

ACORN CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

INVESTMENT UPDATE
MARCH 2022



Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited ACN 167 595 897

ASX Code	ACQ
Date of Listing	1 May 2014
Shares on Issue	85,435,553
NTA Before Tax	\$1.5352
Share Price	\$1.48
Market	\$126.4 million
Capitalisation	
Dividends	8.0c ^a (fully franked)
Dividend Yield	5.4%*

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^a Ordinary over the past 12 months (excludes 4c special dividend paid in November 2022)
* implied on share price

Objective

The Objective is to create a diversified portfolio of listed microcap companies and then to invest opportunistically in unlisted entities that offer better relative value. The performance objective for ACQ is to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term.

Dividend Intention

Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited intends to pay annual dividends targeting at least 5% of closing post-tax NTA for each financial year, franked to the highest extent possible and without the Company incurring a liability. Where the Company accumulates franking credits that the Board determines are in excess to its requirements it is the intent to distribute those excess credits by way of special dividends. This is subject to the Company having sufficient profit and cash flow to make such payments

Investment philosophy

The investment philosophy is based on a belief that there are pricing inefficiencies amongst emerging or microcap companies due to a lack of readily available external research conducted on such entities.

Acorn Capital believes that through a research driven investment process the pricing inefficiencies that exist in both listed microcaps and unlisted microcaps can be exploited to earn returns superior to those available in the broader market.

Unlisted microcap opportunities must be of better relative value on a risk-adjusted basis to displace existing listed portfolio investments in the corresponding sector.

Strategy

- Research-driven stock selection
- Economic sector diversified
- Style agnostic
- Long term investor
- Create diversified portfolios to reduce volatility

Manager profile

Established in 1998 Acorn Capital Ltd is a specialist Australian microcap manager

Monthly Update

In March 2022 ACQ recorded performance of +2.76% as compared to the S&P/Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index return of +5.26%. ACQ values listed securities using closing BID price. Valuing listed securities at LAST price would add \$0.0219 per share. The ACQ share price increased from \$1.405 to \$1.48. The unlisted portfolio totals 19 investments.

Net Tangible Asset Backing Per Ordinary Share as at 31 March 2022 (all figures unaudited)

NTA before all taxes	1.5352
NTA after taxes and before taxes on unrealised gains	1.4906
NTA after taxes including taxes on unrealised gains	1.4447

Performance as at 31 March 2022 (all figures unaudited)

Period	3 Months	6 Months	12 months	2 years % p.a.	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	Since Inception % p.a.
ACQ ¹	-6.3%	-3.6%	+12.7%	+45.8%	+19.9%	+16.4%	+12.8%
Acorn Capital SIRCA Microcap Acc Index ²	-1.5%	+2.9%	+17.0%	+53.5%	+21.3%	+13.7%	+11.3%
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc Index	-4.2%	-2.3%	+9.7%	+29.2%	+9.6%	+9.9%	+9.0%
S&P/Emerging Companies Index	+0.2%	+8.5%	+39.6%	+72.4%	+28.8%	+18.1%	+14.7%

¹ Calculated as the movement in NTA before tax, post management fees, performance fees and operating costs. Includes dividends paid and payable but has not been grossed-up for franking credits received by shareholders. All figures are unaudited, and unlisted valuations are performed by Acorn Capital in accordance with ACQ Board approved policies.

² Microcap Index data is verified three months in arrears by SIRCA ('Securities Industry Research Centre of Asia-Pacific')

Portfolio Profile as at 31 March 2022

ACQ had 76%, 22% and 3% in listed investments, unlisted investments and cash, respectively. 66% of the unlisted portfolio was held in equity linked securities. Equity linked securities include: convertible debt; debt with attaching warrants or options; preference shares; and similar instruments. Investments are revalued in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of ACQ. Unlisted investment valuations are reviewed monthly. Ordinary equity investments will generally be adjusted to reflect movements in the relevant industry sector in the Microcap Index². Valuations of equity linked securities are reviewed to determine whether market movements result in an impairment in the security held. Equity linked securities held in the portfolio are typically less correlated with market movements.

Top 10 Stocks as at 31 March 2022

The ACQ Investment Portfolio held 95 stocks³ as at 31 March 2022. The 10 largest stock holdings within the ACQ Investment Portfolio were:

Company	Portfolio Weight
1. Australian Rare Earths Limited	3.8%
2. Calix Limited	3.5%
3. Moula Money Pty Ltd Ordinary Shares (UL)	3.2%
4. Marketplacer Pty Ltd (UL)	3.1%
5. Syrah Resources Limited	2.4%
6. Aurelia Metals Limited	2.4%
7. Jervois Global Limited	2.3%
8. Sandfire Resources Limited	2.2%
9. Aroa Biosurgery Limited	2.0%
10. Karoon Energy Ltd	2.0%
Total	26.9%

Note: (UL) = unlisted investment

³ Stock numbers consolidate positions where multiple securities are held and excludes positions with nil value

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