

## Pendal MicroCap Opportunities Fund

ARSN: 118 585 354

## Factsheet

Equity Strategies

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### About the Fund

The Pendal MicroCap Opportunities Fund (**Fund**) is a portfolio of stocks in the rapidly expanding and highly diversified micro cap sector. The universe includes more than 1,100 companies listed on the ASX and NZX with a market capitalisation of generally less than \$250 million.

Investors should be aware that due to the characteristics of micro cap companies there is some additional risk involved in investing in the Fund compared to a conventional Australian equities fund.

### Investment Return Objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index over the medium to long term. The suggested investment timeframe is five years or more.

### Investment Strategy

The Fund is actively managed and invests primarily in a portfolio of 40-60 Australian companies with market capitalisation or free float of generally less than \$250 million at initial investment that we believe are trading below their assessed valuation. The Fund may also invest in equivalent companies listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange.

The Fund's holdings that become constituents of the S&P/ASX 200 Index will generally be sold within 18 months, having regard to the interests of investors.

### Investment Philosophy

At the cornerstone of Pendal's investment philosophy is the view that markets are not always rational and the inefficient market pricing of securities creates investment opportunities. This is particularly the case in micro caps where the sector is under-researched and sentiment will often drive periods of under-valuation and over-valuation. This reflects our belief that in the absence of structural change security prices will revert to their intrinsic value through the course of an investment cycle.

As with Pendal's other Australian equity portfolios, the Fund will be managed in a way that is style indifferent, it will be invested in both 'value' and 'growth' companies, without a predetermined 'value' or 'growth' bias.

### Investment Team

The Pendal MicroCap Opportunities Fund is managed by Pendal's experienced Small Cap team. The Fund is managed by Lewis Edgley and Patrick Teodorowski. They are supported by an experience Small Cap team as well as the insight of Pendal's broader Australian equities team.

### Portfolio Characteristics

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Benchmark   | S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index |
| Number of stocks                                      | Between 40 - 60                     |
| Maximum cash weighting <sup>1</sup>                   | 25%                                 |
| Ex-ante (forward looking) tracking error <sup>2</sup> | 5 - 20%                             |
| Maximum absolute stock position                       | 10% (5% for developing companies)   |
| Maximum ownership of any company                      | 15%                                 |
| Shorting  | No                                  |
| Borrowing   | No                                  |

<sup>1</sup> We may hold higher levels of cash following large applications or if suitable investment opportunities cannot be identified.

<sup>2</sup> The Fund is measured against the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index, which is a widely used measure of the performance of micro cap funds. Only a portion of the index will comprise companies with a market capitalisation of less than \$150m and as a result the Fund's ex-ante tracking error is expected to vary more widely than the tracking error for most other types of active Australian share funds.

### Performance

| (%)                   | Total Returns |           | Benchmark |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
|                       | (post-fee)    | (pre-fee) | Return    |
| 1 month               | 3.65          | 3.98      | 3.44      |
| 3 months              | 16.99         | 17.75     | 15.31     |
| 6 months              | 23.04         | 23.55     | 25.25     |
| 1 year                | 29.86         | 33.52     | 21.50     |
| 2 years (p.a)         | 31.38         | 35.83     | 20.14     |
| 3 years (p.a)         | 22.04         | 25.07     | 15.54     |
| 5 years (p.a)         | 15.85         | 18.95     | 9.27      |
| Since Inception (p.a) | 17.35         | 21.87     | 4.67      |

Source: Pendal as at 30 September 2025

"Post-fee" returns assume reinvestment of distributions and is calculated using exit prices. "Pre-fee" returns exclude the effects of management costs and any taxes. Returns for periods greater than one year are annualised. Fund inception: March 2006.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

### Sector Allocation (as at 30 September 2025)

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Energy                        | 3.9%  |
| Materials                     | 11.1% |
| Industrials                   | 26.1% |
| Consumer Discretionary        | 18.1% |
| Consumer Staples              | 0.0%  |
| Health Care                   | 1.8%  |
| Information Technology        | 18.9% |
| Telecommunication Services    | 4.3%  |
| Utilities                     | 0.0%  |
| Financials ex Property Trusts | 11.3% |
| Property Trusts               | 0.0%  |
| Cash & other                  | 4.5%  |

### Other Information

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Fund size (as at 30 September 2025)  | \$455 million |
| Date of inception  | March 2006    |
| Minimum investment   | \$25,000      |
| Buy-sell spread <sup>3</sup>   |               |
| For the Fund's current buy-sell spread information, visit <a href="http://www.pendalgroup.com">www.pendalgroup.com</a> |               |
| Distribution frequency   | Yearly        |
| APIR code  | RFA0061AU     |

<sup>3</sup> The buy-sell spread represents a contribution to the transaction costs incurred by the Fund, when the Fund is purchasing and selling assets. The buy-sell spread is generally incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

## Fees and costs

You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of the ongoing fees and costs that you may be charged.

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Management fee <sup>4</sup>  | 1.20% pa   |
| Performance fee <sup>5</sup> | 20% of the Fund's performance (before fees) in excess of the performance hurdle. |

<sup>4</sup> This is the fee we charge for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fee is deducted from the Fund's assets and reflected in its unit price.

<sup>5</sup> This is the fee we charge if the Fund's investment performance exceeds its performance hurdle, and any performance deficit has been recouped. The Fund's performance fee is 20% of the Fund's performance in excess of the performance return hurdle. The performance hurdle is the performance of the Fund's benchmark (S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries (TR) Index) plus the management fee of 1.20% pa. If a performance fee is payable, it is charged in addition to the management fee. The performance fee is calculated in dollar terms each Business Day based on the investment performance and value of the Fund on that day. If we are entitled to a performance fee, it is paid to us as at 30 June each year.

## Fund manager commentary

The Fund returned 3.65% after fees in September, outperforming the 3.44% return from the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries. Over the twelve months ending 30 September, the Fund returned 29.86% after fees, versus 21.50% for the benchmark index.

The single largest positive contributor came from Energy One (EOL, +25.1%), which provides software, outsourced operations and consulting services to the wholesale energy and carbon trading markets in Europe, the UK and the Asia Pacific region. The company has indicated that it expects 15-20% growth in average recurring revenue from its customer base in FY26, underpinned by a solid pipeline and order book.

Speciality retailer Baby Bunting (BBN, +14.8%) also continued to do well in the wake of August's well-received FY25 result. Its earnings came in at the top end of guidance and ahead of consensus. However the key point was that FY26 guidance was well ahead of market expectations, driven by improvements in both sales and margin expectations, which has seen the market shift in viewing the company as a mature retailer to a category leader with a growth pathway. This growth is underpinned by further store roll-outs, new store formats and the gradual expansion into New Zealand.

Elsewhere, positions in Meeka Metals (MEK, +55.7%), Duratec (DUR, +15.0%) and Pantoro Gold (PNR, +30.8%) also did well.

The largest detractor came from Myer Holdings (MYR, -27.8%) following its FY25 result. Its revenue was slightly ahead of consensus expectations, but higher costs related to rent and staffing saw it materially disappoint on earnings. The trading update for the first seven weeks of FY26 was reasonable, will revenue up +3.1% year-on-year, which was better than consensus expectations.

Positions in BETR Entertainment (BBT, -13.3%) and Supply Network (SNL, -8.3%) also detracted.

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