



# 8IP Australian Small Companies Fund

**The 8IP Australian Small Companies Fund (“Fund”) provides diversified exposure to Australian small companies. The Fund is managed by Eight Investment Partners Pty Limited (“8IP”).**

## Review and Outlook

The Fund returned -1.10% gross for July, just behind the index return of -1.01%.

**For the last 12 months the Fund has returned 27.54%, substantially ahead of the index.**

This month four stocks in the portfolio had double digit gains which contributed to performance:-

- Cooper Energy had positive operating results on its Sole 3 gas project.
- Afterpay Touch Group continued its strong run with their popular deferred payment product showing strong early progress in penetrating the lucrative US market.
- Receivables finance group, Credit Corp was buoyed by a strong net profit announcement at the end of the month, and
- Cleanaway opened a new innovative re-cycling plant in Western Sydney.

Detractors over the month included lithium miner Kidman Resources, Experience Co. and Appen. Kidman has been impacted by renewed concerns about increased lithium supplies, albeit in the face of secular growth in demand for Electric batteries. Experience Co has been weak ahead of its result following a downgrade earlier in the year caused by adverse weather events. Appen retraced some of last month’s gains although this stock has had a strong run over the last 12 months (up 124%).

## Key Facts

Strategy FUM	\$192 million
Inception	30/11/2007 Fund commenced 1/10/2012 Current Portfolio Team
Domicile & Status	Registered Managed Investment Scheme domiciled in Australia
No of Stock Holdings	48
Liquidity	Daily
Base Currency	Australian dollars
Distributions	Paid annually, shortly after 30 June; reinvested unless otherwise instructed
Unit Prices	31 July 2018
Buy Price	Sell Price
\$1.0370	\$1.0288

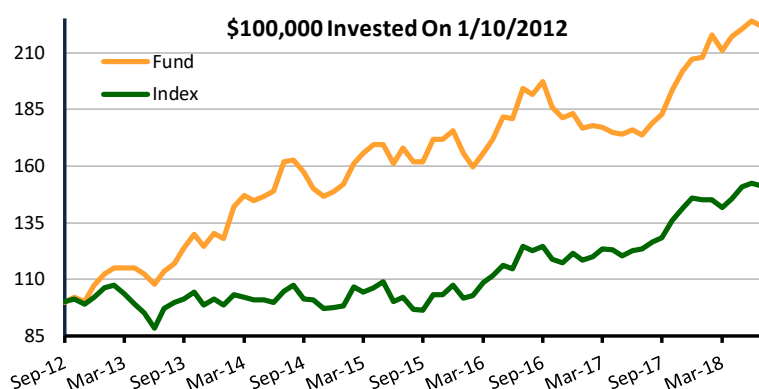
## Distributions (last 5 years)

Date	Cents per unit
30/06/2018	11.24c
30/06/2017	5.00c
30/06/2016	0.79c
30/06/2015	4.9145c
30/06/2014	-

## Fund Snapshot

- The Fund aims to deliver outperformance above the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.
- Diversified portfolio of equities across a range of industry sectors within the Australian small companies segment.
- Between 25 and 75 holdings in undervalued companies with quality businesses and management.

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. All returns are shown to two decimal places. Returns for periods of more than one year are annualised. Total returns include realised and unrealised gains and losses plus income and are time-weighted rates of return that adjust for external cash flows. Valuations are computed and performance reported in Australian dollars. Gross-of-fees performance returns are presented before management and performance fees but after all trading expenses. Net-of-fees performance returns are presented after management and performance fees.



	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yr	5yr	Inception*
Fund (gross of fees)	-1.10%	2.00%	6.49%	27.54%	9.70%	14.32%	14.60%
Index	-1.01%	3.74%	4.19%	22.58%	14.03%	9.27%	7.32%
Active Return (gross of fees)	-0.09%	-1.74%	2.30%	4.96%	-4.33%	5.05%	7.28%
Fund (net of fees)	-1.21%	1.64%	5.76%	25.82%	8.29%	12.04%	12.32%

Source: 8IP and S&P. \* Inception is from the date the current team commenced managing this Fund on 1/10/2012.

## About 8IP

We are a long-term investor that seeks to benefit from changes in the fundamental value of a company over time.

We aim to identify companies characterised by:

- a market-leading multi-year competitive advantage;
- a turnaround opportunity, either within the business as a whole or within a critical element of the business; or
- a specific catalyst expected to generate short-medium

## The Team



### Kerry Series, Chief Investment Officer, Portfolio Manager

Founder of 8IP, Kerry has more than 30 years of experience in equity markets. He's previously held senior roles with AMP Capital where he was Head of Asia Pacific Equities, Investment Director at HSBC Asset Management and co-founder of Perennial Investment Partners that grew to \$20 billion within 7 years.



### Stephen Walsh, Portfolio Manager

Over more than 29 years in Australia and overseas, Stephen has held director level roles in equities research and investment banking at Macquarie, Wilson HTM and Credit Lyonnais. Stephen has also worked in senior strategy roles for LEK Consulting and Standard Chartered Bank.

## Top 5 Holdings

Cooper Energy	4.74%
Corporate Travel	4.49%
Smartgrp Corporation	3.99%
Speedcast International	3.17%
WorleyParsons	3.13%

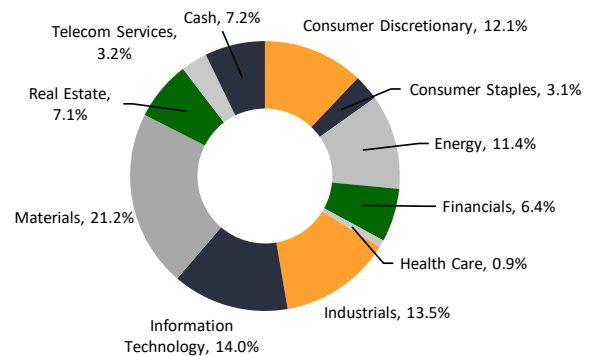
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## Sector Allocation



Source: 8IP and Bloomberg. Please note that 8IP may reallocate stocks' sector classifications where in 8IP's view it is appropriate to do so

## Fees

Total Management Costs*	1.2% p.a.
Performance Fee (inc. GST)	20% over hurdle

\* Includes responsible entity, administration, custody fees and other expenses.

## Fund Identifiers

APIR	FHT0012AU
ARSN	143 454 013
Bloomberg Ticker	EIPASMC AU
Morningstar Ticker	16197