

# Finding opportunity in unlikely places

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# Brief Introduction: Our Business

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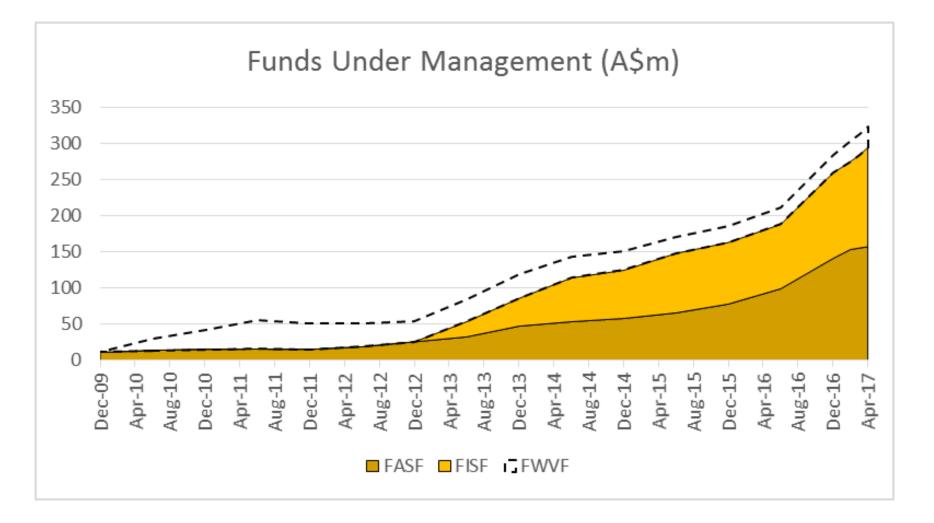
|                         | FISF<br>Forager International Shares<br>Fund | FASF<br>Forager Australian Shares<br>Fund | FWVF<br>Forager Wholesale Value<br>Fund |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|
| Size                    | \$138.5m                                     | \$156.8m                                  | \$28.4m                                 |
| Structure               | Open, Unit Trust                             | Closed, ASX Listed "FOR"                  | Open, Unit Trust                        |
| Performance             |  |   |   |
| 1 year                  | 29.71%                                       | 19.49%                                    | 20.20%                                  |
| 2 year                  | 15.95%                                       | 20.69%                                    | 22.90%                                  |
| 3 year (p.a.)           | 14.95%                                       | 17.99%                                    | 18.53%                                  |
| 5 year (p.a.)           | N/A  | 20.45%                                    | 19.27%                                  |
| Since inception (p.a.)* | 18.84%                                       | 14.90%                                    | 9.67%                                   |
| Inception date          | 8 February 2013                              | 30 October 2009                           | 2 September 2004                        |

As at 30 April, after fees and fund expenses.

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Growth vs value: looking beyond trends



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# Market Update: Opportunity and mitigating risks

Challenging markets

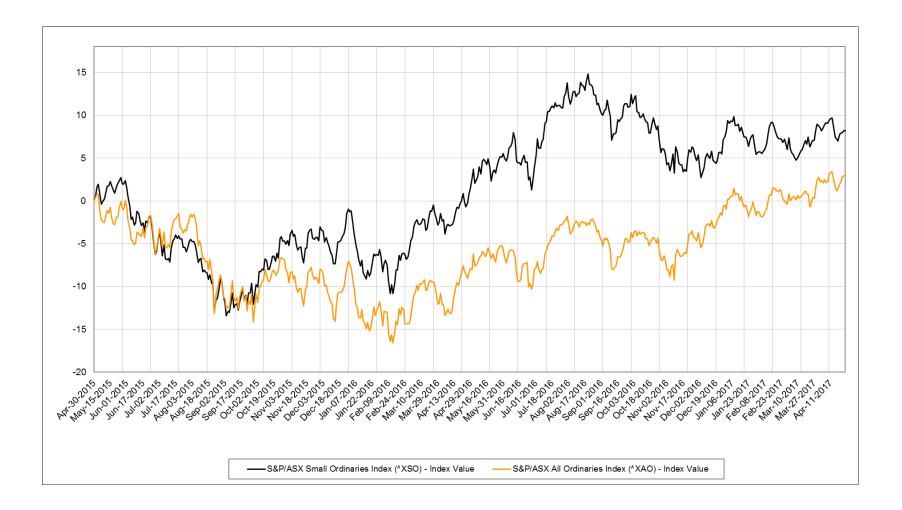


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- Pocket of distress are hard to find
- Patience has been well rewarded
- Market rout in small caps beginning to present opportunity

## Levelling the playing field



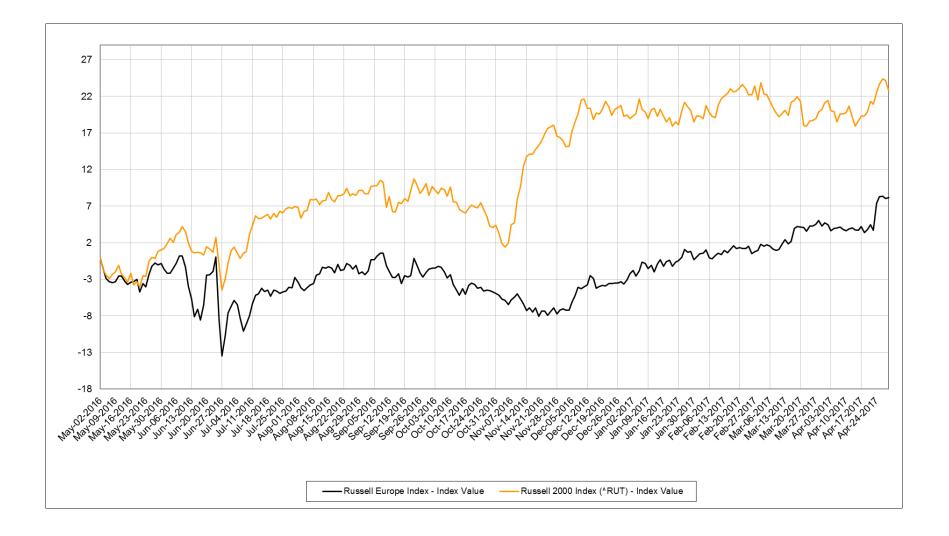
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## But look at which companies have driven that...

| Stock<br>Index |                        | Delta<br>-6.8% |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| TEN            | TEN NETWORK HOLDINGS   | -83.8%         |
| QIN            | QUINTIS                | -82.7%         |
| VTG            | VITA GROUP             | -81.5%         |
| TRS            | REJECT SHOP /THE       | -76.6%         |
| CSV            | CSG                    | -65.5%         |
| DRM            | DORAY MINERALS         | -64.4%         |
| SRX            | SIRTEX MEDICAL         | -61.7%         |
| RCG            | RCG CORP               | -61.1%         |
| IPD            | IMPEDIMED              | -58.6%         |
| BAL            | BELLAMY'S AUSTRALIA    | -57.6%         |
| NTC            | NETCOMM WIRELESS       | -49.4%         |
| ISD            | ISENTIA GROUP          | -48.3%         |
| AWE            | AWE                    | -48.3%         |
| BDR            | BEADELL RESOURCES      | -47.3%         |
| OFX            | OFX GROUP              | -45.9%         |
| DCN            | DACIAN GOLD            | -45.8%         |
| MYX            | MAYNE PHARMA GROUP     | -44.5%         |
| PRU            | PERSEUS MINING         | -43.6%         |
| BBN            | BABY BUNTING GROUP     | -43.1%         |
| APO            | APN OUTDOOR GROUP      | -42.1%         |
| SYR            | SYRAH RESOURCES        | -42.0%         |
| ACX            | ACONEX                 | -41.3%         |
| RSG            | RESOLUTE MINING        | -38.1%         |
| EHE            | ESTIA HEALTH           | -37.0%         |
| AQG            | ALACER GOLD CORP-CDI   | -36.9%         |
| SAR            | SARACEN MINERAL HOLDI  | -36.6%         |
| BKL            | BLACKMORES             | -36.4%         |
| HT1            | HERE, THERE AND EVERY  | -34.4%         |
| MYR            | MYER HOLDINGS          | -34.3%         |
| VRL            | VILLAGE ROADSHOW       | -32.8%         |
| CAB            | CABCHARGE AUSTRALIA    | -32.3%         |
| GBT            | GBST HOLDINGS          | -32.2%         |
| HFR            | HIGHFIELD RESOURCES    | -31.5%         |
| WSA            | WESTERN AREAS          | -30.3%         |
| SKT            | SKY NETWORK TELEVISION | -29.9%         |
| PTM            | PLATINUM ASSET MANAG   | -29.2%         |
| SIV            | SILVER CHEF            | -28.8%         |
| SCO            | SCOTTISH PACIFIC GROUP | -28.0%         |

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## Levelling the playing field



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# Basic concepts in value investing: Our way at looking at the world



### Basic concepts of value investing





- Investment is most intelligent when it is most business like
- Long-term focus on cashflows
- The value of any security is the cumulative cashflow it returns to its owner, discounted to today

### Pitfalls to avoid when investing



### Typical investing pitfalls



Suckers for the narrative fallacy

Overly optimistic growth projections



Failure to understand broader market limitations. Is it physically possible for this business to grow as much as you think?



Failure to understand competitive response. If high returns being earned, what stops the competition?



### Liquidity issues

- Impact cost very high
  - In some cases compete illiquidity
  - Long time investment horizon



Failure to appreciate cultural differences in international markets



Too close to management narrative



### Our way of looking at the world

# We are willing to invest in (and attracted to) opportunities where the narrative is unappealing

- Stock
- Sector
- Whole market or geography

# Focus on Forager's own competitive advantage as investors

- Under-researched
- Unloved
- Unique insight
- Our size



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### Our way of looking at the world

### **Risk Management**

Focus on business bankruptcy risk Avoiding concentration

- Stock weighting
- Sector
- Factor

Disciplined approach to portfolio management

- Position weighting
- Best ideas in

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# Growth vs value: looking beyond trends



### Largest 5 Holdings – Australian Fund

| Stock          | Weighting | Ticker | Description  |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Macmahon       | 9.65%     | MAH    | Mining contracting   |
| Reckon         | 7.86%     | RKN    | Accounting software for retail and practice management     |
| Cardno         | 7.16%     | CDD    | Engineering services                                       |
| NZME           | 7.15%     | NZM    | Print and radio media in NZ                                |
| Service Stream | 6.65%     | SSM    | Telecommunications and utilities infrastructure contractor |

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### Australian Fund Idea Summaries



- Telco and utilities contractor recapitalised in 2013
- 7 consecutive halves of revenue and profit growth
- Locked in revenue growth in FY17 and FY18
- Excellent cash flow generation (2x old market cap in past 24 months)
- Tax-friendly capital returns

# Reckon R

- Ugly duckling of the accounting software space (roughly one tenth the market cap of MYOB and Xero)
- Well behind the curve with its cloud-based solution
- Shareholder angst over cash investment

#### BUT

- Corp business probably worth
  the current market cap itself
- Established user base is a huge asset
- Targeting an interesting niche with Reckon One. We reckon 20% conversion rate makes for a very cheap business



- Mining contractor emerging from near death experience
- \$55m cash and no debt versus \$180m market cap
- Several long-term contracts with profitable gold miners in Australia and Indonesia
- New board and management team
- Significant scope for growth and shareholder returns
- Industry consolidation a necessity



### Largest 5 Holdings – International Fund

| Stock                | Weighting | Ticker  | Description   |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| Lotto24              | 6.07%     | LO24 GR | Online retailer of state lottery tickets                |
| Lloyds Banking Group | 4.90%     | LLOY LN | UK Retail Banking                                       |
| JRP Group            | 4.72%     | JRP LN  | UK provider of medically underwritten annuities         |
| Alphabet             | 4.66%     | GOOG US | Online advertising, cloud storage and autonomous cars   |
| El.En                | 4.59%     | ELN IM  | Global leader in surgical and aesthetic laser equipment |

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### International Fund Idea Summaries



- Germany's largest independent retailer of lottery tickets
- Represents roughly one third of lottery tickets sold online in Germany
- Online growing and Lotto24's share of market growing too
- Marketing costs clouding underlying profitability of business
- Share price has tripled in the past few years, no longer a screaming bargain



- Global leader in medical and aesthetic laser equipment
- Premium brand, high R&D and superior products
- Growing market and growing market share
- Paid dividends, low PE ratio and a decade of consistent growth
- The only reason this business was so cheap was that it was listed in Italy



- UK's largest independent provider of annuities, specialising in medically underwritten
- Huge regulatory changes. Some negative, some positive
- Bought at half embedded value, still trading at a hefty discount
- Growth is capital intensive, mature business will be a cash generation machine
- This business can generate above average returns on capital for a long time to come

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# Questions