Regal Investment Fund ASX:RF1

DECEMBER 2023

The Regal Investment Fund ("RF1") Net Asset Value ("NAV") increased by 2.3% to \$3.06 in December. Since inception on 17 June 2019, the Fund has generated 18.1% p.a. net of fees.¹

Global equity markets performed strongly in December, supported by growing expectations that the US Federal Reserve will likely start cutting interest rates at its March 2024 meeting. December also saw a clear broadening of the most recent equity market rally, with small caps, cyclicals, resources and value stocks outperforming mega-cap leaders for the second month in succession. Domestically, equity markets were similarly well supported, the ASX 200 rising +7.1%, led by gains across the major miners in response to a 7% rise in the spot iron ore price over the month. Similar to the US, small caps continued to see broadened support in Australia, the ASX Small Ordinaries rising +7.2%, supported by over \$5bn in announced takeover activity across the local bourse, with the targets all representing small cap industrials.

In line with the market, the largest underlying contributors to positive performance this month were from the Small Companies and Emerging Companies strategies, attributing +2.5% and +1% respectively. This performance was mainly attributable to long positions in critical mineral explorer WA Resources (+44%), following continued positive drilling results from the company's West Aruna project located in central Australia and another long position in fuel refiner Viva Energy (+13%), after the ACCC confirmed no opposition to VEA's acquisition of fuel and convenience retailer OTR Group.

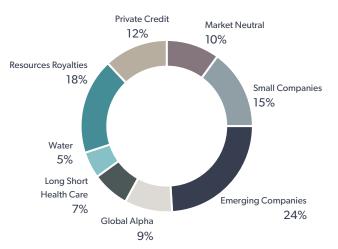
Detractors this month stemmed from the Resource Royalties and Market Neutral strategies, attributing -0.9% and -0.1% respectively. The underlying Market Neutral strategy performance was impacted by short positions in high-PE technology stocks, primarily across holdings in Australia and the US, in addition to short exposures to iron ore producers and index hedging.

FUND INFORMATION

Name	Regal Investment Fund
ASX Code	RF1
ASX Closing Price	\$2.83
Monthly NAV (cum-distribution per unit)	\$3.06
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\$609m
Units on Issue	199,069,736 units
Distribution Frequency	Semi-annual
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd
Fund Administrator	HSBC

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Data as at 31 December 2023.

EXPOSURE BY STRATEGY (NAV)²



² As at 31 December 2023. 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	l yr	2 yrs pa	3 yrs pa	4 yrs pa	Inception pa
Regal Investment Fund	2.3	2.7	5.6	12.1	-2.0	9.5	17.7	18.1

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PERFORMANCE BY MONTH % (NET)³

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
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

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RF1 PERFORMANCE

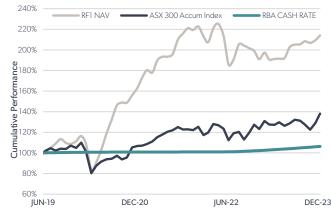


Chart represents cumulative performance of RF1 NAV since inception on 17 June 2019. Net of fees and costs. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

UNDERLYING STRATEGY PERFORMANCE (GROSS)

Strategy	1 month %	12 months %
Market Neutral Strategy	-1.0	-1.4
Small Companies Strategy	19.6	63.0
Emerging Companies Strategy	4.1	5.7
Global Alpha Strategy	1.8	44.3
Long Short Health Care Strategy	0.0	10.1
Water Strategy	-0.8	-3.6
Resources Royalties Strategy	-5.1	13.3
Private Credit Strategy	0.9	-
Total RF1 (net)	2.3	12.1

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BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES (% OF NAV)

Sector	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Communication Services	6	-2	4	8
Consumer Discretionary	10	-11	-]	20
Consumer Staples	4	-3	1	6
Diversified	0	0	0	0
Energy	7	-3	4	10
Financials	14	-9	5	23
Health Care	15	-11	4	27
Industrials	15	-7	8	22
Information Technology	14	-10	5	24
Materials	30	-8	22	38
Real Estate	5	-3	1	8
Utilities	1	-]	0	2
Total (Listed Positions)	121	-68	53	189
Total (Non Listed Positions)	43	0	43	43
Total	164	-68	95	232

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 risk-adjusted 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

Regal is RF1's investment manager. Regal is a multi-award winning investment management business, four times awarded alternative investment management firm of the year⁶.

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⁶ Australian Alternative Investment Manager of the Year, awarded at the Annual AIMA 'Hedge Funds Rock' Awards in 2019, 2016, 2014, 2011.

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