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This interim financial report covers the Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of the Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited (ABN 29 082 494 362). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000.

Directors' report

The directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund ("the Fund"), present their report together with the interim financial statements of the Fund, for the half-year ended 31 December 2025.

Principal activities

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Fund aims to provide a total investment return after fees that exceeds the return of the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term by investing primarily in listed Australian and New Zealand equities.

Spheria Asset Management Pty Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Fund did not have any employees during the half-year.

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited during the half-year or since the end of the half-year and up to the date of this report:

Mr I Macoun	
Mr C Kwok	(resigned 13 October)
Mr A Chambers	
Mr T Kwong	(appointed 13 October)

The Responsible Entity also has a Compliance Committee consisting of one non-external member and three external members.

The Committee met two times during the half-year.

Review and results of operations

There have been no significant changes to the operations of the Fund since the previous financial period. The Fund continued to invest funds in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund.

Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund returned 11.9% and 9.34% p.a (after fees) respectively for the periods ended six months and five years to 31 December 2025. These returns compare to the benchmark return for the same periods of 17.39% and 6.85% p.a.

Directors' report (continued)

Review and results of operations (continued)

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
	$'000	$'000
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year	**42,224**	35,204
Distributions paid and payable	**4,157**	1,536
Distributions (cents per unit)	**3.0831**	1.2242

Significant changes in state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the half-year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the half-year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

(i) the operations of the Fund in future financial periods, or
(ii) the results of those operations in future financial periods, or
(iii) the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial periods.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund.

The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

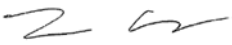
Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191,* unless otherwise indicated.

Directors' report (continued)

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 5.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Mr T Kwong
Director

Sydney
6 March 2026

Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2025, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and

b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Rebecca Otto
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Condensed statement of comprehensive income

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
	$'000	$'000
Investment income		
Interest income	**148**	202
Dividend/distribution income	**5,646**	5,701
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**39,045**	32,498
Other operating income	**–**	33
Total net investment income/(loss)	**44,839**	38,434
Expenses		
Management fees	**2,247**	1,820
Performance fees	**–**	1,209
Transaction costs	**368**	201
Total operating expenses	**2,615**	3,230
Operating profit/(loss) for the half-year	**42,224**	35,204
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	**–**	–
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year	**42,224**	35,204

The above condensed statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed statement of financial position

	Notes	As at 31 December 2025 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		**7,597**	4,998
Receivables		**1,373**	1,226
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	**409,513**	362,687
Total assets		**418,483**	368,911
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	3	**4,157**	16,056
Payables		**693**	914
Total liabilities		**4,850**	16,970
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	2	**413,633**	351,941

The above condensed statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed statement of changes in equity

	Notes	**Half-year ended** **31 December 2025** **$'000**	31 December 2024 $'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year	2	**351,941**	288,689
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year			
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		**42,224**	35,204
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		**42,224**	35,204
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications	2	**60,616**	62,559
Redemptions	2	**(38,791)**	(42,885)
Reinvestment of distributions	2	**1,800**	681
Distributions paid and payable	2	**(4,157)**	(1,536)
Total transactions with unitholders		**19,468**	18,819
Total equity at the end of the half-year		**413,633**	342,712

The above condensed statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed statement of cash flows

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
	$'000	$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**117,081**	55,722
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**(124,624)**	(84,126)
Transaction costs on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**(368)**	(201)
Dividends/distribution received	**5,516**	5,378
Management fees paid	**(2,188)**	(1,744)
Interest received	**148**	202
Other income received	**–**	33
Reduced Input Tax Credit (RITC) received/(paid)	**(11)**	10
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	**(4,446)**	(24,726)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	**60,371**	62,654
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	**(39,071)**	(43,003)
Distributions paid	**(14,255)**	(3,515)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	**7,045**	16,136
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**2,599**	(8,590)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	**4,998**	14,316
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	**7,597**	5,726
Non-cash financing activities	**1,800**	681

The above condensed statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the interim financial statements

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1 Basis of preparation of interim financial statements

This interim financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025 and any public announcements made in respect of the Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund ("the Fund") during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The interim financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 6 March 2026. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the interim financial report after they have been issued.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the interim financial report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the Fund's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025. These accounting policies are consistent with Australian Accounting Standards and with International Financial Reporting Standards.

There are no standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 July 2025 that have a material effect on the interim financial report of the Fund.

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2026, and have not been early adopted in preparing these interim financial report. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund, other than potentially AASB 18 - *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*, which is still in the process of being assessed.

2 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments meet the definition of a financial liability to be classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Fund shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions.

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the half-year were as follows:

	As at			
	31 December 2025 Units	31 December 2024 Units	**31 December 2025 $'000**	31 December 2024 $'000
Balance as at 1 July	**127,100,995**	117,760,507	**351,941**	288,689
Applications	**19,734,206**	23,679,959	**60,616**	62,559
Redemptions	**(12,650,756)**	(16,236,621)	**(38,791)**	(42,885)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	**650,108**	277,768	**1,800**	681
Distributions paid and payable	**–**	–	**(4,157)**	(1,536)
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	**–**	–	**42,224**	35,204
Closing balance	**134,834,553**	125,481,613	**413,633**	342,712

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Fund. There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund.

3 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions for the half-year were as follows:

	Half-year ended			
	31 December 2025 $'000	**31 December 2025 CPU**	31 December 2024 $'000	31 December 2024 CPU
Distributions				
Distributions payable - December	**4,157**	**3.0831**	1,536	1.2242
	4,157		1,536	

4 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	31 December 2025 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Listed equity securities*	**409,513**	362,687
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**409,513**	362,687

*Listed equity securities include listed equities and listed unit trusts.

5 Fair value measurements

The Fund measures and recognises the below financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on a recurring basis.

The Fund has no financial assets or financial liabilities measured at fair value after initial recognition on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

Fair value hierarchy

Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

The Fund classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the last traded price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the last traded price. When the Fund holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

5 Fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1) (continued)

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2)

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (e.g. over-the counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques that maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. The foreign currency contracts are valued at the forward rate.

(iii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm’s length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting period applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Fund would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of reporting period taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties.

Investments in other unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the investment managers of such trusts.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

Valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Fund for similar financial instruments.

Recognised fair value measurements

The tables below set out the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2025.

As at 31 December 2025	**Level 1 $'000**	**Level 2 $'000**	**Level 3 $'000**	**Total $'000**
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Listed equity securities*	**409,513**	**–**	**–**	**409,513**
Total financial assets	**409,513**	**–**	**–**	**409,513**

5 Fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Recognised fair value measurements (continued)

As at 30 June 2025	Level 1 $'000	Level 2 $'000	Level 3 $'000	Total $'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Listed equity securities*	362,687	–	–	362,687
Total financial assets	362,687	–	–	362,687

*Listed equity securities include listed equities and listed unit trusts.

There were no transfers between levels during the half-year ended 31 December 2025 and year ended 30 June 2025.

6 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2025.

7 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

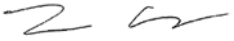
(a) the interim financial report and notes set out on pages 6 to 14 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

  (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and

  (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date.

(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Mr T Kwong
Director

Sydney
6 March 2026

Independent auditor's review report to the unitholders of Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund

Report on the half-year financial report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund (the Registered Scheme) which comprises the Condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the Condensed statement of changes in equity, Condensed statement of cash flows, Condensed statement of comprehensive income, for the half-year ended on that date and selected explanatory notes and the directors of the Responsible Entity's declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Spheria Australian Smaller Companies Fund does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Registered Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date;
2. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report section of our report.

We are independent of the Registered Scheme in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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Responsibilities of the directors of the Responsible Entity for the half-year financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Registered Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Brisbane
6 March 2026