

### Pendal Smaller Companies Fund

ARSN: 089 939 328

Equity Strategies

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#### About the Fund

The Pendal Smaller Companies Fund (**Fund**) is an actively managed portfolio investing in companies outside the top 100 listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and their equivalent on the New Zealand Stock Exchange that we believe are trading below their assessed valuation, and which we expect to grow their profits quickly.

#### Investment Return Objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index over the medium to long term. The suggested investment timeframe is five years or more.

#### Description of Fund

This Fund is designed for investors who want the potential for long term capital growth and tax effective income, diversification across a broad range of smaller companies and industries and are prepared to accept higher variability of returns. The Fund invests primarily in companies outside the top 100 listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The Fund may also invest in equivalent companies listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange, hold cash and may use derivatives.

Pendal's investment process for Australian shares is based on our core investment style and aims to add value through active stock selection and fundamental company research. Pendal's core investment style is to select stocks based on our assessment of their long term worth and ability to outperform the market, without being restricted by a growth or value bias. Our fundamental company research focuses on valuation, franchise, management quality and risk factors (both financial and non-financial risk).

The Fund may have assets denominated in foreign currencies. This means that changes in the value of the Australian dollar relative to foreign currencies may affect the value of the assets of the Fund. The Fund's foreign currency exposure may be hedged from time to time, in whole or part.

Derivatives may be used to reduce risk and can act as a hedge against adverse movements in a particular market and/or in the underlying assets. Derivatives can also be used to gain exposure to assets and markets.

#### Investment Team

The Pendal Smaller Companies Fund is managed by Pendal's experienced Small Cap team. The Fund is managed by Lewis Edgley and Patrick Teodorowski. Lewis and Patrick have over 32 years investment experience between them. They are supported by an experience Small Cap team as well as the insight of Pendal's broader Australian equities team.

#### Portfolio characteristics

Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index
Number of stocks	Between 60 -90
Maximum cash weighting	20%
Ex-ante tracking error	Typically between 0% - 9%
Active single stock position	+/-5%

#### Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
1 month	-3.04	-2.94	-3.73
3 months	6.89	7.22	7.54
FYTD	7.75	8.43	7.03
6 months	7.75	8.43	7.03
1 year (pa)	-16.87	-15.84	-18.38
2 years (pa)	-0.98	0.25	-2.32
3 years (pa)	3.31	4.59	1.38
5 years (pa)	3.15	4.43	2.92

#### Sector Allocation (as at 31 December 2022)

Energy	2.3%
Materials	16.8%
Industrials	14.0%
Consumer Discretionary	12.0%
Consumer Staples	2.0%
Health Care	3.8%
Information Technology	12.6%
Telecommunication Services	7.7%
Financials ex Property Trusts	15.5%
Property Trusts	6.4%
Cash & other	6.9%

#### Other Information

Fund size (as at 31 Dec 2022)	\$273 million
Date of inception	December 1992
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread <sup>1</sup>	
For the Fund's current buy-sell spread information, visit <a href="http://www.pendalgroup.com">www.pendalgroup.com</a>	
Distribution frequency	Half-yearly
APIR code	RFA0819AU

<sup>1</sup> The buy-sell spread represents a contribution to the transaction costs incurred by the Fund, when the Fund is purchasing and selling assets. The buy-sell spread is generally incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

#### Fees and costs

You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of the ongoing fees and costs that you may be charged.

Management fee <sup>2</sup>	1.22% pa
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<sup>2</sup> This is the fee we charge for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fee is deducted from the Fund's assets and reflected in its unit price.

## Risks

An investment in the Fund involves risk, including:

- **Market risk:** The risk that factors affecting one or more countries that can influence the direction and volatility of an overall market, as opposed to security-specific risks.
- **Security specific risk:** The risks associated with an individual security.
- **Liquidity risk** - The risk that an asset may not be converted to cash in a timely manner.
- **Small company risk** - Shares in smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes and may experience greater price volatility than shares in larger companies.

Please read the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (**PDS**) for a detailed explanation of each of these risks.

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