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

Dear Investor,

On Thursday 9th May 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*

The global share market took a breather in April along with the Australian share market giving back some of its gains in 2024. Smaller companies very modestly underperformed with the ASX Small Ordinaries (-3.0%) index return being just shy of its larger counterpart in the ASX 100 (-2.9%). This is the first month since October 2023 that the Australian share market has returned a negative outcome.

For the month ending 30 April 2024, the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund was down -3.3% (net of fees) with the OPH ASX returning -4.8%, compared to the benchmark which was down -2.6%.

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

2. Stocks in focus

Top contributor:

ResMed (ASX: RMD) – RMD reported its third quarter earnings which beat analyst expectations, particularly on their gross margins which was previously under pressure. At the same time during the month, its main competitor (Philips) announced that it would not be coming back to the market anytime soon. RMD’s share price rose +9.0% in April.

Top detractor:

NEXTDC (ASX: NXT) – There was no incremental news in terms of how the business is operating however, the business did decide to raise an additional \$1 billion in capital during the month to execute its development pipeline which is being fuelled by, amongst other things, heightened data needs off the back of varied A.I. applications. It’s share price fell - 5.1% in April.

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 April 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,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Andrew Mitchell' and the signature on the right is 'Steven Ng'.

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