

# Affluence Small Company Fund

Fund Report & Overview | February 2024

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## Fund Features

- ✓ Fund has outperformed ASX Small Ords\*
- ✓ Quarterly Distributions\*
- ✓ Diversified access to smaller companies
- ✓ Eligible Investors only\*

## Investment Objective

The Fund aims to outperform the ASX Small Ordinaries Index over rolling 5 year periods and to deliver these returns with less volatility than the index.

## Investment Strategy

The Fund invests with managers who specialise in investing in ASX Small Companies, primarily through unlisted managed funds. In addition, the Fund may also invest directly into ASX Small Companies, ASX listed LICs and have exposure to some global equities.

## Performance Since Inception

(April 2016)\*



**8.5%**  
Total returns  
per annum



**6.7%**  
Distributions  
per annum

## Why Use The Fund?

### Portfolio Use

The Fund is designed to be used as a smaller part of an investment portfolio for those investors seeking **Capital Growth** and **Income Distributions** with a longer investment timeframe, at least a **High** risk / return profile and needing access to capital **Monthly** or less often.

### Access to Differentiated Strategies

The Fund provides access to a wide range of small companies that may complement investors' portfolios.

## Key Risks

As with all investments, the Fund is subject to risks. The returns of the Fund will be impacted by market cycles, particularly movements in the prices of ASX Small Companies. Other key risks include volatility and asset class concentration risk, economic and market risk, legal and regulatory risk, manager and key person risk and liquidity risk.

The Affluence Small Company Fund is open and available to Wholesale and Sophisticated Investors. If you have any questions please get in touch.

## Key Statistics

Investment Class	Small Companies
Minimum Investment	\$20,000
Suggested Timeframe	At least 5 years
Target Returns	ASX Small Ords Index
Annual Distributions	6.00 cpu*
Distribution Yield	5.2% p.a.*
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly*
Applications	Monthly
Withdrawals	Monthly
Management Fees	Nil*
Performance Fee	12.5% of positive performance*
Entry/Exit Price	\$1.1514 / \$1.1434
Buy/Sell Spread	0.35% / 0.35%

\* See notes on the last page for additional information. Distributions are not guaranteed. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Fund Performance\*

To 29 February 2024	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Inception
Distributions	1.3%	6.4%	8.2%	8.4%	6.7%	6.7%
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	0.8%	-3.0%	0.1%	3.1%	1.5%	1.8%
Affluence Small Company Fund Total Return	2.1%	3.5%	8.3%	11.5%	8.2%	8.5%
ASX Small Ordinaries Index (Small Ords)	10.1%	7.8%	1.4%	4.4%	6.5%	6.7%
<b>Performance compared to Small Ords Index</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

## Fund Monthly Return History\*

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Year
2016					1.2%	-1.2%	4.5%	2.3%	1.8%	-0.5%	-1.5%	2.1%	8.9%
2017	1.0%	-0.4%	0.5%	-2.0%	-0.3%	1.5%	1.9%	0.2%	1.5%	2.7%	2.5%	3.2%	12.9%
2018	-0.8%	-1.6%	-2.0%	-0.1%	1.1%	-0.5%	-0.2%	1.2%	0.3%	-5.3%	-2.3%	-3.9%	-13.5%
2019	1.3%	2.4%	-0.2%	1.0%	-0.9%	-0.8%	4.3%	-0.4%	2.9%	0.5%	0.8%	1.6%	12.9%
2020	0.4%	-3.5%	-16.2%	9.6%	6.5%	0.7%	5.0%	7.1%	-0.2%	2.4%	9.6%	2.6%	22.9%
2021	-0.1%	1.2%	1.5%	4.6%	2.4%	4.9%	-0.9%	1.4%	2.7%	1.5%	-0.4%	0.7%	21.0%
2022	-2.4%	0.0%	1.0%	-0.3%	-2.5%	-4.3%	5.2%	1.6%	-5.0%	3.7%	4.7%	-1.0%	0.0%
2023	2.4%	0.3%	-0.4%	2.0%	-0.8%	1.3%	0.5%	-0.7%	-0.3%	-3.6%	3.5%	3.7%	8.0%
2024	-0.7%	-0.9%											-1.6%

Strongest Month
Positive Month
Stable Month
Negative Month
Weakest Month

## Fund Commentary\*

The Affluence Small Company Fund decreased 0.9% in February, lagging the ASX Small Ordinaries Index which increased 1.7%. The Fund has returned 8.5% per annum since inception in April 2016, outperforming the ASX Small Ordinaries Index which has increased by 6.7% per annum.

Australian and many global equity markets hit new all-time highs in February. Even Japan hit a new all time high, 33 years after the previous all-time high in 1989.

February is half year reporting season in Australia. The consensus opinion is that earnings were better than the fairly downbeat expectations. While there was limited movement at the index level, companies that reported better than expected (even if this was just less worse than expected) moved markedly higher, while those that missed were punished. The exception to this rule continued to small and microcap stocks (and LICs), where there continues to be a dearth of investors regardless of opportunity.

The largest positive contributors were the Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund, The Level 18 Fund, and the Wentworth Williamson Fund.

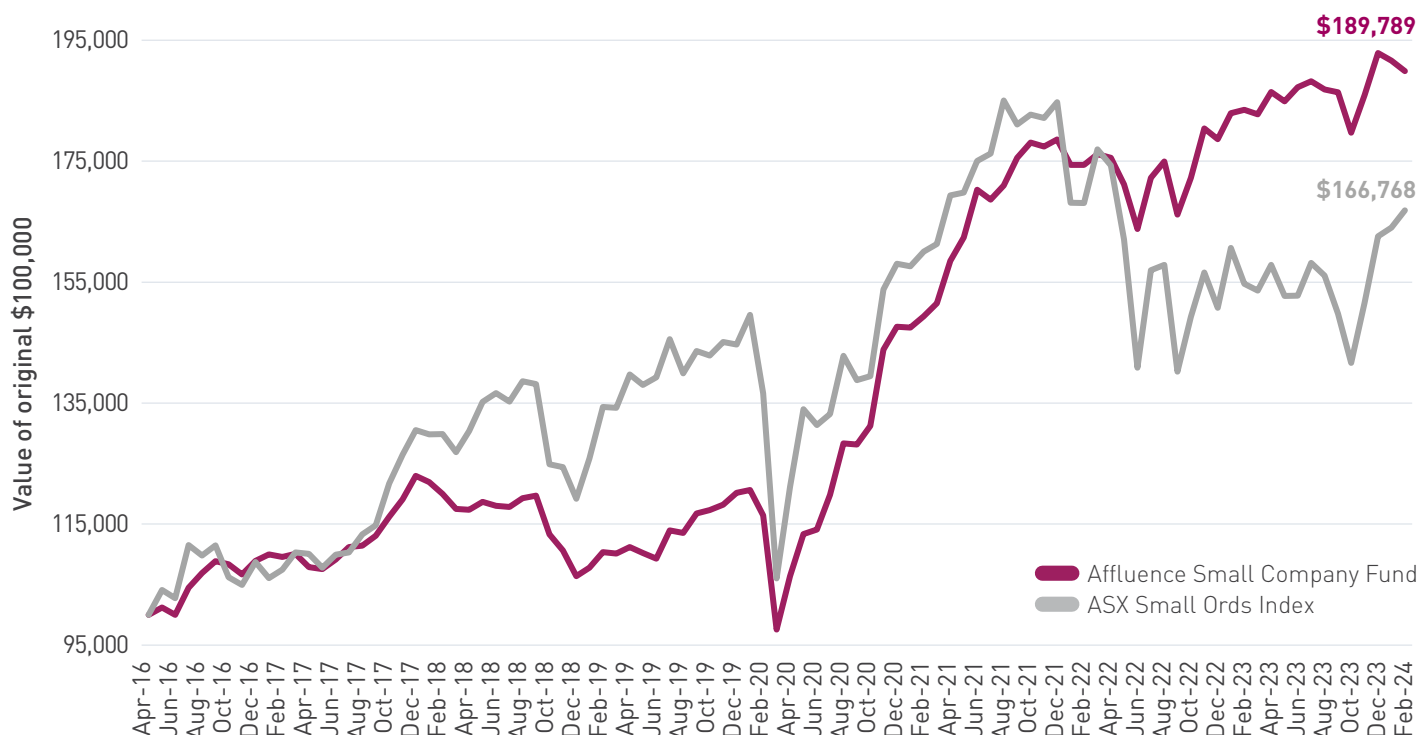
At the end of February the portfolio included 9 managed funds (37% of the portfolio), 13 LICs (15%) and 22 ASX listed Small Companies (38%). The balance 10% was cash and hedges.

If you would like to know more about the investment portfolio, including our top holdings and weightings, visit the Affluence Small Company Fund page at <https://affluencefunds.com.au/asf/> or the Members area of our website. You must be registered as an Affluence Member to view the portfolio.

**The Affluence Small Company Fund is open to Wholesale and Sophisticated Investors. Applications are accepted monthly, and the minimum initial investment amount is \$20,000. The cut-off for applications is the 25th March with units issued effective 1st April. Click the "Invest Now" button on our website to apply online or download application forms.**

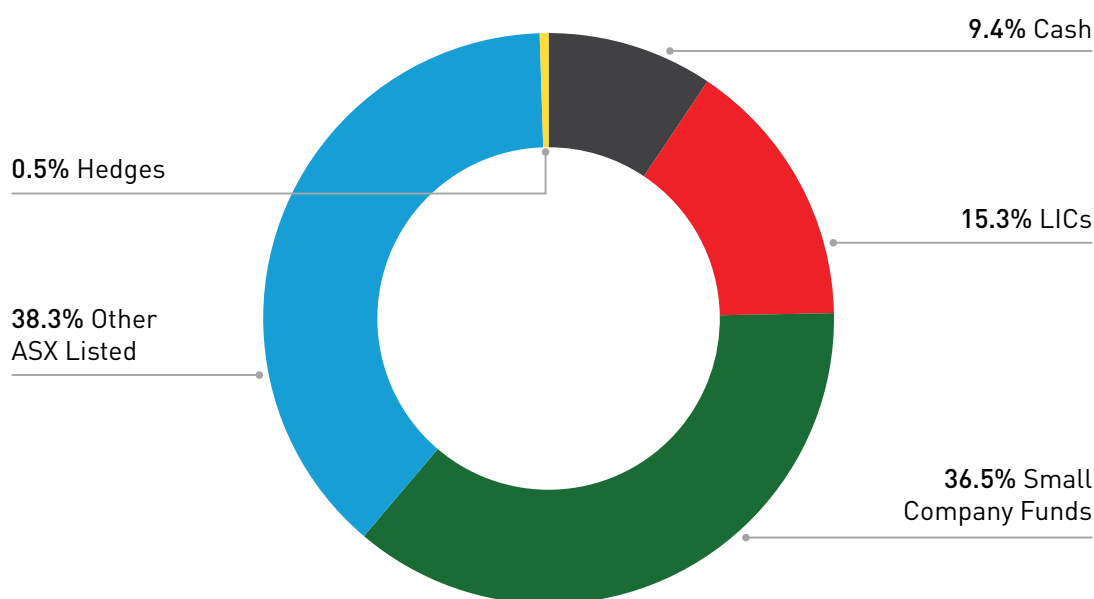
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## Return on \$100,000 Investment\*



## Portfolio Summary

### Underlying Investment Type



### Five Largest Investments

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>01</b> Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund | <b>04</b> Kiland Limited (Unlisted) |
| <b>02</b> Phoenix Opportunities Fund        | <b>05</b> Centennial Level 18 Fund  |
| <b>03</b> Midway Limited (MWY)              |                                     |

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### Is the Fund right for you?

The Affluence Small Company Fund aims to invest primarily in ASX Small Companies (those outside the ASX100 Index). We believe there is more opportunity for smaller companies to grow their earnings. As they grow, price-earning multiples can also increase. We also believe it is easier for talented specialist investment managers to find mispriced opportunities in this sector.

The Fund invests in ASX Small Companies directly and via specialist boutique investment managers.

We believe that ASX Small Companies represent an attractive investment opportunity. But they can also be volatile and fall more than other investments in severe market downturns.

### Does it suit your portfolio?

The Fund is designed to be used as a smaller part of an investment portfolio for Eligible Investors seeking Capital Growth and Income Distributions with a longer investment timeframe, at least a High risk/return profile and needing access to capital Monthly or less often.

The Fund has outperformed its benchmark (ASX Small Ordinaries Index) with lower volatility since inception.

As with all investments, the Fund is subject to risks. The value of an investment will go up and down over time, the Fund's returns will vary, future returns may differ from past returns, and returns are not guaranteed. This means that there is always the chance that you could lose money on an investment in the Fund.

### Why invest with Affluence?

We pride ourselves on the quality of our products and alignment with investors.

We were the first investors in each of our funds. A significant proportion of our own and extended families wealth is invested in Affluence funds.

We charge no fixed management fee for any of our funds. Instead, we charge a performance fee of 12.5% of positive returns<sup>4</sup>. This encourages us to focus on generating strong returns, while managing risk and limiting losses. If our investors do well, we will do well.

We believe managing less money than average provides us with significant advantages. So we don't aim to be the biggest manager. We do aim to be one of the best. We are proud of our performance record to date.

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**The Affluence Small Company Fund is available to wholesale and sophisticated investors. If you have any questions about Affluence, the Fund or our investment team, please get in touch.**

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2. Performance data for the Fund is expressed net of fees and costs (excluding the buy-sell spread). Performance calculations assume the reinvestment of distributions. Returns for periods of more than 1 year are annualised. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The inception date of the Fund is 1 April 2016.
3. The Fund aims to pay distributions of at least 5% pa paid quarterly. Distributions are not guaranteed and may be paid above or below this amount. Distribution yield is calculated using the most recent distribution available and divided by the current unit price.
4. Affluence do not charge any fixed fee for managing the Fund. Affluence charge a performance fee equal to 12.5% of positive returns. Fees are also payable to the managers of underlying investments and there are expenses associated with the Fund and its underlying investments. Fees and costs related to underlying investments are not paid by the Fund directly, but are reflected in the performance of those investments.