# 8IP Australian Equity Impact Fund

# Invest to accelerate progress



#### **Our Impact Focus Areas**



Renewable Energy 4.3%



Energy Storage & efficiency 3.1%



Wellbeing: Pharmaceuticals 3.3%



Care and Support 10.8%



Affordable housing 3.1%



Land and Resource Management 7.6%



Wellbeing: Medical devices 10.9%



Wellbeing: Health Care services 11.0%



Education 14.9%



Lifestyle and Healthy Living 11.8%

## Portfolio Update

During the quarter, we initiated new positions in *Envirosuite, G8 Education, Mayfield Childcare, Paradigm Biopharmaceuticals*, and *Resmed*.

Envirosuite has developed a comprehensive real-time monitoring, investigative and predictive environmental management software system. It is commonly used to ensure environmental compliance with a particular focus on air, noise, and water pollution. However, it can be used to reduce pollution given the predictive ability of the software and to reduce the negative impacts of unforeseen adverse events through real-time monitoring. The company has won contracts globally, including with New Thames Water in the UK, Veolia in France, the LA and San Francisco Air Districts in the US, and SA Water in Australia.

We added *G8 Education* and *Mayfield* in the childcare sector to our existing position in Think Childcare. The sector is suffering from oversupply in the short-term but there will be a need for additional investment in the long-term and the current share price weakness provides the opportunity to increase exposure.

Paradigm is focused on repurposing an existing drug, pentosane polysulphate sodium (PPS), for various new treatments, including for inflammatory joint disease. The benefit of repurposing an existing drug is that the development program is usually faster and less costly than for completely new drugs. Paradigm has announced encouraging early results, achieving significant reductions in pain for patients with osteoarthritis.

Resmed is a major global manufacturer of devices for the treatment of sleep disorders which has been gaining market share as a result of their product innovation.

#### **Key Facts**

Inception	31 January 2017
Domicile & Status	Registered Managed Investment Scheme domiciled in Australia
Holdings	28 stocks
Liquidity	Daily
Base Currency	Australian dollars
Distributions	Paid annually, shortly after 30 June; reinvested unless otherwise instructed
Minimum Investment	\$10,000

## **Fund Snapshot**

- The Fund aims to deliver outperformance above the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index.
- Diversified portfolio of Australian equities across a range of impact focus areas.
- The Fund aims to demonstrate a financial return and a measurable and positive impact on society or the environment.

#### Why Impact Investing?

Directing capital to solve problems is more effective if the for-profit business sector is actively engaged. Your capital is invested in companies that **generate positive social and environmental impacts along with financial returns**.

The industries in which these companies operate tend to have structural growth tailwinds which, when combined with active stock selection, provides the opportunity to generate **superior investment returns**.

#### Why Eight Investment Partners ("8IP")?

As a specialist equity investor with a focus on small company investing, 8IP has the investment resources and network to identify companies that combine positive impact with attractive investment potential.

8IP manages in excess of A\$200m focused on ASX listed small companies on behalf of institutions, high net worth individuals and a listed investment company. The portfolios are managed by Kerry Series and Stephen Walsh, both experienced equity investors.

#### **Performance**

	3 months	6 months	1 year	Inception (%pa)
Fund (gross-of-fees)	-0.43%	-0.18%	+15.99%	+15.10%
Index	+1.86%	+10.05%	+14.67%	+11.65%
Active Return (gross-of-fees)	-2.29%	-10.23%	+1.32%	+3.45%

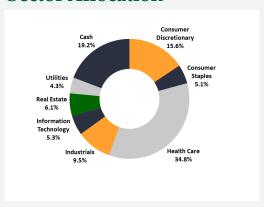
Source: 8IP and S&P.

All returns are shown to two decimal places. Current month performance is a manager estimate. Returns for periods of more than one year are annualised. Total returns include realised and unrealised gains and losses plus income and are time-weighted rates of return that adjust for external cash flows. Valuations are computed and performance reported in Australian dollars. Gross-of-fees performance returns are presented before management and performance fees but after all trading expenses. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

## **Top 5 Holdings**

Probiotec Limited	6.63%
Redhill Education Limited	6.28%
Genex Power Limited	4.28%
Envirosuite Limited	3.91%
Cleanaway Waste Management Limited	3.61%

#### **Sector Allocation**



Source: 8IP and Bloomberg. Please note that 8IP may reallocate stocks' sector classifications where in 8IP's view it is appropriate to do so.

#### **Fees**

Investment Management Fee	1.03% p.a.
Other Fees and Expenses	Up to 0.36% p.a.
Total Management Costs	1.39% p.a.
Performance Fee	20.5% over benchmark
Benchmark	S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index

Fees and expenses are inclusive of net GST.

#### **Fund Identifiers**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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