

## Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited

ACN 167 595 897

ASX Code	ACQ
Date of Listing	1 May 2014
Shares on Issue	48,553,085
NTA Before Tax	\$1.1130
Share Price	\$0.97
Market Capitalisation	\$47.1 million
Dividends Paid	3.5c^ (fully franked)
Dividend Yield	3.6%*
Website	<a href="http://www.ACQfund.com.au">www.ACQfund.com.au</a>

^ 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 Policy

ACQ intends to pay annual dividends targeting at least 3% 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 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 September ACQ recorded performance of +4.29% as compared to the S&P/Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index return of +1.31%. The ACQ share price increased from \$0.94 to \$0.97. During this month ACQ completed one new unlisted investment, Fremantle Octopus ([www.fremantleoctopus.com.au](http://www.fremantleoctopus.com.au)). The unlisted portfolio now totals thirteen investments. ACQ paid a 2.0c fully franked dividend on 29 September 2017.

### Net Tangible Asset Backing Per Ordinary Share as at 30 September 2017 (all figures unaudited)

NTA before any tax effect	1.1130
NTA after tax excluding tax liability on unrealised gains	1.1167
NTA after tax	1.0859

NTA includes the impact of shares cancelled under the buy-back and shares issued under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan

### Performance as at 30 September 2017 (all figures unaudited)

Period	3 Months	6 Months	12 months	2 years % p.a.	Since Inception % p.a.
ACQ <sup>1</sup>	+4.46%	+1.82%	-3.89%	+16.72%	+6.34%
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc Index	+4.41%	+4.04%	+2.98%	+15.33%	+7.26%

<sup>1</sup> 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 30 September 2017

ACQ had 72%, 25% and 3% in listed investments, unlisted investments and cash, respectively. 34% 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 30 September 2017

The ACQ Investment Portfolio held 78 stocks as at 30 September 2017. The top 10 largest stock holdings within the ACQ Investment Portfolio were:

Company	Portfolio Weight
1. Hub24 Limited	5.5%
2. Genea Limited (UL)	4.7%
3. Carbon Revolution Pty Ltd (UL)	3.4%
4. Kidman Resources Limited	3.0%
5. Fiducian Group Limited	2.8%
6. Innovative Asset Solutions Group Ltd (UL)	2.8%
7. Redbubble Limited	2.6%
8. Lifestylepanel Holdings Ltd (UL)	2.6%
9. Msl Solutions Limited	2.3%
10. Aroa Biosurgery Ltd (UL)	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.8%</b>

Note: (UL) = unlisted investment

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