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Australian Small/Mid Cap Equities

# Fairview Equity Partners Emerging Companies Fund

31 July 2022



Monthly Report

#### About the Fund

The Fund invests in an actively managed portfolio of mainly small cap equities listed, or expected to be listed, on the Australian share market.

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to earn a return (after fees) which exceeds the benchmark over rolling five-year periods.

#### Benchmark

S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Total Return Index ("Benchmark")

#### Inception Date

8 October 2008

#### mFund Code

FEP01

#### **APIR Code**

ANT0002AU

# Minimum Initial Investment

\$20,000

### Management Fee

1.20% p.a. of the Fund's Net Asset Value.

### Performance Fee

20.5% of the Funds quarterly return (after deducting the management fee) in excess of the benchmark's quarterly return after recouping any prior periods' underperformance in dollar terms multiplied by the Fund's average Net Asset Value over the quarter.

### **Distribution Frequency**

Annually calculated on 30 June. However, there may be periods in which no distributions are made or the Fund may make additional distributions.

### Buy/Sell Spread

+0.30% / -0.30%

# Number of Stocks

54

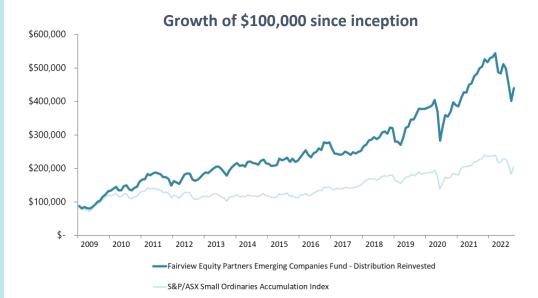
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## **Net Performance**

	1 month %	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Since inception <sup>,</sup> % p.a.
Fund Return <sup>2</sup>	9.63	-11.78	-12.62	5.14	12.43	10.21	11.32
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	11.43	-9.94	-10.93	2.55	7.30	6.53	5.30
Excess Return	-1.80	-1.84	-1.69	2.59	5.13	3.68	6.02

Fund inception date: 8 October 2008. \*Net returns are calculated after deducting management fees and are pre-tax. 
\*Benchmark: S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Total Return Index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future 
performance. The value of an investment may rise or fall with the changes in the market.



# **Top Five Holdings**<sup>4</sup>

Bapcor		
Capricorn Metals		
Nufarm		
Omni Bridgeway		
Steadfast Group		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Listed in alphabetical order

### 2019 Finalist



# Active Sector Weights (%)5



<sup>5</sup>Data Source: Fairview Equity Partners Pty Ltd



# Monthly Commentary – July 2022

July demonstrated the volatility of the small caps vs the top 100 on the upside. The Small Ordinaries index was up +11.4% in July, easily outperforming top 100 by +6.1%. Small Industrials were up +11.8%. Small Resources were up +10.2%. It was the beaten down growth names that dominated in July with some staggering upward moves. Health Care was the best performing sector, up +22.7%, followed by Information Technology (+17.7%). The top performer in the month was ZIP (+146% vs index). This company which we admit would be hard pressed to enter our portfolio, due to continuing cash needs, rose after announcing it was ending its planned merger with Sezzle. The worst performer in the month was Nuix (-32% vs index) which fell after guiding for FY22 EBITDA of A\$10-12m, down materially from the A\$66.7m EBITDA reported in the PCP (Previous Corresponding Period).

# **Reporting season**

At the time of writing this report, the market was entering the very busy August reporting season. Hence this monthly report will be shorter than normal. Many reporting seasons have a key focus or theme that emerges during the four-week period. This at various times in the past has included sales growth, operating cash flow efficiency or EBITDA margin projections among many other metrics. Any company that reports numbers that go against the trend of this theme is severely punished.

### So, what's the focus this season?

We expect that companies will report revenues in line with consensus expectations (high inflation really assists here) whilst the reported cost base and consequently the reported EBITDA margin could be a lot trickier to hit expectations for some firms. We will be focusing more than usual on cost base movement projections. That is if portfolio company management teams are brave enough to disclose them. There are risks both ways here. Management teams that provide greater disclosure as to what they think might happen to their expense line next year will constrain themselves. Investors will hold them to these projections and the market is unforgiving. Those management teams that choose 'less said the better', risk widely divergent forecasts within consensus. A wide spread of estimates generally drops the relative price earnings ratio of the stock versus the broader market. Hence saying nothing can be value destroying.

### Relative age is declining

It should also be borne in mind that sell side analysts are generally optimistic people. Also because of their age, which on a relative basis to this writer is becoming younger each year, they have never worked in an inflationary environment during their careers. So, with all that considered, we hazard a guess that the market will have optimistic FY23 forecasts at the end of August.



### **Investment Team**



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Portfolio Manager
BE, MBA
30+ years investment management experience

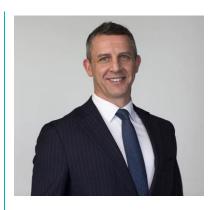


Tim Hall

Portfolio Manager

BComm

24+ years investment management experience



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Portfolio Manager
BSA, MBA
14+ years investment management experience

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