

After two months of gains, the Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index declined by -11.2% in September. Outperforming its index, the Eley Griffiths Group Small Companies Fund finished lower -10.0%. Since inception (September 2003) the Fund has returned +9.5% p.a. after fees for unitholders.

Equities were routed when the US August inflation reading topped expectations, quashing investor confidence that a US Federal Reserve (Fed) pivot was conceivable. The Fed's response was a predicted 75bp rate hike. What surprised the market was the hawkish "whatever it takes" commentary from Fed Chairman Jerome Powell accompanying the decision. The market sold off as a more aggressive rate tightening schedule was priced in.

Brickworks Ltd (BKW; +5.5%) contributed to returns, rising on the release its property investment arm results which were ahead of expectations. BKW performance was aided by partial ownership of New Hope Corporation which rallied on strong FY22 results and guidance that the company expects record cash generation to continue while demand outstrips supply.

Amongst the volatility, agriculture names outperformed in the month as defensive exposures. Australia's largest (and third globally) almond grower and processor, Select Harvest gained +6.1% on the release of a promising FY23 crop and pollination update whilst flagging that US shipment challenges are easing.

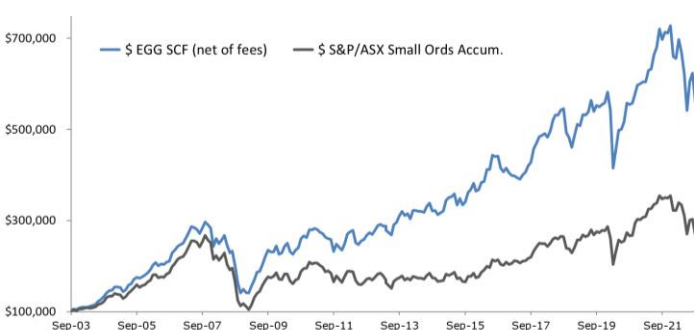
Sighting delays signing new clients, costs being borne in anticipation of work commencing, inflation and foreign exchange headwinds, financial services software provider IRESS Limited (-21.1%) downgraded earnings guidance ahead of its new CEO commencing.

Looking ahead, Global transport giant FEDEX, a bellwether US stock for sensing the pulse of the global economy and consumer demand, cut guidance as changing economic conditions start to bite. Similarly, Apple Inc ditched plans to increase production of its new iPhones after demand fell short of expectations. With signs of economic fragility proliferating, investors are debating when the Fed will blink and slow or pause rate hikes. At time of writing early October, the Reserve Bank of Australia bucked the global trend by slowing the pace of interest rate increases sparking a market rally.

Returns post fees	1 Month %	3 Months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.	Incep [^] % p.a.
EGG Small Companies Fund	-10.02	3.70	-19.49	0.48	5.54	7.70	9.52
S&P/ASX Small Ord Accumulation Index (XSOAI)	-11.20	-0.47	-22.56	-0.80	4.07	4.58	5.35
Outperformance	+1.17	+4.17	+3.07	+1.28	+1.47	+3.12	+4.17

[^]Fund inception September 2003. Total net returns represent past performance only. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Total returns (net) have been calculated using exit prices and take into account the applicable buy/sell spread and are net of Eley Griffiths Group's management fees and assumes reinvestment of distributions. No allowance has been made for taxation or any fees charged by operators of master trusts or wrap accounts through which the products are offered. Returns of more than one year are annualised. Returns of the Fund can be volatile and in some periods may be negative. The return of capital is not guaranteed.

\$100,000 SINCE INCEPTION (AFTER FEES)



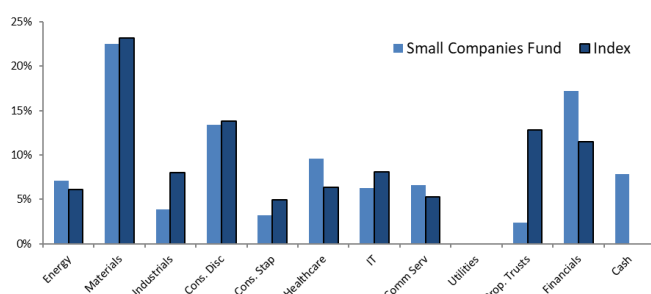
STOCK ATTRIBUTION*

Code	Stock	Sector
Top 3 Contributors		
BKW	Brickworks Ltd	Materials
IGO	IGO Limited	Materials
SHV	Select Harvest Limited	Consumer Staples
Bottom 3 Detractors		
CMM	Capricorn Metals	Materials
BRG	Breville Group	Consumer Discretionary
IRE	IRESS Limited	Information Technology

*Alphabetical order as at 30 September 2022

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FUND SECTOR ALLOCATION



TOP 5 ACTIVE POSITIONS*

Code	Stock	Sector
BLD	Boral Limited	Materials
BRG	Breville Group	Consumer Discretionary
CMM	Capricorn Metals	Materials
MDN	Monadelphous Group	Industrials
PNI	Pinnacle Investment	Financials

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ELEY GRIFFITHS GROUP

Founded in 2003, Eley Griffiths Group is a specialist investment management company focusing on Australian listed Small and Emerging Companies. Eley Griffiths is 100% independent & owned by staff.

We are style agnostic and can own both growth and value companies to construct portfolios. The aim of our investment process is to deliver consistent outperformance through all market conditions.

Our investment philosophy;

- A long-term bottom-up approach to stock picking (style agnostic)
- Forming strong macro views to derive accurate long-term earnings estimates.
- Using Price/Earnings ratios and cashflow as our fundamental valuation tools.
- The need for a systematic and disciplined stock selection process
- Risk control measures at a stock and portfolio level
- Extensive company visitation program (domestic & offshore)

This fund is appropriate for investors with “High” and “Very High” risk and return profiles. A suitable investor for this fund is prepared to accept high risk in the pursuit of capital growth with a medium to long investment timeframe. Investors should refer to the [TMD](#) for further information

FUND INFORMATION

Benchmark: S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

Number of stocks: 35-55

Universe: ASX listed stocks outside the S&P ASX 100

Fund Inception: September 2003

Cash distributions or unit reinvestments: Annually

Management fees: 1.25%p.a.

Performance fees: 15% p.a. of Outperformance above the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index (After Base Management Fee)

Fund size: \$351.4m as at 30 September 2022

Minimum Investment: \$25,000

Unit Price: Daily

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ELEY GRIFFITHS SMALL COMPANIES FUND

The Small Companies Fund offers investors exposure to a diversified portfolio of Australian listed small companies that reside outside the S&P ASX100 Index. The Fund is benchmarked against the S&P ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index and has a 18 year track of record of outperformance.

The team combines fundamental bottom-up research of companies with an in-depth qualitative assessment of their management and industry structure. Our proprietary investment process, known as SCOPE (Small Company Optimal Portfolio Evaluation), is a relative stock scoring tool that ranks stocks from highest to lowest based on their score. The portfolio comprises the best scoring stocks, subject to a number of risk constraints, such as maximum active position size (5%) and liquidity.

The outworking of this process is a portfolio that typically exhibits both growth and value characteristics that aims to outperform through the market cycles.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



Ben Griffiths has over 30 years of financial markets experience. He co-founded Eley Griffiths Group in 2002 following a successful career as joint head of small companies at both BT Financial Group and ING Investment Management. Ben previously worked in precious metals markets with MASE Westpac and as a stockbroker at Roach Tilley Grice & Co as well as CL May Mellor. Ben holds a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting, Finance and Systems from the University of NSW.

David Allingham is a Director and Portfolio Manager at Eley Griffiths Group and has over 16 years' experience analysing small and emerging companies at Eley Griffiths Group. Prior to joining EGG in 2004, David worked in marketing at EMI Music Australia. David holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney.

Tim Serjeant has over 14 years' experience analysing small and emerging companies. Prior to joining EGG in July 2012, Tim was a Resources Analyst at Argonaut, a boutique investment bank and stockbroking firm. Tim holds Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Finance) and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Australia.

Nick Guidera joined Eley Griffiths in September 2016 after 6 years at the global equity research house CLSA, in both analytical and research sales roles in the US & Australia. Prior to financial markets Nick spent 4 years as a practicing lawyer. Nick holds a Bachelor of Laws & Graduate Certificate of Legal Practice from University of Technology and a Master of Financial Management from the Macquarie Graduate School of Management.

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