#### **FEBRUARY 2021**

The Regal Investment Fund Net Asset Value (NAV) increased by 4.2% to \$4.10 in February.

A significant surge in global bond yields late in the month capped initially strong gains across equities in February, despite the Australian equity market producing one of its strongest semi-annual reporting periods in over twenty years with a record 51% of ASX 200 companies beating consensus EPS estimates.

A continued overweight across the Materials sector benefited the Market Neutral Strategy this month, with long positions in nickel pig iron producer Nickel Mines (+13%), lithium-boron explorer loneer (+26%) and junior explorer Chalice Mining (+17%) all generating positive returns. Fundamental long positions in marketing and communications business Enero Group (+54%) and family networking and location-sharing app provider Life 360 (+13%) all contributed positive returns following pleasing 1H20 result releases.

Positive contributors to the Small Companies Strategy performance this month included long positions in Buy Now, Pay Later provider Zip Co (+43%), primarily driven by the announced >130% growth in total transaction volumes across its US-based QuadPay business, and travel and tourism operator Sealink Travel Group (+33%), after delivering a strong upgrade to consensus expectations driven by strong operating momentum across the groups bus operations. Pleasing updates from domestic media company Seven West Media (+52%) and mining metal detection and services business Codan (+26%) also generated positive contributions.

Detractors to performance included long positions in the recently listed intelligence software and analytics business Nuix (-34%), following a softer than expected 1H result, and eye-focused biotech Opthea (-17%).

### RF1 SUMMARY DATA (as of 28 February 2021)

RF1 Unit Price	\$4.16
RF1 NAV	\$4.10
Premium/(Discount)	+1.5%
Trailing Yield <sup>1</sup>	5.7%

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1. Trailing Yield equals the total cash distributions paid by RF1 in the preceding 12 months divided by the RF1 unit price as at 28 February 2021.

#### RF1 NAV vs ASX 300 ACCUM, INDEX



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# **UNDERLYING STRATEGY PERFORMANCE (GROSS)**

STRATEGY	1 MONTH %	12 MONTHS %	INCEPTION %P.A.
Market Neutral Strategy	-0.2%	36.4%	22.4%
Long Short Equity Strategy	0.1%	33.4%	18.2%
Small Companies Strategy	6.9%	72.2%	47.6%
Emerging Companies Fund III	7.7%	108.8%	87.4%
Global Alpha Strategy	20.6%	218.1%	121.6%
Long Short Health Care Strategy	-4.1%	-	0.1%*
TOTAL RF1 (NET)	4.2%	65.4%	40.0%

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## **PERFORMANCE DATA (NET)**

Regal Investment Fund 4.2	15.6 23	3.3 65.4 40.
PERFORMANCE 1 MTH %	3 MTH % 6 MTH	H % 12 MTHS % INCEPTION %P.

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## **KEY FUND INFORMATION**

Name	Regal Investment Fund	Monthly NAV (per unit)	A\$4.10
ASX Code	RF1	RF1 NAV	A\$416m
Structure	Listed Investment Trust	Units on Issue	101,551,848 units
Listing Date	17 June 2019	Distribution Frequency	Semi-annual
Management Fee	1.5% (plus GST)	Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Performance Fee	20% above RBA Cash Rate	Investment Manager	Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd
High Water Mark	Yes	Fund Administrator	HSBC

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#### **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. The Manager's 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.

The current exposure ranges for the Strategies are below<sup>1</sup>:

MARKET	LONG SHORT	SMALL	EMERGING	GLOBAL	LONG SHORT
NEUTRAL	EQUITY	COMPANIES	COMPANIES <sup>2</sup>	ALPHA	HEALTHCARE
0% - 50%	0% - 25%	0% - 25%	0% - 25%	0% - 25%	0% - 25%

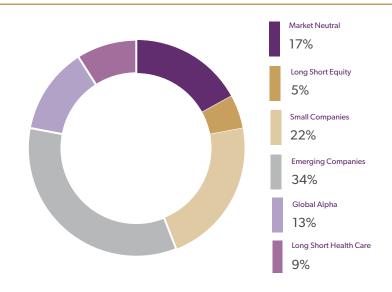
#### **FUND ADVISOR PROFILE**

Regal Funds Management Pty Limited is the Fund's investment manager. The Manager was founded in 2004 and has specialised in alternative investment strategies with a primary focus on long/short investment strategies.

The Manager has a team of 36 people, including 19 investment management professionals across a number of investment strategies.

The Manager's Investment Team have, on average, over 10 years' experience in financial markets both in Australia and overseas. The Manager has experience on the buy and sell side, fundamental investing, sales and research, long-side and hedge fund investing, as well as investment banking and capital markets.

# **CURRENT EXPOSURE BY STRATEGY (NAV)**



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

SECTOR	LONG	SHORT	NET	GROSS
Communication Services	16	-6	10	21
Consumer Discretionary	20	-10	11	30
Consumer Staples	7	-5	2	11
Diversified	3	0	3	3
Energy	7	-5	1	12
Financials	16	-15	1	30
Health Care	30	-14	16	44
Industrials	13	-12	0	25
Information Technology	27	-12	15	40
Materials	37	-9	28	45
Real Estate	4	-4	-1	8
Utilities	2	-2	0	3
Total	180	-94	86	273
REGION	LONG	SHORT	NET	GROSS
Asia	52	-41	11	94
Australia/NZ	114	-46	68	160
EMEA	2	0	2	3
Americas	12	-6	6	18
Total	180	-94	86	273

# **FUND PERFORMANCE (NAV)**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2021	6.16	4.22											10.64
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	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.06	2.82	3.91	4.00	-3.22	-0.93	2.41	11.36

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# A copy of the PDS is available at <a href="https://www.regalfm.com/RF1">www.regalfm.com/RF1</a>

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Ranges permitted by the Investment Guideline. The Fund portfolio will be constructed using multiple Regal Investment Strategies and these Strategies are not necessarily limited to the current Investment Strategies.

Note: Performance figures are net of all fees unless otherwise stated. All numbers are as at 28 February 2021.