

# ACORN CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

INVESTMENT UPDATE  
OCTOBER 2025



## Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited ACN 167 595 897

### Net Tangible Asset Per Ordinary Share

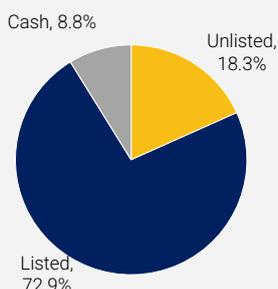
as at 31 October 2025 (all figures unaudited)

NTA before all taxes	1.3426
NTA after taxes and before taxes on unrealised gains	1.3068
NTA after taxes including taxes on unrealised gains	1.2701

ASX Code	ACQ
Date of Listing	1 May 2014
Shares on Issue	89,599,002
Share Price	\$0.93
Market Cap \$m	\$83.3m
Number of Stocks	73
Dividends	5.5c <sup>A</sup>
Dividend Yield	5.9%*

<sup>A</sup> Ordinary over the past 12 months  
\* Implied on share price

### Investment Split



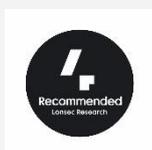
### Top 10 Stocks as at 31 October 2025

Company	Weight
Aroa Biosurgery	4.0%
Pantoro	3.1%
EROAD	2.8%
Superloop	2.6%
Dug Technology	2.5%
Elenium Automation (UL)	2.4%
Dredge Robotics (UL)	2.4%
Padua Financial (UL)	2.4%
Warriedar Resources	2.2%
Meteoric Resources	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.5%</b>

UL = Unlisted investment

### Ratings\*

Lonsec "Recommended"



### Performance as at 31 October 2025 (all figures unaudited)

	1 month %	3 month %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	5 years % p.a.	Since incept. % p.a.
ACQ <sup>1</sup>	2.4	17.4	28.4	12.4	7.8	9.9
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc Index <sup>2</sup>	1.9	14.3	22.8	13.9	9.6	8.1

<sup>1</sup> Calculated as the movement in NTA pre tax but post fees and operating costs and using closing bid price. The calculation includes dividends paid and payable but has not been grossed-up for franking credits received by shareholders. All figures are unaudited, and unlisted valuations are prepared by Acorn Capital in accordance with ACQ Board approved policies. <sup>2</sup> The stated benchmark for the strategy. Please note that there is a difference in underlying investment universe and over shorter time periods, deviations in returns (both positive and negative) are expected. Please see page 2 for further details on benchmarks and investment universe.

### Acorn Capital - Investment Update

"October was another strong month for small caps, marking the fourth consecutive month of outperformance for the S&P Small Companies Index, which rose +1.89% versus the ASX 100 (+0.22%). Health Care (+7.6%), Information Technology (+5.8%), and Energy (+3.9%) led the gains, while Consumer Staples (-1.6%) lagged.

The portfolio was supported this month by Meteoric Resources (+38%) after securing approvals that removed a major development risk for its Caldeira rare earths project, and Firefly Metals (+42%) following a series of high-grade copper and gold drill results at its Ming resource, further strengthened by recent environmental approvals and strong metallurgical recoveries. On the downside, EROAD (-26%) impacted performance after downgrading earnings guidance and losing a major US customer, leading to a write-down of its North American business, while Dug Technology (-20%) was affected by a first-quarter update slightly below expectations due to slower-than-usual conversion of work-in-hand to revenue."

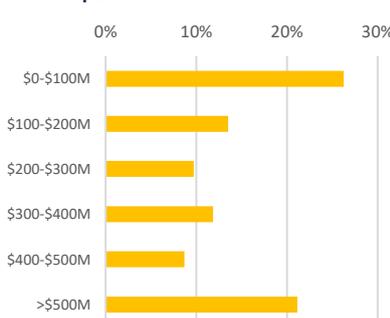
### ACQ Investment Manager – Acorn Capital Limited

### Growth \$10K



\*Total shareholder return assuming dividends reinvested, includes special dividends

### Market Cap Bands



### Sector Exposures



**Expanded Performance** as at 31 October 2025 (all figures unaudited)

	1 mth	3 mth	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	Since incept. p.a.
ACQ (Pre fees, tax and operating costs) <sup>2</sup>	2.6	17.4	31.3	14.0	9.5	12.6
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc Index <sup>3</sup>	1.9	14.3	22.8	13.9	9.6	8.1
Acorn Capital / SIRCA Microcap Acc. Index <sup>4</sup>	2.8	20.4	31.2	13.1	10.3	9.0

<sup>1</sup> Refer disclaimer page 1. <sup>2</sup> Return represents the pre fee, tax and operating cost performance of the underlying portfolio based on last prices, excluding fees and other accounting adjustments reflected in the calculation of Net Tangible Assets (NTA). This return is calculated by Acorn Capital and is unaudited <sup>3</sup> Source: Factset <sup>4</sup> Acorn Capital / SIRCA Microcap Accumulation Index data is verified 3 months in arrears by SIRCA ('Securities Industry Research Centre of Asia-Pacific').

**Indices Characteristics** <sup>5</sup>

	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Acc Index	Acorn Capital / SIRCA Microcap Acc. Index
Companies (by number)	199	>1400
Universe (by size)	ASX 101 – 300	ASX ex-250
Total Market Cap (\$M)	319,803	157,996
Median Market Cap (\$M)	1,336	26
Exposure to Developing Companies <sup>5,6</sup>	17.6%	41.0%
Crossover of holdings in ACQ <sup>5,7</sup>	17%	60%

<sup>5</sup> As at 30 September 2025 <sup>6</sup> Number of stocks, developing companies defined as those with revenues <10 of their market cap <sup>7</sup> the total portfolio weight of listed stocks (excludes unlisted and cash) included in the index.

**ACQ Objective**

The Objective is to create a diversified portfolio of listed microcap companies and then to invest opportunistically in unlisted entities that offer better relative value. The performance objective for ACQ is to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term.

**Dividend Intention**

Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited intends to pay annual dividends targeting at least 5% of closing post-tax NTA for each financial year, franked to the highest extent possible and without the Company incurring a liability.

Where the Company accumulates franking credits that the Board determines are in excess to its requirements it is the intent to distribute those excess credits by way of special dividends. This is subject to the Company having sufficient profit and cash flow to make such payments.

**Investment Philosophy**

The investment philosophy is based on a belief that there are pricing inefficiencies amongst emerging or microcap companies due to a lack of readily available external research conducted on such entities.

Acorn Capital believes that through a research driven investment process the pricing inefficiencies that exist in both listed microcaps and unlisted microcaps can be exploited to earn returns superior to those available in the broader market.

Unlisted microcap opportunities must be of better relative value on a risk-adjusted basis to displace existing listed portfolio investments in the corresponding sector.

**Investment Strategy**

- Research-driven stock selection
- Economic sector diversified
- Style agnostic
- Long term investor
- Create diversified portfolios to reduce volatility

**Investment Manager profile**

Acorn Capital was established in 1998 as a specialist investment manager in emerging Australian companies.

Acorn Capital distinguishes itself through its relatively large research and investment team with expertise across all industries as well as its provision of expansion capital to developing companies.

Through its strategies Acorn Capital can provide Investors with efficient off-index exposure to both public and private emerging companies.

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