

# How Perpetual approaches small cap alpha

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Co-portfolio managers ALEX PATTEN and JAMES RUTLEDGE explain why small and microcap investing can offer meaningful alpha, but only with a disciplined, selective approach.

The team's bottom-up, value-oriented process results in portfolios that look very different from peers and helps manage the higher risks inherent in small caps.

Find out where their focus lies and how they navigate volatile, uncertain markets.

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We are one of Australia's most respected and longstanding active investment managers, with a proven investment process that has been refined through more than 50 years of experience.

We have a track record of contributing value through "active ownership" and deep research.

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