

Investment update

as at 31 December 2018

Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited

ACN 167 595 897

ASX Code	ACQ
Date of Listing	1 May 2014
Shares on Issue	52,845,417
NTA Before Tax	\$1.1608
Share Price	\$1.065
Market Capitalisation	\$56.28 million
Dividends	6.2c^ (fully franked)
Dividend Yield	5.8%*
Website	www.ACQfund.com.au

^ over past 12 months
* 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

ACQ intends to pay an increasing stream of dividends targeting at least 5% of closing post-tax NTA for each financial year, franked to the highest extent possible without the Company incurring a liability. This intention is subject to ACQ 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 December 2018 ACQ recorded performance of -2.41% as compared to the S&P/Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index return of -4.18%. The ACQ share price decreased from \$1.13 to \$1.065. During the month ACQ sold almost 90% of its position in Genea. The unlisted portfolio totals 21 investments. ACQ also announced the ACQ Short Term Recurring Option Program (ASTRO) refer announcement dated 17 December 2018.

Net Tangible Asset Backing Per Ordinary Share as at 31 December 2018 (all figures unaudited)

NTA before any tax effect	1.1608
NTA after tax excluding tax liability on unrealised gains	1.1471
NTA after tax	1.1356

Performance as at 31 December 2018 (all figures unaudited)

Period	3 Months	6 Months	12 months	2 years % p.a.	3 years % p.a.	Since Inception % p.a.
ACQ ¹	-12.32%	-10.50%	-6.27%	+5.15%	+10.12%	+7.16%
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc Index	-13.70%	-12.75%	-8.67%	+0.08%	+0.18%	+6.32%
S&P/Emerging Companies Index	-16.39%	-18.47%	-19.94%	-3.00%	+5.45%	+4.76%

¹ Portfolio performance is unaudited and calculated as the movement in NTA before tax effects, which is post all management fees, performance fees and operating costs. Performance 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.

Portfolio Profile as at 31 December 2018

ACQ had 66%, 29% and 5% in listed investments, unlisted investments and cash, respectively. 44% 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. Listed and unlisted investments are revalued in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of ACQ.

Top 10 Stocks as at 31 December 2018

The ACQ Investment Portfolio held 81 stocks as at 31 December 2018. The 10 largest stock holdings within the ACQ Investment Portfolio were:

Company	Portfolio Weight
1. Calix Ltd	5.9%
2. Moula Money Pty Ltd (UL)	5.8%
3. Telix Pharmaceuticals Limited	5.1%
4. Redhill Education Limited	3.3%
5. Carbon Revolution Pty Ltd (UL)	3.0%
6. Lifestylepanel Holdings (UL)	3.0%
7. Shine Corporate Ltd	2.6%
8. Innovative Asset Solutions Group Ltd (UL)	2.5%
9. Redbubble Limited	2.4%
10. Department 13 International Limited (UL)	2.3%
Total	36.0%

Note: (UL) = unlisted investment

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