

# Smallco Investment Fund

# Quarterly Update 30 June 2016

#### **SIF Portfolio Commentary**

Smallco Investment Fund (SIF) delivered 1.7% for the June quarter and 20.2% over the past year. For the quarter the Small Ordinaries index was 5.8% and for the year 14.4%.

Over the quarter, the fund benefited from solid returns from Webjet, Vista Group and oOh!media while Speedcast, Cover-More and Pepper Group were negative contributors.

The vote for the UK to exit the European Union has caused a short term negative impact to both global and the Australian equity markets. However, we anticipate the impact going forward from here, while unlikely to be positive, will be relatively minor unless the UK's move causes a major destabilisation in Europe.

We acquired a small holding in WiseTech Global (WTC), which listed in April. WTC is a leading software provider to the global logistics industry. The founder and CEO, Richard White, has spent the last 20 years totally focussed on developing his product and remains very involved in all aspects of the businesses development as well as remaining a 50% shareholder.

WTC was a relatively early pioneer in Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) and first introduced it in 2008 in conjunction with On-Demand pricing which allowed the company to accelerate sales by making it easier for customers to access its product without significant upfront costs or prolonged sign-on processes. WTC spends over 40% of its revenue on product development and to date the product has had over 2.5 million development hours spent on it, is in 115 countries, has over 150,000 module users and in 2015 handled over 2.7 billion transactions.

With an addressable market forecast to be US\$5bn by FY19, WTC is ideally positioned to benefit from the global trend towards cloud-deployed software solutions due to its strong technology platform and should continue to take market share from legacy solutions. Market forecasts are for WTC to deliver in excess of 25% p.a. revenue growth over the forecast period and EPS growth in excess of 30% p.a. over FY17 and FY18.

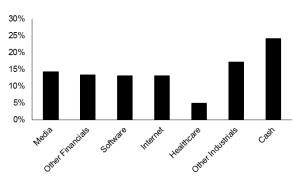
As a SaaS business, WTC commanded a solid valuation at IPO and has subsequently appreciated over 30%. Consequently, it now appears to us fully valued.

Please feel free to contact Craig Miller, one of our portfolio managers, for any queries or needs on 02 8256 1000.

## **SIF Performance**

| Return to 30 June 2016                   |           |
|--|-----------|
| 3 months                                 | 1.7%      |
| 1 year                                   | 20.2%     |
| 3 year p.a.                              | 19.1%     |
| 5 year p.a.                              | 25.0%     |
| 10 year p.a.                             | 10.5%     |
| Since inception (31.10.00) p.a.          | 14.4%     |
| Value of \$100,000 invested at inception | \$821,663 |

Fund returns calculated after all fees and expenses and based upon exit price and reinvestment of distributions.



#### SIF Structure: by sector (look through)

## SIF Significant Holdings (alphabetical order)

APN Outdoor Group Isentia Group oOh!media Sirtex Webjet





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### **SIF Fund Description**

SIF is a concentrated, absolute return, index unaware Australian equity fund investing predominantly in smaller listed companies. In addition SIF may invest in cash when opportunities are scarce and invest up to 20% of the fund in larger Australian listed companies (within the ASX 100).

Smallco believes that higher returns are available from smaller companies as these companies are generally not as well followed by the market which in turn makes mispricing more common. Particular focus is placed upon companies with a market capitalisation of between \$100m to \$500m - the Smallco "sweet spot".

SIF typically holds 25 to 35 stocks on the premise that it is better to have a holding of core stocks that offer solid investment fundamentals than a large number of "OK" investments.

Smallco's dominant investment tool is fundamental analysis. Focus is placed upon internal financial modelling supplemented by some broker research. We are strong believers that earnings are the key driver of share prices and as such, the greater the accuracy in forecasting earnings the more consistent the outperformance.

Stock weightings within the portfolio are determined by the assessment of the quality of the stock, the likely investment outcome, liquidity and the risk of sustained capital loss.

SIF very rarely invests in mining stocks, is very averse to loss making companies, and takes an extremely cautious approach to biotechs and structurally impaired industries.

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| Key Investor Information                        |  |  |
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| Strategy  | SIF is a concentrated, Australian equity<br>smaller company focused fund that invests<br>predominantly long but can effectively short<br>when opportunities are found. |  |
| Process   | Smallco manages SIF employing a bottom<br>up fundamental research approach<br>focusing upon earnings direction, risks and<br>the underlying businesses quality.        |  |
| FUM   | \$314.1m AUD   |  |
| Mid Price (cum)                                 | \$4.8459 (30 Jun 2016)   |  |
| Distribution                                    | \$0.3479 (30 Jun 2016)   |  |
| Inception Date                                  | 31 October 2000  |  |
| Portfolio Managers                              | Rob Hopkins, Bill Ryan, Andrew Hokin,<br>Paul Graham and Craig Miller  |  |
| APIR Code                                       | ASC0001AU  |  |
| Minimum Initial                                 | \$40,000   |  |
| Buy/sell costs                                  | +/- 0.45%  |  |
| Management Fee                                  | 1.40% of net assets *  |  |
| Administration cost<br>(FY16)                   | 0.16% of net assets *  |  |
| Performance Fee                                 | 18.64% of the performance above the fund's previous end-of-six-month period high. Payable 6 monthly. *   |  |
| Service providers                               | Custody: JP Morgan   |  |
|   | Administration: White Outsourcing  |  |
| Liquidity                                       | Time to exit 50% of SIF assets: < 1 day  |  |
| Australian Financial Services Licence # 224 108 |  |  |

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