

# Spire Copper Rock Capital Global Smaller Companies Fund

A SPIRE GLOBAL INVESTMENT SERIES FUND



## Monthly Fact Sheet - August 2019

### Fund Objective

To outperform the MSCI World Small Cap Index \$A on an annual basis and to outperform the same index by 2% to 3% p.a. over a full market cycle (e.g 5 - 7 years).

### Fund Manager

Copper Rock Capital Partners LLC ("Copper Rock"), based in Boston, MA, was founded in 2005 and provides specialised global equity investment management solutions for investors throughout the world with a strong focus on small cap investing globally. Copper Rock had approximately \$6.4 billion (USD) in assets under management as at 31 December 2017.

### Investment Philosophy and Approach

Copper Rock believes that small and mid-cap markets are inefficient and uses a blend of quantitative and fundamental analyses to identify companies with superior growth rates relative to their peers. The Global Small Cap strategy typically looks for resilient and defensible business models that are characterized by underlying unit growth, longer term market share gains (an evidence of competitive strength), high profitability, and significant internal cash generation. Distinguishing elements of the process are also the application of a routinely practiced and proven Sell Discipline and Alert List that provide risk control and are crucial in preserving alpha earned in the portfolio.

### Ratings

Zenith Investment Partners – Recommended  
Lonsec – Recommended

### Fund Summary as at 31 August 2019

APIR Code ETL0410AU

Exit Price \$1.0012

Fund Size \$79.02 Million

Inception Date 1 July 2014

Companies in Portfolio 80

Total Management Fee 1.38%

Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR) 1.38%

Buy / Sell Spread 0.20% / 0.20%

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### Monthly Performance (gross %)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	5.52	6.78	-0.15	3.60	-5.19	5.45	2.84	-1.86				
2018	-0.55	-0.30	1.34	1.72	1.76	0.10	0.79	5.49	-1.60	-7.74	-2.93	-6.67
2017	-3.78	1.68	2.46	4.11	0.12	2.12	-1.98	1.03	4.45	4.96	1.29	-2.36

### Performance (%)

Performance %	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	5 years	Inception pa>
Total (net)	-1.99	6.03	3.60	-4.69	8.49	7.90
Benchmark*	-1.16	5.81	4.23	-1.49	12.98	12.42
Active Return#	-0.83	0.22	-0.63	-3.20	-4.49	-4.52
Distribution	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	7.23	6.98

\*Benchmark – MSCI World Small Cap \$A

> Inception Date: 1 July 2014 # Based on net performance. The performance data has not been audited. Performance figures are audited on an annual basis. Source: State Street.

### Top 10 Common Stock Holdings\*\*

Companies	% of Portfolio	Country
TIS Inc.	1.87	JAPAN
Generac Holdings Inc.	1.75	USA
Selective Insurance Group, Inc.	1.65	USA
Itochu Techno-Solutions Corporation	1.62	JAPAN
Dream Global Real Estate Investment Trust	1.62	CANADA
SkyWest, Inc	1.59	USA
Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.	1.54	USA
Carbon Black, Inc.	1.51	USA
Repligen Corporation	1.51	USA
CACI International Inc Class A	1.51	USA
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16.17%</b>	

### Portfolio Characteristics\*

Characteristics	Fund	MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD)
Price / Cash Flow	10.0	8.7
P/E (Forward 1 Year)	16.8	16.1
LT EPS Growth	11.6	12.0
ROE	16.0	10.3
ROA	7.1	4.7
Operating Margin	18.5	17.7
Yield (%)	2.3	3.0
Price to Book	2.2	1.7
Weighted Average Market-Cap (US\$bil)	3.5	3.4
Number of Holdings	80	4,352
Active Share	96%	

\* Data derived from a Copper Rock Global Small Cap representative account expressed in USD. Source: FactSet.

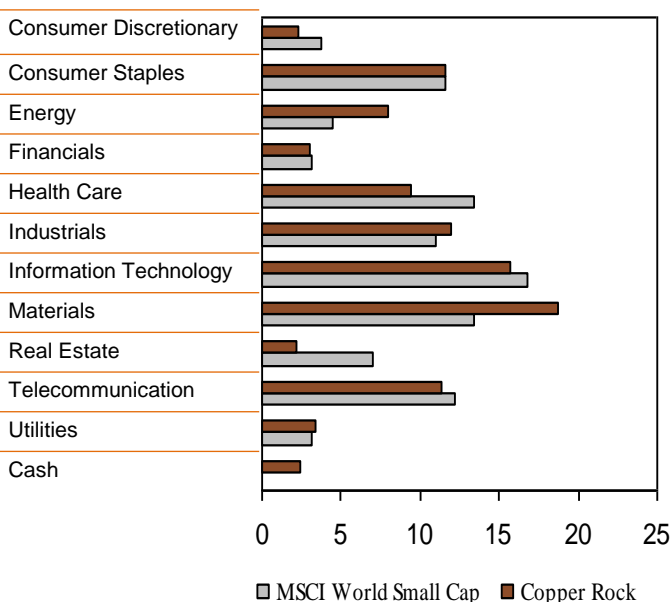
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## Sector Exposure (%)\*



## Market Commentary

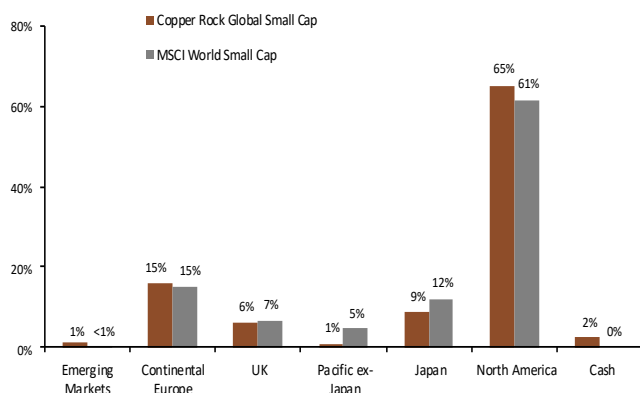
The Copper Rock Global Small Cap Composite returned -1.18% (AUD). The MSCI World Small Cap index returned -1.16% (AUD) in August. Markets declined in the month, but the portfolio had good stock selection in the Information Technology and Financials sectors. Regionally, stock selection in North America, Japan, and Pacific ex-Japan were additive.

Carbon Black, Inc. (Information Technology/U.S.), TIS, Inc. (Information Technology/U.S.), and TMX Group, Ltd. (Financials/Canada) were the top three individual contributors to relative return. Carbon Black, Inc. engages in endpoint security services based in the U.S. In August, enterprise software company, VMware, Inc., announced its plan to acquire Carbon Black, Inc. Investors viewed this news favorably and the stock price rose.

HealthEquity is a leading provider of health savings accounts (HSA) in the United States. The company reported strong stand-alone results in the month, raising guidance on both revenue and EBITDA; however, this was more than offset by weaker than expected guidance for the recently acquired WageWorks asset. Despite the news, HealthEquity's fundamentals remain robust and the acquisition of WageWorks should provide operating synergies and cross selling opportunities in the consumer directed benefits markets in the long term. Copper Rock continue to own the stock.

Copper Rock continue to be positioned with a portfolio of companies suited to outperform in a later cycle economic environment with strong global growth. These companies exhibit durable earnings with clean balance sheets and attractive valuations that should be rewarded. Copper Rock is positioned accordingly for this later cycle economic environment.

## Regional Allocation (%)\*



\* Data derived from a Copper Rock Global Small Cap representative account expressed in USD. Source: FactSet. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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