

# MHOR AUSTRALIAN SMALL CAP

# MONTHLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE

AS OF 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

# FUND RETURNED +4.04% (AFTER FEES)

NAV: 1.2826

#### PERFORMANCE TO BENCHMARK

	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	SINCE INCEPTION
FUND	+4.04%	+13.08%	+22.80%	+19.81%
BENCHMARK	+3.91%	+11.60%	+20.50%	+13.37%
VALUE ADD	+0.13%	+1.48%	+2.30%	+6.44%

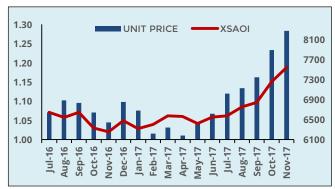
#### RECENT PERFORMANCE

2017	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV
RETURN (%)	-2.03%	-5.62%	1.57%	-2.03%	3.24%	2.28%	4.95%	1.29%	2.43%	6.11%	4.04%

## **MHOR TOP CONTRIBUTORS - NOV 2017**

1	SPEEDCAST INTERNATIONAL	SDA
2	OROCOBRE	ORE
3	SPIRIT TELECOM	ST1

## MHOR NAV VERSUS BENCHMARK



### **COMMENTARY**

The MHOR Small Cap Fund returned +4.04% for the month of November 2017, outperforming the benchmark S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 13bps. During the month, Small Industrials gained 2.7% whilst Small Resources rallied 7.9%.

For the rolling 12 months the Fund has generated an absolute positive return of +22.80% and the most recent 3 months the fund is up 13.08%.

The largest contributors to positive attribution in November were SpeedCast International (SDA), Orocobre (ORE) and Spirit Telecom (ST1).

SDA rose in response to higher oil prices (energy represents c.40% of SDA's revenues) and an upbeat presentation delivered by management at a broker conference, citing a strong pipeline of new revenue opportunities across the energy, cruise, merchant shipping and government sectors and expanding margins resulting from scale and cost synergies. We still think the shares are cheap (9x 2019 cash EPS) with an improving outlook and balance sheet likely to drive a further re-rating.

The growing market acceptance of EV as the next global megatrend continues to drive up battery minerals stocks, such as ORE. Lithium market fundamentals remain robust with firming prices reflecting demand far exceeding supply. We see ORE as particularly well placed considering its world class Olaroz lithium brine asset in Argentina sits low on the cost curve and has significant expansion potential.

ST1 published a positive 1Q18 operating update which highlighted sustained solid organic growth in the core On-Net building business (+10% on 4Q17) and early signs of growth from the recently acquired World Without Wires unit. Recent significant negative press around NBN performance is a positive for ST1 and is attracting more interest in this so far under the radar stock.

The key detractor from November's performance was TopBetta (TBH) which slid after the September Quarterly report revealed higher than anticipated costs (including a number of one-off expenses) to support the very strong turnover growth. We believe this is not a run-rate cost increase but specific to spring carnival. The company recently announced the signing of Ladbrokes (one of the largest bookmakers) to their platform, the stock price is yet to re-act, this is a classic example of the small cap market being inefficient with the market not yet working out the enormity of that announcement. After recently meeting management we are further convinced on this positon and see very near term positive catalysts for the stock price.

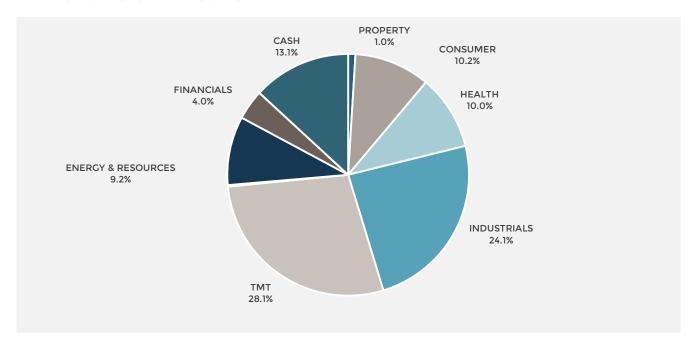
We entered November with 33 stocks and 13.5% cash, exiting the month with 33 stocks and 13.1% cash.

# PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE AND METRICS

CHARACTERISTIC	PORTFOLIO	MARKET***
1YR FORWARD PE	13.6X*	18.8X
1YR FORWARD DIV. YIELD	3.4%*	3.4%
2YR EPS GROWTH CAGR**	C. 20%	C. 7.5%

<sup>\*</sup>Ex Select early stage companies, \*\* MHOR and FactSet Consensus data, \*\*\* FactSet Consensus for Small Ordinaries Forward P/E

#### **PORTFOLIO SECTOR EXPOSURES**



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