

# Fairview Equity Partners Monthly Combined Investment Report

31 May 2015

# **Emerging Companies Fund**

Fairview Equity Partners is a smaller company Australian equities manager. The Fairview Equity Partners Emerging Companies Fund seeks to provide capital growth and some income by outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term.

# **Performance Return**

Period ending 31 May 2015	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Since inception#
Fairview Emerging Companies Fund*	2.42%	1.83%	9.53%	14.94%	14.69%	17.29%
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	2.35%	2.03%	7.69%	3.55%	2.22%	3.61%
Excess Return*	0.07%	-0.20%	1.84%	11.39%	12.47%	13.67%
Net Fund Return ( after fees & expenses)	2.31%	1.55%	8.36%	11.56%	11.13%	13.53%

<sup>\*</sup> Returns shown are gross of fees at a manager level (pre fees).

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The Small Ordinaries Index was boosted by a solid performance across most industrial sectors during the month of May with the information technology sector posting the strongest returns

# **Performance and Market Outlook**

Small-cap Industrials out-performed large-cap Industrials by almost 2.5% and these two segments are now trading on the same multiple of around 17x next year's earnings. This multiple is around 20% above the historical 10 year average forward PE multiple for small-cap Industrials.

On the above metrics it is difficult to suggest that the market overall is cheap, however, risks appear to be fairly modest as well. Clearly, cash rates remain supportive for all real assets classes, corporate balance sheets are still conservatively geared, and commodity prices appear to have stabilised. Another element of support for resources was the first wave of M&A activity with takeovers announced for Sirius Resources and some corporate activity on the register of Gold Road Resources.

Not surprisingly given overall market valuations, IPO activity continues to be reasonable with Adairs, Greenstone and Murray Goulbourn being three of the more obvious candidates. We are positive on the Adairs story – this company is a leading specialty retailer of home textiles and home wares with a solid vertically integrated model. Murray Goulbourn we are cautious on given its debt levels and reliance on dairy commodity prices.

Finally May was also an extremely busy period for conferences and company visits and not only are we up to date with the companies the fund owns but there are also many prospective investments now under consideration.

<sup>#</sup> Returns over 1 year are annualised. Fund incepted 8 October 2008.

#### **Performance Attribution**

We highlight below the largest positive and negative relative performance contributors during the month of May 2015.

Positive contributors		Negative contributors			
Sirius Resources NL	Overweight	REA Group Ltd	Overweight		
Sirtex Medical Limited	Overweight	Magellan Financial Group Ltd	Overweight		
Beacon Lighting Group Ltd.	Not Held	Independence Group NL	Overweight		
Select Harvests Limited	Overweight	Duluxgroup Limited	Overweight		
Mantra Group Ltd.	Overweight	Charter Hall Group	Overweight		

#### **Contributors**

The month ending 31 May 2015 has seen a number of varying contributors to performance. Stocks of note included, Sirius Resources who received a takeover offer from Independence Group. Sirtex Medical Limited released some promising clinical trial data. Beacon Lighting Group Ltd benefited from a strong trading environment in housing stocks. Select Harvests Limited continues to strengthen as almond prices have increased due to the Californian drought. Finally, Mantra Group Ltd modestly upgraded guidance during the month.

### **Detractors**

The stocks that had a negative impact on performance over the month ending include REA Group Ltd who released some disappointing quarterly numbers. Magellan Financial Group Ltd had a slight drop off in retail inflows during the month. Independence Group NL was weaker after its takeover offer of Sirius. Duluxgroup Limited's interim result was a fraction soft and Charter Hall Group was sold off in line with the broader property sector.

Number of stock holdings at end of May 2015:	65

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