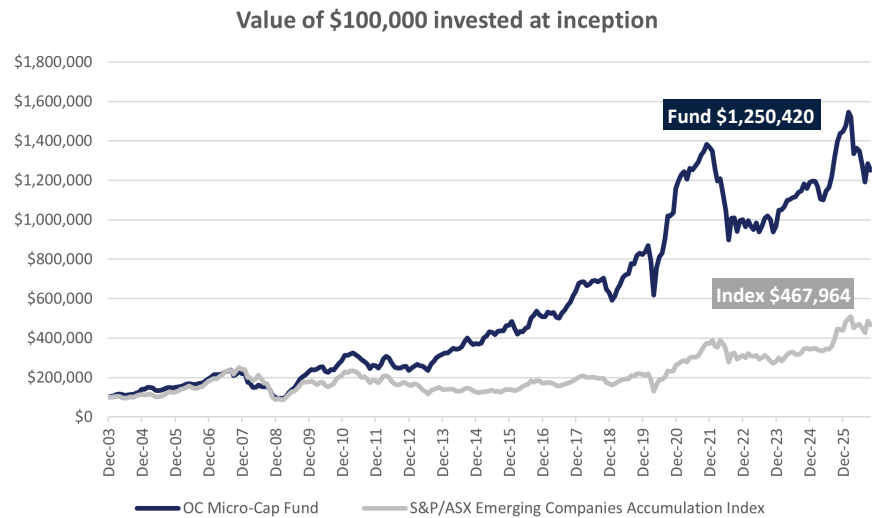
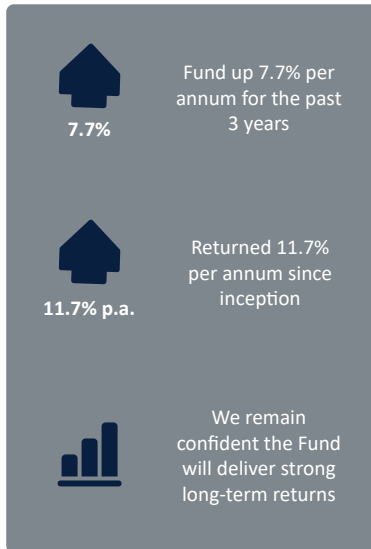




Total returns

At 30 September 2026*	1 mth %	3 mths %	1 yr %	3 yrs % p.a.	5 yrs % p.a.	10 yrs % p.a.	15 yrs % p.a.	20 yrs % p.a.	Incep. % p.a. (Nov 2003)
OC Micro-Cap	-2.7	-2.3	-10.3	7.7	-1.5	8.8	11.4	10.5	11.7
S&P/ASX Emerging Comp. Accum	-3.8	4.0	4.9	18.0	5.5	9.8	6.8	5.7	7.0
Outperformance	1.1	-6.3	-15.2	-10.4	-6.9	-1.0	4.7	4.8	4.7
S&P/ASX Small Ind Accum	-1.3	-4.0	-14.4	6.0	-1.3	4.1	7.1	3.8	5.8
Outperformance	-1.4	1.7	4.1	1.6	-0.2	4.7	4.3	6.7	5.9

Inception date for the Fund is 21/11/2003. Inception date for the Index is 31/12/2003. The performance reflects the performance of the OC Micro-Cap Fund since the change of strategy on 31 October 2016 and the performance of the OC Concentrated Equity Fund prior to that date. Performance is after fees applicable at the time. The total return performance figures quoted are historical, calculated using end-of-month net asset value per unit after fees and do not allow for the effects of income tax or inflation

Market Overview and Fund Performance

The September quarter was a challenging one for equity markets, as investors were forced to reprice the risk of persistent inflation. A sharp rise in the oil price, driven by the conflict in the Middle East, fed directly into inflation expectations and pushed US 10-year bond yields to around 5.3%, their highest level since 2007. Higher yields weighed on equity valuations more broadly but impacted long-duration growth stocks and interest rate sensitive sectors hardest as investors re-assessed how long central banks would need to maintain restrictive policy settings. The US Federal Reserve raised rates in September for the first time since 2023. Domestically, the RBA lifted the cash rate to 4.6% in late September, its fourth increase this year, confirming that rate relief is further away than the market had priced in at the start of the quarter.

Commodities were the standout driver of the market in the September quarter, with gold, copper and energy benefiting from an inflationary backdrop and ongoing supply tightness. This drove a sharp divergence within

small and micro-caps. The S&P/ASX Small Resources Accumulation Index rose +8.2% for the quarter, while the S&P/ASX Small Industrials Accumulation Index fell -4.0%. Against this backdrop, the OC Micro-Cap Fund returned -2.3% for the quarter, compared with +4.0% for the S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Accumulation Index. The Fund's structural underweight to resources was a material headwind. Performance improved in September, however, when the Fund outperformed the Index on the back of positive stock-specific news.

We remain comfortable with our portfolio positioning. Our focus is on high-quality industrial businesses with pricing power, strong balance sheets and earnings visibility, which we believe are well placed to defend margins in a higher-cost environment. Market dislocations of this kind are uncomfortable in the short term. They tend to, however, create attractive entry points into businesses whose long-term earnings prospects are unaffected by a quarter of macro-driven volatility.

The Koala Company (KOA, +51.0%) climbed above its IPO price during the September quarter after a positive FY27 trading update confirmed its strong growth trajectory. Ordered revenue rose 20% in Australian dollar terms over the first eight weeks of FY27, with markets outside Australia accounting for 60% of group revenue. KOA is an online furniture brand selling sofas, sofa beds, armchairs and mattresses. Its products are designed in-house and sold direct to consumers, supporting high gross margins and a capital-light business model. Founded in Australia in 2015, KOA now operates in Australia, Japan, the US and the UK. The Fund invested at KOA's March 2026 IPO and has retained a significant position, reflecting our comfort in its substantial global growth opportunity.

Perth-based global engineering firm **Lycopodium (LYL, +34.2%)** extended its strong run in the September quarter after issuing FY27 guidance at its August result that exceeded market expectations. Management expects revenue to grow by more than 50% in FY27, reflecting sustained demand for LYL's engineering and project delivery services, particularly in gold, critical minerals and uranium, where it is a recognised leader. Hubs in Australia, Canada and South Africa, along with a recent expansion into South America, give LYL diversified exposure to the resources cycle across jurisdictions, customers and commodities. Having seen the share price more than double over the past 12 months, we have reduced our holding into the strength, but LYL remains a key portfolio position.

Count Limited (CUP, +42.2%) re-rated during the quarter after a forced institutional seller exited its position and the market responded positively to a strong FY26 result. CUP holds equity stakes in firms providing tax, accounting and financial planning services and a key part of its strategy is selling additional financial services and investment products, including managed account solutions and licensing, to firms inside the CUP network. Conditions for these businesses are favourable and the proposed CGT changes are likely to generate further demand for tax and financial advice. The Fund invested primarily around the March 2026 equity raising that funded the acquisition of Newcastle-based Oracle Group at a modest 7.2x EBITA. We retain our investment given the attractive valuation, healthy organic growth prospects and management's strong record of capital allocation.

Advanced Innergy Holdings (AIH, -37.3%) ended the quarter lower after issuing earnings guidance below market expectations. AIH is a global leader in materials science technology that protects critical infrastructure, primarily in the oil and gas sector. It develops, manufactures and installs high-performance solutions for hazardous, highly regulated environments. The earnings downgrade largely reflected the prolonged and escalating conflict in the Middle East, which has prompted key customers to defer existing oil and gas projects, particularly in the region. The conflict has

also disrupted supply chains, reducing the availability and increasing the cost of key manufacturing inputs, which has further compressed margins on fixed-price contracts. We believe these delays will shift revenue into later quarters rather than result in a permanent loss of earnings for the company. In response, AIH has repriced new fixed-price contracts to reflect higher input costs, brought forward purchases of constrained materials, and accelerated integration and cost-reduction initiatives following recent acquisitions. We believe AIH has valuable manufacturing IP, is a recognised global leader in its core markets, and is well positioned for substantial growth once its customers gain confidence in a lasting resolution to the Middle East conflict.

Investment Outlook

Bond markets have sold off heavily in recent weeks, with yields driven higher by a combination of soaring energy costs, stubborn inflation, persistent fiscal deficits, the continued strength of the US economy and the enormous capital demands of the AI investment boom. The US 10-year yield is trading near 5.3%, while oil remains around US\$100 a barrel as the conflict in the Middle East continues to disrupt supply.

Central banks have responded. The US Federal Reserve raised rates in September for the first time since 2023 and markets expect further increases. In Australia, the RBA lifted the cash rate to 4.6% in late September, its fourth increase this year and the highest level since November 2011, and has left the door open to further tightening. We are not assuming a quick return to the lower rate environment the market was pricing at the start of the year. Encouragingly, though, the RBA has acknowledged that this year's increases are already slowing the economy, a sign that tightening is having its intended effect. In this environment, pricing power and balance sheet strength matter more than usual and the portfolio has been positioned accordingly.

Rising bond yields have weighed most heavily on small industrial stocks and the sector is now deeply out of favour. The Small Industrials Index trades on a 12-month forward PE of 17.8x, which is well below its 10-year median of 19.7x. It fell close to 16.0x during the initial escalation of the conflict with Iran, a level rarely seen outside moments of acute stress such as the onset of COVID-19. Sentiment is poor, but in our experience periods of peak anxiety have consistently marked attractive entry points for patient capital. We have used the volatility to add to high-quality businesses at prices we consider compelling.

We remain structurally underweight single-commodity, single-mine resource stocks, given their elevated earnings volatility and dependence on commodity prices they cannot control. We prefer to gain exposure to the resources cycle through "picks and shovels" service providers. Declining

ore grades, stronger commodity prices and rising demand for critical minerals are driving sustained exploration and maintenance spend, which we expect to accelerate alongside the AI-led infrastructure build-out. Our holdings in Lycopodium, Chrysos and Emeco position the portfolio to benefit from this capex cycle without taking direct commodity price risk.

We increased conviction exposures to businesses with clear structural growth drivers, including Energy One, Mayfield and GenusPlus Group. GenusPlus is a good example: national grid upgrades, the renewable energy rollout and rising data demand underpin its growth. Multi-year contracts, including HumeLink in NSW, Western Power's Clean Energy Link and NBN upgrades, give it strong revenue visibility.

Alongside growth, we maintained exposure to businesses that can grow earnings largely independent of the economic cycle, including Acusensus, Cogstate, Count Limited and Viva Leisure.

With domestic growth tracking below 2.0% and the RBA still tightening, the portfolio also owns companies with significant offshore earnings, priced on ASX small-cap multiples rather than those of their global peers. Koala and DUG sit alongside Cogstate and Acusensus in this group. Cogstate's cognitive testing platform for clinical trials, built on substantial R&D investment and deep Alzheimer's expertise, has expanded into new indications such as sleep and mood disorders, supported by channel partners including Dassault Systèmes-owned Medidata.

The upcoming AGM season will be an important test of earnings resilience, particularly as higher rates flow through to households and businesses. We expect trading updates to separate companies that can pass on rising costs and protect margins from those whose FY27 guidance rested on more benign assumptions. We will be watching the quality of earnings closely, and where we see signs of deterioration, we will act decisively.

The clearest evidence that the listed market is undervaluing quality industrials is coming from buyers with longer investment horizons. A number of our holdings have received takeover proposals in the past six months, each following a period of share price weakness driven by short-term cyclical pressures. The proposals were for Energy One from an Advent and TA-led consortium (57% premium) and IDP Education from Blackstone (67% premium). That buyers are paying premiums of this size despite sharply higher funding costs, underlines the gap between share prices and fundamental value that our process identified. With valuations still below long-run averages, we expect this activity to continue.

We are approaching the months ahead with confidence and we believe the Fund is well positioned. Our universe is out of favour, sentiment is poor and valuations are below long-term averages, yet the portfolio is made up of predominantly cash-generative businesses with strong market positions, pricing power and sound balance sheets. That combination has historically rewarded patient investors, and we believe the Fund is well positioned for an improvement in sentiment. We thank investors for their continued support.

Top 5 holdings[#]

Company	ASX code
Acusensus Limited	ACE
Energy One Limited	EOL
Forrestania Resources Limited	FRS
Frontier Energy Limited	FHE
The Koala Company Limited	KOA

[#]The top 5 portfolio holdings are in alphabetical order and may not be representative of current or future investments.

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