

Spire Copper Rock Capital Global Smaller Companies Fund

A SPIRE GLOBAL INVESTMENT SERIES FUND

Monthly Fact Sheet - June 2018



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 30 June 2018

APIR Code ETL0410AU

Exit Price 1.0095

Fund Size \$88.2 Million

Inception Date 1 July 2014

Companies in Portfolio 98

Total Management Fee 1.38%

Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR) 1.38%

Buy / Sell Spread 0.20% / 0.20%

Investment Manager Copper Rock Capital Partners, LLC

Portfolio Management Team

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Monthly Performance (gross %)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	-0.55	-0.30	1.34	1.72	1.76	0.10						
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
2016	-3.99	-1.90	-0.37	0.98	8.09	-5.85	2.49	0.22	-1.27	-3.76	8.84	4.21

Performance (%)

Performance %	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	3 years	Inception on pa>
Total (net)	-0.02	3.23	3.25	10.16	5.04	10.03
Benchmark*	2.12	7.36	8.98	19.69	12.09	15.16
Active Return#	-2.14	-4.13	-5.63	-9.53	-7.05	-5.13
Distribution	6.41			6.41	7.83	8.57

*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
PAREX RESOURCES, INC.	2.1	CANADA
RYMAN HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES, INC.	1.8	USA
TIS, INC.	1.4	JAPAN
EVERCORE, INC.	1.4	USA
COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.	1.4	USA
AVANOS MEDICAL, INC.	1.4	USA
BOISE CASCADE COMPANY	1.3	USA
SCHNEIDER NATIONAL, INC. CLASS B	1.3	USA
NOMAD FOOD LTD.	1.3	UK
CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INT.	1.3	UK
TOTAL:	14.7%	

Portfolio Characteristics*

Characteristics	Fund	MSCI World Small Cap Index (USD)
Price / Cash Flow	12.0	10.2
P/E (Forward 1 Year)	15.7	17.3
LT EPS Growth	15.0	13.4
ROE	15.7	10.3
ROA	6.5	4.4
Operating Margin	16.0	14.3
Yield (%)	1.0	1.8
Price to Book	2.3	1.9
Weighted Average Market-Cap (US\$bil)	3.1	3.3
Number of Holdings	98	4,390
Active Share	96%	

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

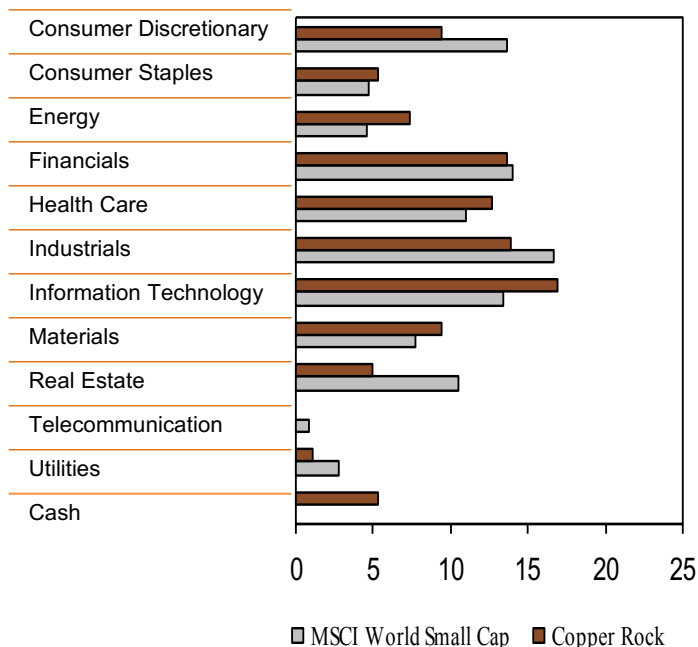
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Sector Exposure (%)*



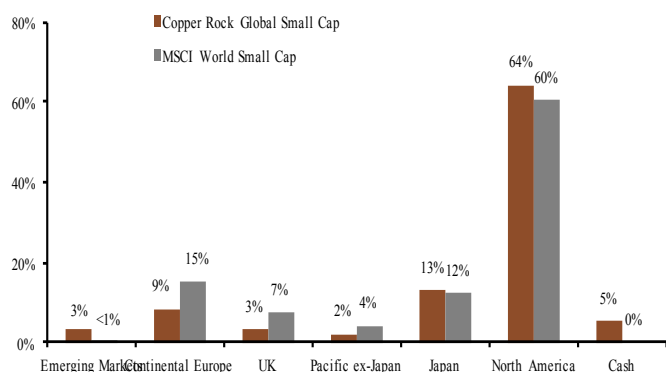
Market Commentary

The Copper Rock Global Small Cap Composite returned -2.11% during the month of June and underperformed the MSCI World Small Cap index which returned -0.28%. The index performance in June was driven by positive returns in the Real Estate, Healthcare, Consumer, and Telecommunication Services sectors. Cyclical sectors like Materials and Industrials were down -1.2% and -2.2%, respectively in the month as these sectors felt the concerns over increasing trade tariff talk.

Within the Global Small Cap portfolio, there was positive stock selection in the Consumer Staples and Healthcare sectors, while individual stock selection in the Information Technology, Industrials, and Consumer Discretionary sectors detracted from relative return the most in the period. Although Copper Rock had begun roaring into more software and services segments within technology, the portfolio saw some underperformance from its position in long held BE Semiconductor which has since been sold after hitting the Alert List. The underweight allocation relative to the index combined with positive stock selection in the U.K. and Continental Europe contributed to relative return. A stronger U.S. Dollar and tensions over tariffs contributed to the underperformance captured in the allocation to Emerging Markets and Canadian stocks in the month. A top contributor in the month was Nomad Foods, Ltd., a U.K. based manufacturer and seller of frozen foods. The company announced its plan to acquire Aunt Bessie's, Ltd., a leading frozen food company based in the U.K., which investors viewed favorably. Huaneng Renewables Corp., Ltd., a China based company that engages in the investment, construction, and operation of new energy products, declined. Due to concerns about air pollution, China has mandated more renewable energy consumption by the electrical grid and industrial users, which bodes well for this company, but the company reported weaker than expected utilization in May. Copper Rock believes the underperformance is short term and continues to own the position in the portfolio.

Entering into July, the portfolio has an overweight position relative to opportunities with structural growth in Information Technology- with an emphasis on software and services, Energy, Healthcare, Materials, and Consumer Staples sectors. The portfolio has an underweight allocation relative to the index in the Real Estate, Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Utilities, and Telecommunication Services sectors. Regionally, the portfolio is overweight relative to the index in North America, Emerging Markets, and Japan. The portfolio has an underweight allocation relative to the index in Continental Europe, the U.K., and Pacific ex-Japan.

Regional Allocation (%)*



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