Yr pa	5Yr pa
Alpha Australian Small Companies	-5.32	-5.19	6.54	16.27	15.08	9.49	9.74	8.89
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries TR AUD	-4.72	-4.77	6.20	14.90	8.48	4.42	4.02	2.69

## Risk (i.e. Return Volatility) versus Benchmark



## Asset Allocation



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## Investment Objective

The Alpha Australian Small Companies Fund may exhibit a relatively 'benchmark unaware' process in pursuit of superior returns, i.e. the fund may not invest into stocks just because they are in the benchmark, thus the composition and returns of the portfolio may deviate significantly from that of the benchmark.

Alpha Fund Managers seek to achieve this objective in each of the Alpha Funds by the blending of a small number of high conviction investment managers, each with a different investment process. This is done so in a complementary manner, so as to produce consistent outperformance with similar or less risk than the benchmark.

*Fund Style: Actively Managed Australian Equity Small Capitalisation Portfolio*

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## Current Manager Line-up

**Eight Investment Partners ('8IP')** is a boutique investment manager, dedicated to the analysis of listed small companies in Australia. It combines a highly experienced and diverse team supported by a strong analytical, business and risk framework. The investment philosophy targets three types of companies being stars, turnarounds and under researched issues which form part of an active portfolio of between 40-60 stocks.

*Manager Style: High Conviction Australian Small Cap*

**Ophir Asset Management** is a boutique investment firm which invests within the Australian small cap universe specifically outside the top 150 stocks. The co-founders have deep experience in this space having run similar small/microcap strategies which, combined with a nimble investment process, enables them to quickly capitalise on opportunities to maximise alpha. They are also co-investors in the fund.

*Manager Style: High Conviction Australian Small Cap*

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## About Alpha Fund Managers

**Alpha Fund Managers'** investment philosophy is based on the premise that there are particular investment managers that have the ability to consistently generate "alpha" over the medium to long-term, and through all financial market cycles irrespective of any style bias (growth vs. value, large cap vs. small cap, etc.). "Alpha" in this context is defined as an investment manager's unique ability to select a portfolio of securities that differs from and outperforms its benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis. In other words, it is an investment manager's ability to beat the index. Alpha Fund Managers' investment process is based on a balanced approach to quantitative and qualitative research and analysis techniques to assess and select the underlying investment managers in each Alpha Fund Series fund. Alpha Fund Managers seek to add value by selecting investment managers who demonstrate a high-level of investment conviction, unique investment processes and a proven record in managing risk and generating long-term "alpha" over full market cycles. Alpha Fund Managers then blend these managers to create portfolios that can achieve consistent, absolute and relative performances, irrespective of where we are in the market cycle.

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## Investment Details

APIR Code	ETL0092AU
Ticker	15577
Net Assets (\$Mil)	24
Month End Price Date	31/10/2016
Month End Price	0.7984

## Purchase Information

Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Minimum Balance	\$25,000
Minimum Additional Investment/Withdrawal	\$10,000
Buy-sell Spread	0.35%
Income Distribution	Half Yearly
Valuation/Unit Pricing	Daily
Management Fee	1.358%
Performance Fee	Applicable - refer to PDS on Website

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