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Ophir High Conviction Fund (ASX:OPH) – Investor Update

Dear Investor,

On Thursday 3 October 2024, we will be providing a video update on our Funds, including the Ophir High Conviction (ASX:OPH, “the Fund”).

Please find below the key points we will convey in the update relating to the Fund.

1. Market insights & Fund performance*

In September, the global stock market had a strong month of returns for the fifth consecutive month in a row, continuing to add to its 2024 gains. Smaller companies in Australia outperformed larger companies late in the month, with the ASX Small Ordinaries index returning +5.3% while the ASX 100 returned +3.1% for the month (total returns). Larger companies in Australia are still outperforming smaller companies over the last 12 months.

For the month ending 30 September 2024, the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund was up +2.6% (net of fees) with the OPH ASX price returning 2.3%, compared to the benchmark which returned +4.1%.

*We note past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

2. Stocks in Focus

Top contributor

Mineral Resources (ASX:MIN) – This stock was initially down circa -25% during the month due to falling commodity prices and debt on the balance sheet. However, after the stimulus news from China supporting commodity prices, the stock finished +30% for the month.

Top detractor

REA Group (ASX:REA) – The stock was down -8% for the month following talk that REA Group was looking to buy Rightmove, a comparable business in the UK. The market did not like this given the cost of the acquisition. Post September month end, REA Group stated they are walking away from a deal. The stock rallied +4% in first trading day of October on the news.

3. OPH trading at a discount

We note the OPH share price traded at a discount to its Net Tangible Asset per share (NTA) for September 2024.

We like the opportunity to buy low throughout the cycle, whether that is stocks in our own Funds, or OPH itself with our own personal investments.

4. OPH buy-back facility

We commenced utilising the buy-back facility for OPH during March 2020 as markets sold off during the early stages of COVID-19. We have renewed the facility and will continued to utilise this where we see good value on offer in the OPH unit price. We have a process and rules in place for when we use the facility in the market to buy back OPH units. We remain committed to this facility and process and will continue to use this mechanism where we believe it is in the best interests of all unitholders and accretive to performance of the Fund over the long term.

We remain as hard working as ever to find and allocate to those small and mid-cap businesses listed in Australia that we believe can significantly grow earnings and provide attractive risk-adjusted returns over the medium to long term.

Your sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Andrew Mitchell and Steven Ng in black ink.

Andrew Mitchell & Steven Ng

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