

# Ophir High Conviction Fund

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ASX Code OPH

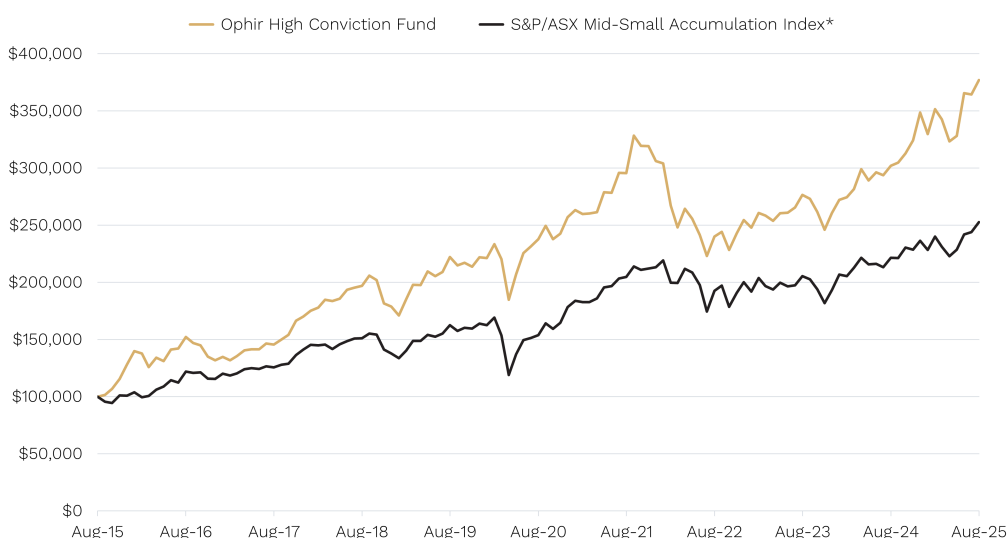
## About The Fund

The Ophir High Conviction Fund (the Fund) seeks to provide investors with a concentrated exposure to a high quality portfolio of listed companies outside the S&P/ASX50. Employing an extensive investment process that combines a rigorous company visitation schedule and fundamental bottom-up analysis, the Fund aims to identify businesses operating within structural growth sectors with the ability to meaningfully grow and compound earnings over time. Typically, the majority of businesses within the portfolio will already have well established business models with large or growing end markets and a clearly identifiable pipeline of future growth opportunities. As a concentrated portfolio, the Fund seeks to identify the very best of these opportunities in order to ensure each portfolio position delivers a meaningful impact on overall portfolio returns.

ASX Code	Net Return Since Inception (p.a.)	Fund Size
OPH	+14.2%	\$706.6m

## Ophir Asset Management

- Privately owned investment management business established by founders Andrew Mitchell and Steven Ng in 2012
- Fundamental bottom-up research approach combining rigorous company visitation and detailed propriety analysis
- Strict management of Fund capacity in order to protect performance
- Highly experienced investment team with extensive track record of high performance through all market cycles
- Complete alignment of interests, with Senior Portfolio Managers substantial investors in the Fund



	Since Inception (p.a.)	7 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	3 Years (p.a.)	1 Year	3 Months	1 Month
Fund Return (Net)	14.2%	9.7%	9.6%	16.2%	24.8%	14.8%	3.4%
Benchmark*	9.7%	7.6%	10.4%	9.5%	14.1%	10.5%	3.6%
ASX: OPH Unit Price Return	N/A	N/A	10.9%	9.5%	34.3%	22.9%	2.6%

The figures in the table above assume reinvestment of distributions. Performance figures are calculated using the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund as at 31 July 2025, not the market price. Performance figures and the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Fund are estimates and subject to final distribution calculations. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. \*ASX Mid-Small Accumulation Index (Net) (AUD), being the composite benchmark of 50% of the S&P/ASX MidCap 50 Accumulation Index and 50% of the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

## Senior Portfolio Managers



**Andrew Mitchell**  
B Ec (Hons), MAppFin | Founder and Portfolio Manager  
20+ years experience in financial markets, previously Paradise Investment Management and Commonwealth Treasury Department.



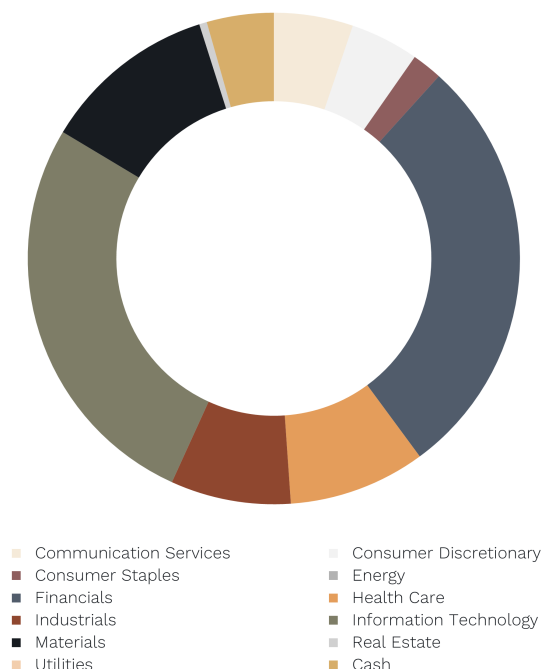
**Steven Ng**  
B Acc, CFA | Founder and Portfolio Manager  
23+ years experience in financial markets, previously Paradise Investment Management and ING.

## Key Information

Responsible Entity	The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited
Investment Manager	Ophir Asset Management Pty Ltd
Fund Inception	August 2015
Number of Stocks Cash	20 - 40
Distributions	Annually
Applications/ Redemptions	Daily
Investment Objective	Outperform benchmark (after fees) over the long term (5+ years)

## Allocation of Investments

### Portfolio Sector Exposures



## Top 5 Portfolio Holdings

(Alphabetical) As at 30 June 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	Industry	ASX Code
AUB Group Ltd	Insurance	AUB
Generation Development Group	Insurance	GDG
Life360 Inc	Software	360
ResMed Inc	Healthcare	RMD
Technology One	Software	TNE
Average Portfolio Market Cap		\$10.7bn

## Net Asset Value (NAV & Unit Price)

As at 31 July 2025

	Amount
Unit Price	\$3.42
ASX Price	\$3.21

## Market Commentary

Markets again proved remarkably resilient in July, with most equity indices posting positive gains despite U.S. bond yields rising slightly. U.S. tech soared. Microsoft posted a 24% increase in net profit, Meta reported solid earnings, and Alphabet's net profit increased by 19% year on year.

Australian markets gained in July, ending the month higher, with both the ASX 200 and the ASX Small Ordinaries gaining +2.4% and +2.8%, respectively. For ASX 300 sectors, Healthcare (+8.7%) and Energy (+5.4%) were the clear standouts, while Financials (-1.0%) and Consumer Staples (+0.5%) were the laggards.

Looking at the ASX Small Ords Index, Healthcare (+12.7%) and Industrials (+8.6%) were the best performing sectors, while Energy (-10.8%) and Materials (-0.7%) were the worst performing sectors.

Australian large cap value outperformed growth, with the MSCI Australia Value gaining +2.8%, higher than the +1% from the MSCI Australia Growth. Similarly, small cap growth underperformed value, with the MSCI Australia Small Cap Growth Index gaining +2.6% compared with the MSCI Australia Small Cap Value Index gaining +4.3%.

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept interest rates steady at 3.85% in July, contrary to market expectations. After the lower CPI print (2.1%), inflation is now at the lower end of the RBA's 2 to 3 percent target band. The market is now expecting a 0.25% rate cut at the August meeting. Meanwhile, unemployment ticked up slightly from 4.1% to 4.3%.

## Portfolio Commentary

Over the month, the Ophir High Conviction Fund's investment portfolio returned +3.4% (net of fees) versus the index, which returned +3.6%. Since its inception in August 2015, the Fund has returned +14.2% p.a. (net of fees), while the index has returned +9.7% p.a. The Ophir High Conviction Fund's ASX listing gained +2.6% for the month.

In terms of portfolio positioning, the number of holdings decreased to 36, and cash levels decreased to 4.4%.

One of the largest contributors to performance for the month was Life360 (ASX: 360), gaining +24.8% over the month. Life360 continues to perform as the market catches on to the significance of its advertising model and other verticals.

One of the largest detractors from performance for the month was Ora Banda (ASX: OBM), falling -16.8% over the month. Ora Banda lowered its full year gold production guidance, primarily due to unplanned downtime at its Davyhurst processing plant for equipment upgrades. We remain convicted in the stock, which has been one of our top performers over the longer term.

## Outlook

Small cap companies continue to trade at a discount relative to large caps globally. This remains true in Australia, where large cap valuations on a forward price to earnings basis are trading at two standard deviations above their 20 year 15x average (current P/E of 19x), versus small caps, which are trading around their long term average P/E of 16x.

The market is expecting the RBA to cut rates at its meeting on 12 August. Meanwhile, central banks globally remain cautious, keeping policy rates stable. However, following weaker NFP data, at the time of writing, the market has almost fully priced in a cut when the Fed meets in September, with 2.3 cuts priced in by year end and 4.5 in the next 12 months.

Our focus remains on more reasonably valued small cap businesses with robust earnings growth. The portfolio maintains a balanced mix of cyclical and defensive companies, with a skew towards less macro sensitive companies, a positioning we believe is appropriate for current market conditions.

Small caps continue to offer attractive valuations compared to large caps, including in Australia, where they remain the cheapest on a relative basis since 2009. We will continue our disciplined approach, identifying growing businesses with resilient earnings that we believe will ultimately find favour in the current below trend economic growth environment.

## Investment Process

Ophir employs a fundamental, bottom-up research approach aimed at identifying businesses with the ability to meaningfully grow and compound earnings over time. Typically, the investment process will look to uncover businesses that are operating within, or about to enter, a period of structural growth and are generating cash or have a clearly identifiable pathway toward free cash flow generation. In order to identify these opportunities, the Ophir investment team spend a considerable amount of time understanding the quality of the business and the environment in which it operates.

## About Ophir Asset Management

Ophir Asset Management is a specialist small and mid-cap equities investment manager established by founders Andrew Mitchell and Steven Ng in 2012. The business currently manages approximately \$2.0bn in capital on behalf of institutional superannuation funds, family offices, private wealth groups and individual investors. The investment team comprises 11 investment professionals drawn from a diverse range of backgrounds working across all Ophir funds.

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