

Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund

Monthly Report as at end of August 2026

APIR Codes: Class A - ECL8388AU, Class B - ECL3306AU | ARSN 609 725 868



Concentrated portfolio of global mid small cap securities, built through a contrarian, high conviction, and benchmark independent approach.



Targets companies which the Portfolio Manager feels are in a period of "price discovery" and which offer an attractive risk/reward dynamic.



Aims to outperform the benchmark with a focus on risk management and capital growth.

Performance Summary – Class A

Performance	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.) ^{^^}
Net [^]	-1.6%	-12.9%	6.3%	8.6%	3.5%	10.7%
Benchmark [*]	-0.1%	2.6%	5.2%	12.0%	7.0%	10.4%
Alpha	-1.5%	-15.5%	1.1%	-3.4%	-3.5%	0.3%

Performance Summary – Class B

Performance	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	Since Inception (p.a.) ^{^^^}
Net [^]	-1.6%	-12.9%	6.4%	8.6%	3.7%	9.2%
Benchmark [*]	-0.1%	2.6%	5.2%	12.0%	7.0%	11.1%
Alpha	-1.5%	-15.5%	1.2%	-3.4%	-3.3%	-1.9%

[^] The net return figure is calculated after fees & expenses, assuming all distributions are reinvested. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future performance.

^{*} MSCI World Mid Cap Index NR (AUD).

^{^^} Class A inception is 28 February 2017. ^{^^^} Class B inception is 18 August 2020.

Key Information

Portfolio Manager(s)	Nick Markiewicz
Investment Objective	To outperform the Benchmark by 3% over a 5-year rolling period.
Benchmark	MSCI World Mid Cap Index NR (AUD)
Liquidity	Daily
Target Number of Holdings	20-40
Minimum Investment	Initial investment – \$25,000 Additional investment – \$10,000
Distribution Frequency	Half-Yearly (where available)
Management Fee	0.75% p.a.
Performance Fee ¹	10.00%
Buy/Sell Spread	0.25% / 0.25%
Class A Unit Prices & Fund Size	Application – \$1.4436 Net Asset Value – \$1.4400 Redemption – \$1.4364 Fund Size – \$27,244,842
Class B Unit Prices & Fund Size	Net Asset Value – \$1.2175 Redemption – \$1.2145 Fund Size – \$25,574,629

¹Of the investment return above the benchmark, after recovering any underperformance in past periods.

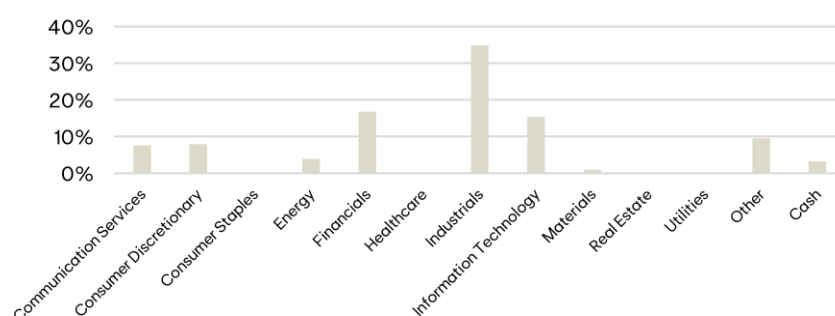
Top Holdings*

Company	Sector
AerCap Holdings NV	Industrials
Corpay, Inc.	Financials
GFL Environmental Inc	Industrials
InterContinental Hotels Group PLC	Consumer Discretionary
Nexans SA	Industrials

*Top 5 listed holdings in alphabetical order.

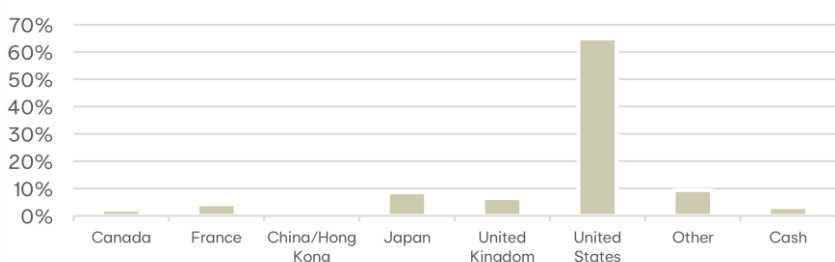
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Sector Allocation



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Geographic Allocation



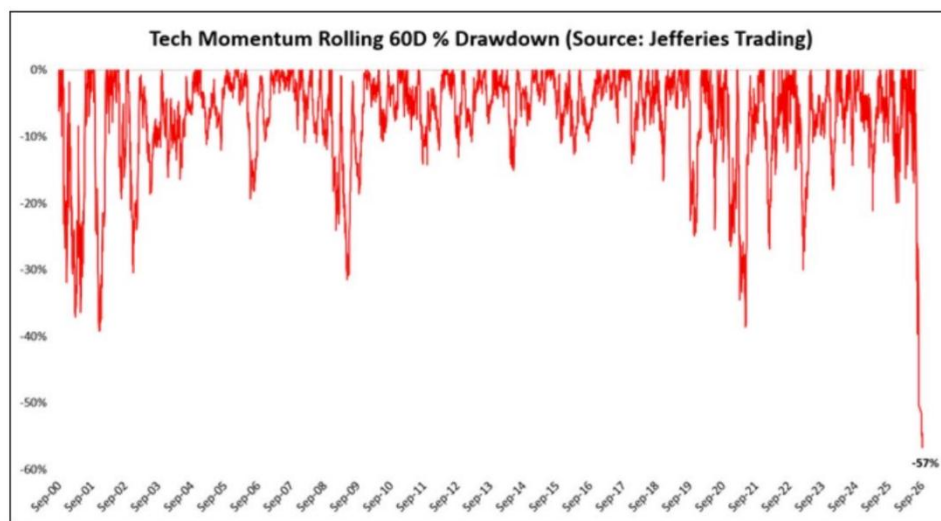
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FUND COMMENTARY

The Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund (the Fund) decreased 1.6% (net) (AUD) in August relative to the MSCI World Mid Cap Index (the Benchmark) which was largely flat (AUD). For the twelve months to August 2026 the Fund increased 6.3% relative to the index up 5.2%.

Following an historic drawdown in the technology sector in July (covered in prior updates), US equity markets posted a recovery in August, led by the 'Magnificent Seven' and Technology sector on the back of strong 2Q26 results. Other notable movers included Energy (+7.0%) and Materials (+5.9%).

Despite the Technology sector's broader recovery, the US technology momentum factor, which we see as a useful proxy for the AI trade, continued its historic drawdown, with the index down 55% from its June highs, and 20% through the month of August alone. This was an outcome of anaemic performance of the long book (largely AI) and strong performance of shorts (AI disrupted software). Given the strong fundamentals in the AI space (i.e exponential token demand growth, short paybacks on GPUs), we continue to view much of the recent decline in AI trade as technically driven – i.e likely continued de-grossing by hedge funds.



Source: Jefferies

The Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap fund has a large weighting to AI related stocks, and as a result, was impacted by the continued weakness in AI sentiment. For our portfolio specifically, many of our data centre holdings (CIFR, HUT, CORZ, WULF) had a poor month, reflecting delays around expected approvals for base load power in Texas. Post month end, we have subsequently learned that nearly all of our holdings, with the exception of CIFR, have received their expected conditional power approvals in the preliminary allocation process, with these approvals expected to be fully confirmed by the end of the year (likely after the US mid-term elections). We continue to see these companies as cheap on signed customer agreements, and highly compelling when factoring the value attached to their power backlogs.

KEY CONTRIBUTOR

SharonAI increased 11% within the Fund during the month, largely on the broader recovery in select technology names, as well as strong results from peers such as Nebius.

Galaxy Digital (GLXY US) increased 17% through the month, likely on the back of the strong rally in crypto currencies over the same period. GLXY earns money on crypto has both an institutional dealer/market maker, as well as through balance sheet and treasury holdings.

KEY DETRACTOR

CIFR Digital (CIFR US) and Core Scientific (CORZ US) declined 31% and 21% respectively through the month, reflecting the impact of delays to power approval discussed previously. Subsequent to month end, we used a particularly strong trading day in CIFR to exit the position and concentrate our capital in other datacentre holdings.

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