

Ellerston Global Investments (ASX: EGI)

Results for the Half Year ending 31 December 2017

Ellerston Global Investments (ASX:EGI) continues strong performance and will pay special dividend

Highlights from the December Half Year Results

Current Period: Jul-17 to 31-Dec-17
Prior Corresponding Period (pcp): 1-Jul-16 to 31-Dec-16

- **Operating profit before tax \$7.97 million (+75% on the pcp)**
- **Investment performance +12.4% for the half year +18.3 % for the full calendar year**
- **Ordinary dividend declared of 1.5 cents per share (+50% on the pcp)**
- **Special dividend declared of 1.0 cent per share**
- **Shares issued as a result of loyalty option exercise are eligible for the 2.5 cps dividends**
- **Directors confirm their intention to exercise 2.3 million options**

Ellerston Global Investments (ASX:EGI) today reported an operating profit before tax of \$7,971,776 for the half year ending 31 December 2017, a 75.5% increase on the prior corresponding period.

Chairman Ashok Jacob said the Company continued to deliver strong risk adjusted returns and will pay an interim fully franked dividend of 2.5 cents per share, inclusive of a special dividend of 1.0 cent per share. Mr Jacob confirmed that it is the intention of the Board to pay a dividend of at least 3 cents per annum (1.5 cents per half) going forward.

The company has established a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) under which eligible shareholders may elect to have all or part of their dividend entitlements satisfied by the issue of ordinary shares rather than being paid in cash. Shareholders who would like to participate can enrol [here](#) or alternatively contact Link Market Services on 1300 551 627 (within Australia) or +61 1300 551 627 (outside Australia).

FY2018 interim dividend key dates*

Ex-Dividend Date: 24 April 2018
Dividend Record Date: 26 April 2018
Dividend Payment Date: 18 May 2018

*These dates may be subject to change

EGI is currently trading at a discount to Net Asset Value (NAV) and we believe one of the factors contributing to this discount is the outstanding loyalty options (ASX:EGIO). As at 31st December 2017, there were 30,944,764 options outstanding. The Directors of the Board confirmed the intention to exercise 2.285 million of director and related party options prior to expiry (10th of April 2018), demonstrating their support of the Company. The Board would like to remind option holders that options can be exercised at any time up until 5.00pm 10th April 2018 and all options exercised will be entitled to the interim and special dividends payable, totalling 2.5 cents per share.

Key option Information

Option Expiry Date: 5.00pm, 10 April 2018
Option Exercise Price: \$1.00
Current Share Price (19 Feb 2018): \$1.125
Underlying EGI Share Price range: Lowest \$1.10 Highest \$1.18
(Three months to 31st January 2018)



Ellerston Global Investments Portfolio

Ellerston Global Investments (ASX:EGI) is a listed investment company that provides shareholders with exposure to a portfolio of global equities. The concentrated, high conviction portfolio has a bias towards mid/small cap companies with a market capitalisation of less than USD\$10 billion. The Manager focuses on companies going through a period of change and 'Price Discovery' (e.g. Spin-offs, Fallen Angels, Post IPOs, and Management Changes etc.).

The portfolio is benchmark independent, and provides true diversification for portfolios by accessing global companies that are unlikely to be found in most global portfolios.

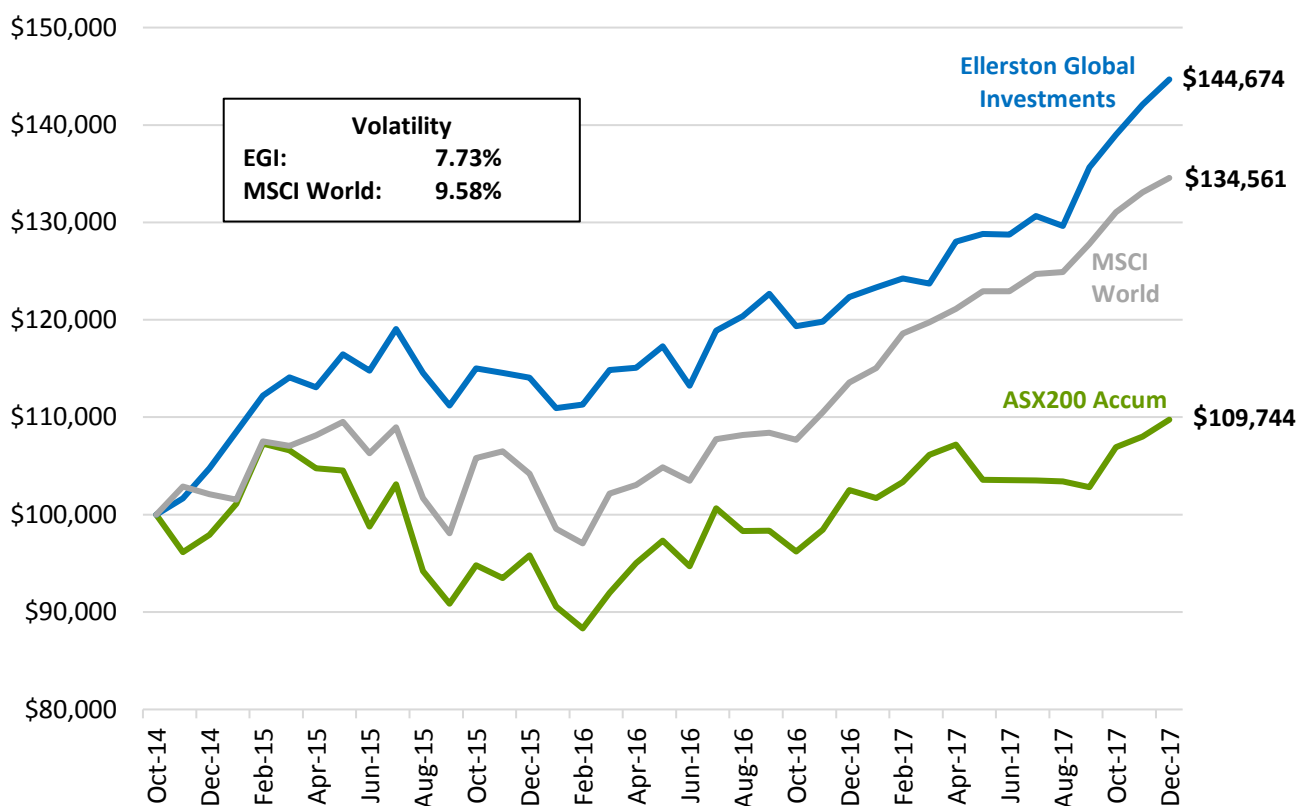
The Portfolio returned 12.36% in the 6 months to 31 December 2017, outperforming the MSCI World Index (Local) by 2.91%. Since inception, the Portfolio has delivered an annualised return of 12.37% versus the MSCI World Index (Local) of 9.83%.

Performance at 31-Dec-17	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a	Annualised Return [^]	1 Nov 2014
EGI*	12.36%	18.27%	11.36%	12.37%	44.67%
MSCI World Index (Local)	9.45%	18.48%	9.64%	9.83%	34.56%

*Net Return (before tax)

[^]1 Nov 2014 p.a

Growth of \$100,000 investment since 1 November 2014





Top holdings as at 31 December 2017

Top 10 Holdings	Weight
Entertainment One Ltd	7.79%
Zayo Group Holdings Inc	5.73%
Stars Group Inc-The	4.67%
Equiniti Group Plc	4.41%
Interxion Holding NV	4.20%
Acuity Brands Inc	3.81%
Playa Hotels And Resorts NV	3.75%
Venator Materials Plc	3.69%
QTS Realty Trust Inc	3.64%
Hostelworld Group Plc	3.41%

EGI NTA

EGI's before tax NTA increased 9.3% for the six months to 31 December 2017. This increase is after tax paid of 1.24 cents per share and dividends paid of 1.5 cents per share.

Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share	As at 31-Dec-17	As at 30-Jun-17
NTA – before tax (i)	1.2628	1.1559
NTA – after realised tax (ii)	1.2634	1.1465
NTA – after tax	1.2168	1.1348
NTA Fully Diluted (after realised tax) (iii)	1.1891	1.1015

(i) All figures are after the payment of dividends and taxes. The Current period NTA is after dividends paid of 1.5 cents per share and after tax paid of 1.24 cents per share.

(ii) NTA after realised tax includes a provision for tax on realised gains from the Company's Investment Portfolio. It excludes any tax on unrealised gains and deferred tax, which are represented in the NTA after tax.

(iii) If all of the remaining 2018 options had been exercised by 31 December 2017.

Market Update

As noted in our January 2018 Investment Update, released to the ASX on 13th February 2018, global equity markets continued their upward charge in January driven by extraordinary returns across US Indices.

More recently in February, we have entered a period of market volatility which has seen the S&P 500 US market index, fall by circa 3% despite rising significantly from its lows on the 8th February.

We will continue to provide our monthly detailed investment updates and have scheduled a conference call for Monday 5th March 2018 at 2.30pm to discuss the pending expiry of options, the Company's financial results and all dividends payable. We encourage all shareholders to be part of this teleconference. For more information on the conference call, please email info@ellerstoncapital.com

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