# OCTOBER 2024

The Regal Investment Fund ("RF1") Net Asset Value ("NAV") increased by 2.1% to \$3.52 in October. Since inception on 17 June 2019, the Fund has generated 19.6% p.a. net of fees.<sup>1</sup>

Global equity markets were mildly lower in October, the S&P500 declining -1.0%, the tech-heavy NASDAQ Composite falling -0.5% and MSCI World retreating -0.5% as investors navigated increasing conflict in the Middle East and the potential outcomes of the upcoming November US presidential elections. Gold rose to another record high of the year, reaching USD\$2,750/oz, while crude oil fell to US\$70.22/bbl despite the increasing tensions in the Middle East. In Australian equities, the ASX Small Ordinaries Index gained 0.8%, again outperforming the ASX200, which declined -1.3%. Materials underperformed through the month as markets continued to digest the ramifications of last month's Chinese stimulus measures. Mainland Chinese equities gave back some of their recent gains (SHCOMP -1.7%) the AUD declined to 65.80usc.

Six of the eight strategies delivered positive returns for October, led predominately by the Market Neutral strategy. Within the Market Neutral strategy, long positions in buy-now-pay-later providers ZipCo (+10%) and Block Inc (+16%) contributed positively, following increasing evidence of growing transaction volumes across the US market, alongside short positions in discretionary retail, information technology and businesses facing the homebuilding sector.

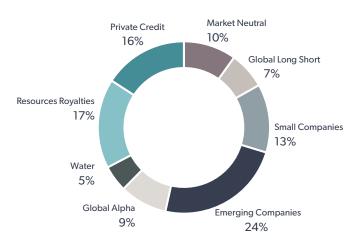
Negative performance within the Global Alpha strategy was the main detractor this month as a number of short positions suffered large squeezes.

# **FUND INFORMATION**

Name	Regal Investment Fund
ASX Code	RF1
ASX Closing Price	\$3.65
Monthly NAV	\$3.52
Premium/(Discount)	+3.66%
Structure	Listed Investment Trust
Listing Date	17 June 2019
Management Fee	1.5% (plus GST)
Performance Fee	20% (plus GST) above RBA Cash Rate
High Water Mark	Yes
Fund Size	A\$656m
Units on Issue	186,302,036units
Distribution Frequency	Semi-annual
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd
Fund Administrator	APEX

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# **EXPOSURE BY STRATEGY (NAV)<sup>2</sup>**



 $^2$  As at 31 October 2024. The Fund portfolio will be constructed using multiple Regal Investment Strategies and these strategies are not necessarily limited to the current Investment Strategies.

# PERFORMANCE DATA % (NET)1

Performance	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	2 yrs pa	3 yrs pa	4 yrs pa	5 yrs pa	Inception pa
Regal Investment Fund	2.1	7.7	10.6	27.6	14.4	6.1	15.4	19.2	19.6

<sup>1.</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Net return on RF1 assets after fees, and costs. Returns greater than one year are annualised.

# PERFORMANCE BY MONTH % (NET)3

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-1.84	5.10	3.73	4.11	1.68	0.73	0.32	1.30	4.11	2.10			23.26
2023	3.33	-3.38	0.29	0.16	0.34	5.44	1.23	0.15	1.44	-0.76	1.19	2.27	12.07
2022	-4.34	-2.63	6.57	1.93	-5.24	-13.05	2.55	7.89	-0.58	-1.27	-1.32	-4.02	-14.26
2021	6.16	4.22	-1.22	6.64	1.83	0.02	1.21	7.27	2.82	2.39	-0.79	1.57	36.72
2020	4.57	-6.38	-22.97	8.48	12.64	15.81	11.35	10.49	1.82	-0.02	4.77	4.49	46.31
2019	-	-	-	-	-	2.06	2.82	3.91	4.00	-3.22	-0.93	2.41	11.36

<sup>3.</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance figures are net of fees and costs and assume reinvestment of distributions

#### **RF1 PERFORMANCE**

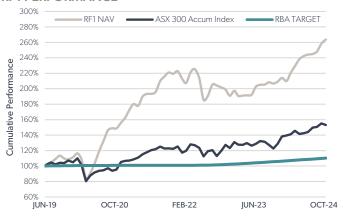


Chart represents cumulative performance of RF1 NAV since inception on 17 June 2019. Net of fees and costs. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

### **UNDERLYING STRATEGY PERFORMANCE (GROSS)**

Strategy	1 month %	12 months %
Small Companies Strategy	4.4	101.4
Global Long Short Strategy	-1.0	NA
Market Neutral Strategy	10.8	84.4
Global Alpha Strategy	-0.1	67.8
Emerging Companies Strategy	2.4	27.4
Water Strategy	0.0	-1.2
Resources Royalties Strategy	3.0	12.2
Private Credit Strategy	0.7	12.5
Total RF1 (net)	2.1	27.6

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## **BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES (% OF NAV)**

Sector	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Communication Services	5	-3	1	8
Consumer Discretionary	7	-11	-4	19
Consumer Staples	3	-3	-1	6
Diversified	1	0	1	1
Energy	7	-6	1	14
Financials	23	-23	-7	46
Health Care	17	-10	7	28
Industrials	11	-7	4	18
Information Technology	16	-8	8	24
Materials	24	-13	10	37
Real Estate	4	-5	-1	9
Utilities	1	-1	0	2
Total (Listed Positions)	118	-93	26	211
Total (Non Listed Positions)	50	0	50	50
Total	168	-93	75	261

#### STRATEGY

The investment objective of RF1 is to provide investors with exposure to a selection of alternative investment strategies with the aim of producing attractive risk-adjusted absolute returns over a period of more than five years with limited correlation to equity markets. Regal Funds Management Pty Limited's ("Regal" or the "Manager") investment philosophy is grounded in the belief that a diversified portfolio of assets, using a range of investment strategies and backed by long-term capital, is key to achieving superior riskadjusted returns over the long-term.

The RF1 portfolio is constructed by the Manager using multiple investment strategies managed by it. The Manager may adjust the portfolio's strategy allocations depending on prevailing market conditions or other factors it considers relevant at the time in order to achieve RF1's investment objectives.

# **FUND ADVISOR PROFILE**

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Argle Group (given RPL interest is a minority stake).

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<sup>7</sup> As at 30 June 2024 and includes full time and part time staff in all RPLGroup entities except