

Fiducian Australian Smaller Company Shares Fund



Monthly Report - January 2026

Fund description

The Fiducian Australian Smaller Company Shares Fund invests in a diversified group of specialist Australian smaller company share managers. The Fund utilises the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, selecting best of breed managers with different styles with the aim of achieving superior returns with reduced risk.

Smaller companies typically offer better growth opportunities and perform differently at different stages of the business cycle compared to larger companies.

Smaller company shares tend to be more volatile over the short term, and the recommended holding period is at least 9 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

ARSN: 093 542 020

APIR code: FPS0008AU

Benchmark: ASX Small Ordinaries Acc Index

Current fund size: \$407 million (January 2026)

Management cost: 1.19%

Total management costs: 1.23%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: November 1997

Manager	Style			Size	
	Value	Core	Growth	Small	Micro
Ausbil		●			●
Pendal		●		●	
Phoenix	●				●
Perpetual	●			●	

Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 31 January 2026

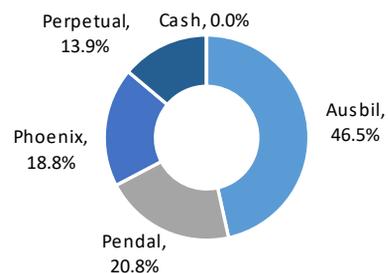
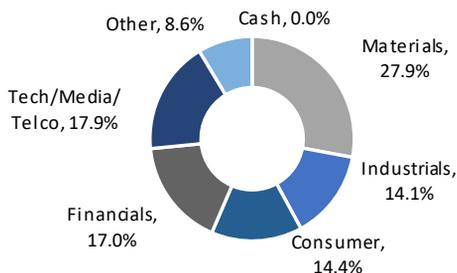
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	0.2%	-2.4%	14.6%	23.3%	16.0%	11.4%	13.0%	11.1%
Index	2.7%	2.7%	17.3%	22.8%	12.1%	7.5%	8.7%	9.5%
Excess	-2.6%	-5.0%	-2.7%	0.6%	4.0%	3.9%	4.3%	1.6%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	13.7%	11.3%	15.1%	16.6%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	11.2%	12.0%	15.6%	16.7%
Beta	1.05	0.84	0.88	0.93
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.8%	4.7%	5.8%	5.5%



Sector exposures and current manager weights



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Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy is forecast to expand this year and in 2026 at close to its long-term trend rate, according to the latest estimates provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), with growth forecast to be 3.3% in 2026 and 3.2% in 2027. The IMF notes the ‘balancing of divergent forces’ with ‘headwinds from shifting trade policies’ being ‘offset by tailwinds from surging investment related to technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), more so in North America and Asia than in other regions, as well as fiscal and monetary support, broadly accommodative financial conditions, and adaptability of the private sector’. Growth in advanced economies is forecast to be 1.8% in 2026, above the estimate for 2025, but with risks remaining ‘tilted to the downside’.

The broad US stock market (S&P 500 Accumulation Index) has been on an uptrend since early April 2025, gaining 1.5% in January. The Australian market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) gained 1.8% over the month. The Australian dollar gained 4.3% relative to the US dollar in the same period. Commodity prices were mixed with lithium, copper, gold and oil posting gains, while natural gas and iron ore declined.

Key global share markets have been ‘pricing-in’ a shift by central banks towards less restrictive monetary policy, despite signs of inflation rising again in some economies. However, share markets are likely to remain volatile given current ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Fund Commentary

The Fiducian Australian Smaller Company Shares Fund gained 0.2% in January, which was below the benchmark return of +2.7%. Phoenix (+5.6%) was the top performer for the month, followed by Perpetual (+3.2%). Over the last 12 months, Phoenix was the top manager (+50.4%), followed by Perpetual (+27.0%). For the 12 months to the end of January, the Fund returned 23.3% outperforming the index return of 22.8%.

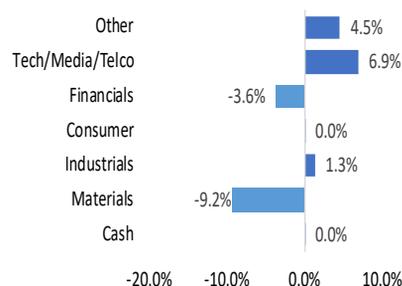
The Small Ordinaries Index gained 2.7% in January, outperforming the broader market (ASX 200 Accumulation index) return of +1.8%.

The Small Industrials Index declined by 2.0% while the Small Resources Index grew by 12.5% over the same period. Microcap stocks increased by 3.0% over the month.

At an aggregate level, the largest sectoral tilts in the Fund are overweight positions in the Information Technology Media and Telecommunication sectors. The notable underweight positions are in the Materials and Financials sectors.

Top stock holdings and sector tilts

Stock	Industry	Weight
Codan	Information Technology	2.8%
Genesis Minerals Ltd	Diversified Minerals	2.8%
Tuas	Telecommunication Services	2.7%
Generation Development Group	Diversified Financial Services	2.1%
Life360	Software	2.0%
Wagners Holdings	Building - Heavy Construction	1.9%
Firefly Metals	Metal - Diversified	1.8%
Zip Co	Commercial Services	1.8%
Vault Minerals	Gold Mining	1.7%
Superloop	Telecommunication Services	1.7%



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