

## August 2009 Investment Report

### Fairview Equity Partners – Emerging Companies Fund

Fairview Equity Partners is a small cap Australian equities manager. The Fairview Equity Partners Emerging Companies Fund seeks to provide capital growth and some income by outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term.

### Performance Return

<i>Period ending 31 August 2009</i>	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	Since inception #
Fairview Emerging Companies Fund *	5.79%	22.66%	51.56%	25.61%
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.37%	19.50%	60.64%	13.90%
<b>Excess Return *</b>	<b>-0.58%</b>	<b>3.16%</b>	<b>-9.08%</b>	<b>11.71%</b>
Net Fund Return (after fees & expenses)	5.66%	22.13%	52.43%	22.27%

\* Returns shown are gross at a manager level (pre fees)

# Fund inception 8 October 2008

Aided by improving economic data and better than expected reporting seasons both here and in the United States, the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index rose a further +6.4 % during August. This brings calendar year to date performance for the benchmark to an impressive +42.9%, although we note that this 'only' gets us back to February 2006 levels with the index still 38% from its November 2007 highs. Our fund modestly under performed during this latest month primarily due to a more subdued performance from the small resources component of the benchmark.

### Market Outlook

The 'pull back' anticipated by many again failed to materialise as the majority of macro economic data prints around the world continuing to surprise on the upside and central bankers have now publicly taken to suggesting that the worst has past. The key reporting season provided no major surprises, with cost containment seeing slightly better than expected outcomes in several cases. Not surprisingly, with visibility remaining uncertain, outlook comments from companies were either non existent or cautious.

Over the course of the next 12-18 months we continue to anticipate progressive upgrades to market expectations for many companies, as overly cautious expectations are revised and as positive margin leverage to improving conditions become increasingly apparent. With investors essentially convinced that the worst of the newsflow is behind us, the focus has shifted to the length and duration of the recovery phase. The key issue is the extent to which economic recovery has already been priced into the market and the implications for a sustained recovery from the global economic stimulus being progressively wound back.

### Portfolio Strategy

We don't believe any major changes are required in the composition of the fund with a reasonable pro-cyclical and value tilt still being maintained. Recent changes to the portfolio have arisen from unearthing attractive stock specific stories whilst replacing those that have met our valuation targets. We have slightly reduced our nickel exposure following a sustained rally in that commodity that probably now warrants a pause.

Reporting season has just concluded and this is always a fantastic opportunity to cover off on vast numbers of potential investments as well as validating existing positions.

## Performance Attribution

We highlight below the largest positive and negative relative performance contributors during the month of August.

Positive contributors		Negative contributors	
Mermaid Marine	Overweight	Independence Group	Overweight
Webjet	Overweight	DUET	Overweight
SAI Global	Overweight	Oakton	Overweight
Retail Food Group	Overweight	Flight Centre	Nil Holding
Henderson Group	Overweight	ING Industrial Fund	Nil Holding

## Number of stock holdings at 31 August:

55

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