

ACORN CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

INVESTMENT UPDATE
DECEMBER 2023



Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited ACN 167 595 897

Net Tangible Asset Per Ordinary Share

as at 31 December 2023 (all figures unaudited)

NTA before all taxes	1.0222
NTA after taxes and before taxes on unrealised gains	1.0600
NTA after taxes including taxes on unrealised gains	1.0689

ASX Code	ACQ
Date of Listing	1 May 2014
Shares on Issue	88,270,273
Share Price	\$0.985
Market Cap \$m	\$86.9m
Number of Stocks	71
Dividends	8.5c [^] (fully franked)
Dividend Yield	8.6%*

[^] Ordinary over the past 12 months
* Implied on share price

Investment Split



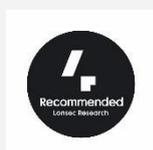
Top 10 Stocks as at 31 December 2023

Company	Weight %
Ramelius Resources Limited	4.6%
Marketplacer (UL)	4.2%
Splend Holdings Ltd (UL)	3.9%
Impedimed Limited	3.1%
Elenium Automation (UL)	3.0%
Red 5 Limited	3.0%
Aroa Biosurgery Limited	2.8%
Meteoritic Resources NI	2.7%
MX51 Group (UL)	2.5%
Metals Acquisition LTD	2.2%
Total	32.1%

UL = Unlisted investment

Ratings*

Lonsec "Recommended"



Performance as at 31 December 2023 (all figures unaudited)

	1 mth %	3 mths %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	Since incept. % p.a.
ACQ ¹	5.0%	2.1%	-0.1%	-3.7%	8.4%	7.9%
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc Index	7.2%	8.5%	7.8%	0.9%	6.4%	6.3%

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.

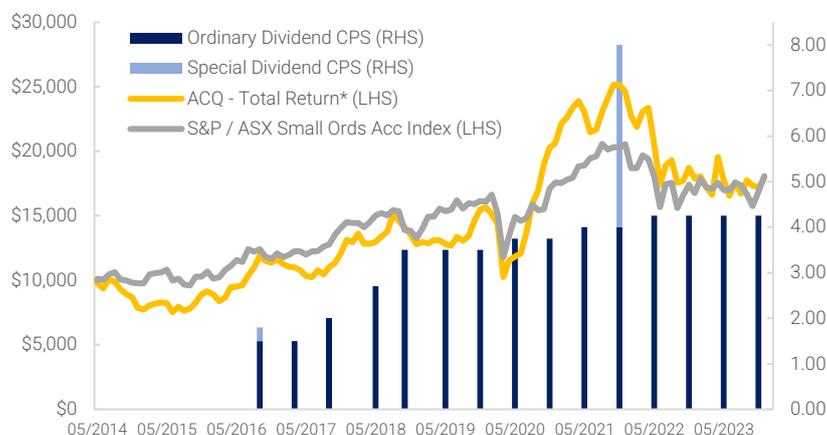
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"The market continued its strong run in December, with investors more confidently pricing in a peak in interest rates and potential rate cuts in 2024 as inflation continues to moderate. The strength was broad-based, with every industry sector in the index posting gains for the month.

Over the past year, the Acorn Capital / SIRCA Microcap Index¹ underperformed relative to the S&P ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index, with an approximate 8.6% difference in returns. This underperformance can be attributed, in part, to compositional disparities between the two indices. This performance differential is noteworthy to highlight, especially in the context that the Microcap Index more accurately mirrors the investable universe relevant to ACQ, rather than the Small Ordinaries Index which serves as the independent performance benchmark. Further elaboration on the relative performance variations will be provided in the December 2023 Quarterly Update."

ACQ manager – Acorn Capital Limited

Growth \$10K

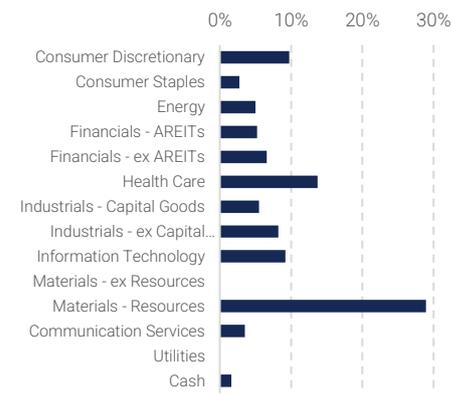


*Total shareholder return assuming dividends reinvested, includes special dividends

Market Cap Bands



Sector Exposures



ACQ 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.

Investment Strategy

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

Investment Manager profile

Acorn Capital was established in 1998 as a specialist investment manager in emerging Australian companies.

Acorn Capital distinguishes itself through its relatively large research and investment team with expertise across all industries as well as its provision of expansion capital to developing companies.

Through its strategies Acorn Capital can provide Investors with efficient off-index exposure to both public and private emerging companies.

¹Acorn Capital / SIRCA Microcap Accumulation Index data is verified 3 months in arrears by SIRCA ('Securities Industry Research Centre of Asia-Pacific')

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