

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

Dear Investor,

On 6th November 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 October, the global stock market fell over the month. Larger growth orientated companies in Australia outperformed smaller companies. However, the ASX Small Ordinaries index returned +0.8% while the ASX 100 returned -1.5% for the month (total returns). Smaller companies in Australia have just nudged ahead of larger companies in terms of total returns over the last 12 months.

For the month ending 31 October 2024, the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund was up +3.7% (net of fees) with the OPH ASX price flat (0.0%), compared to the benchmark return -0.8%.

We note the stock range for the Fund has recently been increased from 15-30 to 20-40. Pleasingly some newer holdings that have recently been added to the Fund with the increase in stock numbers were top performers during the month of October. These were holdings that have been held in our Ophir Opportunities Fund that are now held in both funds.

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2. Stocks in Focus

Top contributors

Life360 (ASX:360) – Life360 continues to contribute positively to the portfolio. Gaining 16.0% over the month.

Generation Development Group (ASX:GDG) – logged a great quarterly result across its Lonsec and Investment bonds/annuities business seeing its stock price rise 21.6% during the month.

Top detractor

Mineral Resources (ASX:MIN) – The stock was down -24.3% for the month following news that executive and Founder Chris Ellison was caught up in some corporate governance issues surrounding related party transactions.

NextDC (ASX:NXT) – made an acquisition of a data centre site in Sydney's Eastern Creek and saw its share price fall -6.2% on the month. We think this is a good opportunity to continue expanding capacity for the company.

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 October 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.

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Your sincerely,

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