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Dear Sir/Madam

#### Spheria Emerging Companies Limited (ASX:SEC) – Monthly Investment Update

Please find attached a copy of the investment update for the month ending 31 May 2025.

For further information, please contact 1300 010 311.

Authorised by:

Calvin Kwok Company Secretary



# Spheria Emerging Companies Limited ASX: SEC

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## **Overall Commentary**

The Company performance for the month of May was 2.9% (after fees), underperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 2.9%.

# **Company Facts**

Investment Manager	Spheria Asset Management Pty Limited		
ASX Code	SEC		
Share Price	\$2.400		
Inception Date	30 November 2017		
Listing Date	5 December 2017		
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index		
Dividends Paid	Quarterly		
Management Fee	1.00% (plus GST) per annum <sup>1</sup>		
Performance Fee	20% (plus GST) of the Portfolio's outperformance <sup>2</sup>		
Market Capitalisation	\$143.6m		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calculated daily and paid at the end of each month in arrears.

# Performance as at 31 May 2025

	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years p.a.	5 Years p.a.	Inception p.a <sup>3</sup>
Company <sup>1</sup>	2.9%	1.5%	17.1%	7.5%	12.6%	7.8%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	5.8%	3.8%	9.8%	4.7%	6.8%	5.3%
Difference	-2.9%	-2.3%	7.4%	2.9%	5.9%	2.5%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calculated as the Company's investment portfolio performance after fees excluding tax on realised and unrealised gains/ losses and other earnings and after company expenses <sup>2</sup>Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

### NTA Tangible Assets (NTA)<sup>1</sup>

Pre-Tax NTA<sup>2</sup> 2.467 Post-Tax NTA<sup>3</sup> 2.401

<sup>1</sup>NTA calculations exclude Deferred Tax Assets relating to capitalised issue related balance and income tax losses.

<sup>2</sup>Pre-tax NTA includes tax on realised gains/ losses and other earnings, but excludes any provisions for tax on unrealised gains/losses.

<sup>3</sup>Post-tax NTA includes tax on realised and unrealised gains/losses and other earnings.

## Top 10 Holdings

Company Name	% Portfolio	
Supply Network Limited	6.6	
IRESS Limited	5.3	
Deterra Royalties Limited	4.5	
Sims Limited	4.1	
Technology One Limited	4.1	
Fletcher Building Limited	3.9	
Cromwell Property Group	3.9	
Perpetual Limited	3.3	
Insignia Financial Limited	2.9	
Healius Limited	2.9	
Top 10	41.4	

## Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Against the Benchmark over each 6-month period to a high-water mark mechanism

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Inception date is 30 November 2017. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a returns are annualised.



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#### **Markets**

Equity markets surged in May, nearing record highs, with the tariffs and broader economic uncertainties of the prior month seemingly forgotten. De-escalation of trade concerns and ongoing negotiations resulted in a risk-on month where Australia small-caps outperform large-caps. This was further supported by a 0.25% rate cut in Australia, which should support cyclical exposed companies over the short to medium term, several of which we own in the portfolio.

Over the month the largest contributors were owning Technology One (TNE.ASX, +37%), not owning Nufarm (NUF.ASX, -38%), and not owning Judo Capital Holdings (JDO.ASX, -20%). The largest detractors from performance included overweight positions in Healius (HLS.ASX, -18%), Insignia Financial (IFL.ASX, -11%), and SKYCITY Entertainment Group (SKC.ASX, -18%).

#### **Fund Ratings**





#### **Contact Us**

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