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Market Announcements Office
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Dear Sir/Madam

Spheria Emerging Companies Limited (ASX:SEC) – Monthly Investment Update

Please find attached a copy of the investment update for the month ending 31 July 2026.

For further information, please contact 1300 010 311.

Authorised by:

Terence Kwong
Company Secretary

Spheria Emerging Companies Limited ASX: SEC

Investment Update 31 July 2026

Overall Commentary

During the month ended 31 July 2026, the Company returned 1.3% (after fees), outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 4.5%.

NTA Tangible Assets (NTA)[1]

Pre-Tax NTA[2]

2.255

Post-Tax NTA[3]

2.239

[1]NTA calculations exclude Deferred Tax Assets relating to capitalised issue related balance and income tax losses. These figures are subject to audit.

[2]Pre-tax NTA includes tax on realised gains/losses and other earnings, but excludes any provisions for tax on unrealised gains/losses.

[3]Post-tax NTA includes tax on realised and unrealised gains/losses and other earnings.

Company Facts

Investment Manager	**Spheria Asset Management Pty Limited**
ASX Code	SEC
Share Price	$2.370
Inception Date	30 November 2017
Listing Date	5 December 2017
Benchmark	S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index
Dividends Paid	Monthly
Management Fee	1.00% (plus GST) per annum[1]
Performance Fee	20% (plus GST) of the Portfolio's outperformance[2]
Market Capitalisation	$142.0m

[1]Calculated daily and paid at the end of each month in arrears.

[2]Against the Benchmark over each 6-month period to a high-water mark mechanism

Top 10 Holdings

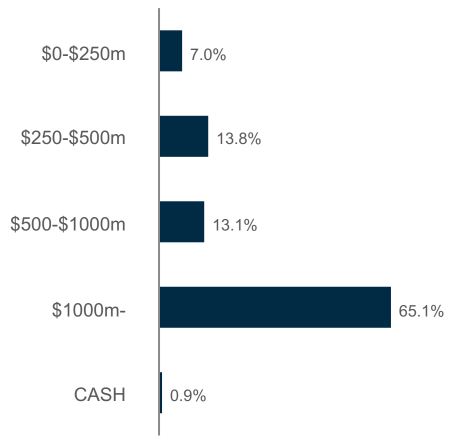
Company Name	**% Portfolio**
Supply Network Limited	5.3
Perpetual Limited	4.8
IRESS Limited	4.3
Fletcher Building Limited	4.0
Deterra Royalties Limited	4.0
Orora Limited	4.0
Imdex Limited	3.7
Universal Store Holdings Limited	3.4
Sims Limited	3.4
New Hope Corporation Limited	3.2
Top 10	**40.0**

Performance as at 31 July 2026

	1 Month	**3 Months**	**1 Year**	**3 Years p.a.**	**5 Years p.a.**	**7 Years p.a.**	**Inception p.a[3]**
Company[1]	1.3%	1.9%	-4.5%	6.6%	3.4%	6.7%	6.7%
Benchmark[2]	-3.2%	-3.2%	1.8%	7.5%	2.2%	4.4%	5.2%
Difference	4.5%	5.1%	-6.3%	-0.8%	1.3%	2.3%	1.5%

[1]Calculated as the Company's investment portfolio performance after fees excluding tax on realised and unrealised gains/losses and other earnings and after company expenses
[2]Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.
[3]Inception date is 30 November 2017. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. All p.a returns are annualised.

Market Cap Bands



Source: Spheria Asset Management

Markets

Global equity markets drifted sideways in July, though not without intra-month volatility. Much of the month was spent digesting the risk of a resumption of the US-Iran conflict, with oil rallying as much as ~20% intra-month. This played out against a backdrop of cooling US inflation, which kept the Fed on hold and pushed out the prospect of a near-term rate hike.
Beneath the surface, there was a broad rotation away from the winners of FY26. Small caps underperformed both domestically and internationally, and AI-trade names retreated as the market grew increasingly skeptical that the sector's substantial capex spend will generate commensurate returns. The South Korean KOSPI - now something of a proxy for the AI hardware thematic - retraced ~38% peak to trough between late June and end July. Australia has less direct exposure to semiconductors, but data centre and electrical contracting names still came under pressure. On the positive side, the funds benefited from a rotation back into some of the more beaten-up cyclicals.

Over the month the largest contributors were an overweight position in Perpetual (PPT.ASX, +22%), an overweight position in Karoon Energy (KAR.ASX, +20%), and an overweight position in Fletcher Building (FBU.ASX, +10%). The largest detractors from performance included an overweight position in Centuria Capital Group (CNI.ASX, -24%), not owning Viva Energy Group Ltd. (VEA.ASX, +38%), and owning Mader Group (MAD.ASX, -13%).

Fund Ratings

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