

# Short & Caught: The ASX small caps investors are shorting right now

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Short & Caught is *Stockhead's* fortnightly recap of which ASX small cap stocks are heavily shorted. Stocks that are shorted have investors betting they fall.

Shorting works by selling stocks you do not actually own in the hope of buying them back at a lower price.

Because shorting is restricted under Australian law, any substantial shorting of stocks is worth knowing about, even if you own these stocks and only trade long.

Code	Name	Price (I)	Short Interest (Volume shares)	Short Interest 1 Month % Change	Market Cap
	RESOURCES LTD				
DCG	DECMIL GROUP LTD	0.06	12.31M	350.97	76.19M
DCN	DACIAN GOLD LTD	0.35	7.38M	311.15	186.37M
DRO	DRONESHIELD LTD	0.16	1.52M	148.11	40.39M
ECX	ECLIPX GROUP LTD	1.4	11.24M	164.72	447.49M
EHL	EMECO HOLDINGS LTD	1.05	10.37M	191.63	383.29M
HCT	HOLISTA COLLTECH LTD	0.07	345.63k	30,059.51	20.38M
LPD	LEPIDICO LTD	0.01	624.66k	98.35	36.30M
MCR	MINCOR RESOURCES NL	0.77	315.43k	223.77	281.21M
MGV	MUSGRAVE MINERALS LTD	0.66	325.00k	137,030.8	301.60M

A number of the heavily shorted stocks had seen operational disruptions due to COVID-19.

Water tech stock [SciDev \(ASX:SDV\)](#) has seen the biggest percentage increase in short interest.

The company told shareholders in its last quarterly that it had seen reduced sales in the last quarter and projects already secured had been delayed resulting in revenue being delayed into the next financial year.

[Holista Colltech \(ASX:HCT\)](#) was one of the earliest stocks to gain from the hand sanitiser boom due to COVID-19.

But shares took a tumble earlier this month when it told shareholders COVID-19 restrictions had disrupted supply chains globally, particularly in the US.

Other stocks have been shorted despite business ostensibly returning to normal. One is [Monash IVF \(ASX:MVF\)](#), which was forced to halt procedures for a few weeks due to restrictions on elective surgery, but has since been allowed to resume.

Also on the list were a handful of explorers that have made substantial gains in recent months.

Examples include gold plays [Musgrave Minerals \(ASX:MGV\)](#) and [Predictive Discovery \(ASX:PDI\)](#) as well as copper play [Stavely Minerals \(ASX:SVY\)](#).

Shorted finance stocks include fintech [MoneyMe \(ASX:MME\)](#) and investment bank [Moelis \(ASX:MOE\)](#), despite the windfall COVID-19 has caused for the fintech and investment banking sectors.