Regal Investment Fund (ASX:RF1)

Investor Update & Q&A

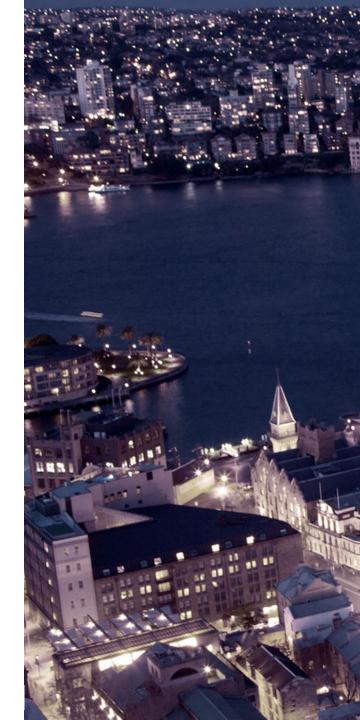
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Welcome & Regal Update

Brendan O'Connor, CEO, Regal Partners





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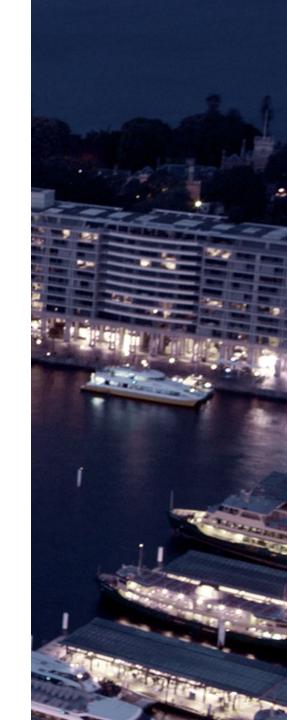
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REGAL

The Regal Investment Fund (RF1) has been established to provide investors with exposure to a diversified selection of alternative investment strategies managed by Regal

Its objective is to produce attractive risk-adjusted absolute returns over a period of more than five years, with limited correlation to equity markets.

2019

Inception

+108.4%

Total Return¹

RF1

ASX ticker









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Regal Partners Limited (ASX:RPL)¹





Regal Partners Limited is an ASX-listed, specialist alternative investment manager with \$5.8 billion in funds under management.

- Regal Partners (ASX:RPL) was formed on 3 June 2022, following the merger of ASX-listed VGI Partners Limited and privately-owned Regal Funds Management Pty Limited.
- The Group houses four dedicated alternative investment management businesses: Regal Funds Management,
 VGI Partners, Kilter Rural and Attunga Capital, together employing ~110 employees³, located in offices across Sydney, Bendigo, Singapore, Hong Kong and New York.
- RPL aims to be a leading provider of alternative investment strategies in Australia and Asia.

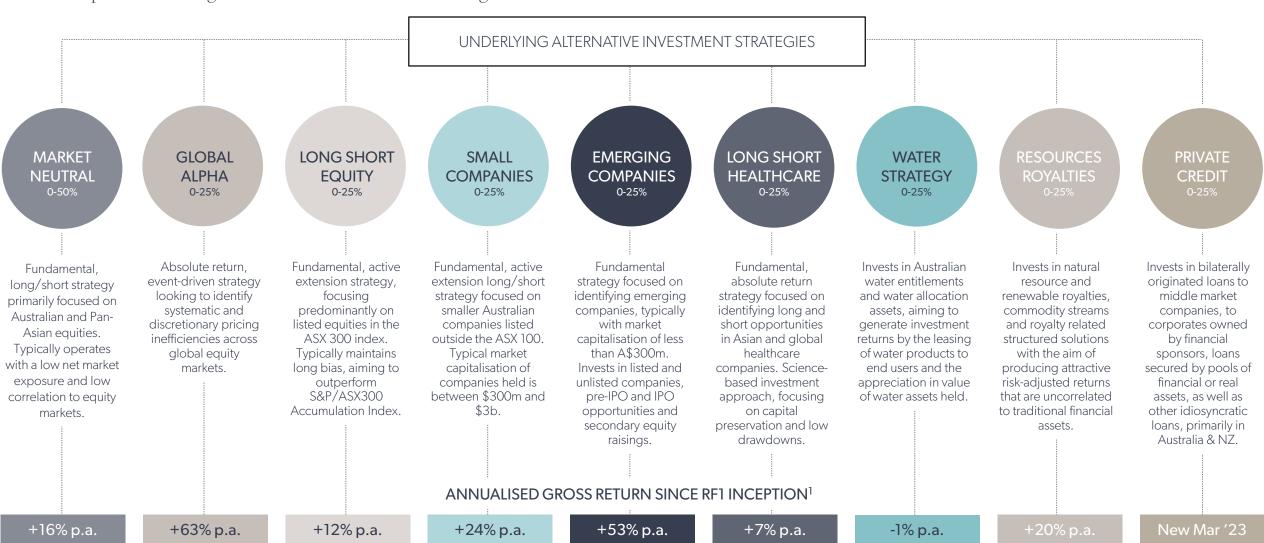


^{1.} Unaudited Management estimate of funds under management as at 31 July 2023. Funds under management for the group (including 100% of Kilter Rural, Attunga Capital) includes non-fee earning funds. 2. As at market close 10 October 2023. 3. Includes full-time and part-time staff in all group entities at 23 August 2023 including Kilter Rural and Attunga Capital.

Regal Investment Fund (ASX: RF1)

Exposure to a range of Alternative Investment Strategies





RF1 Performance Since Inception



Net of fees, as at 30 September 2023

17 June 2019

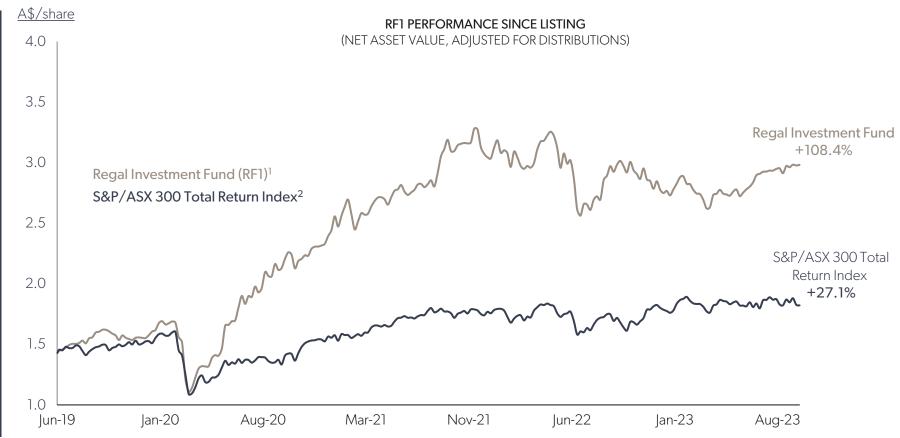
Annualised Return Since Inception¹ + 18.5%

Total Return Since Inception¹

+108.4%

Distributions Paid to Date

\$1.91 per unit



FUND PERFORMANCE	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	CYTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR P.A.	INCEPTION P.A.	TOTAL RETURN SINCE INCEPTION
Regal Investment Fund ¹	+1.4%	+2.8%	+9.1%	+2.0%	+11.9%	+18.5%	+108.4%
S&P/ASX 300 Total Return Index	(2.9%)	(0.8%)	+3.5%	+12.9%	+10.8%	+5.7%	+27.1%

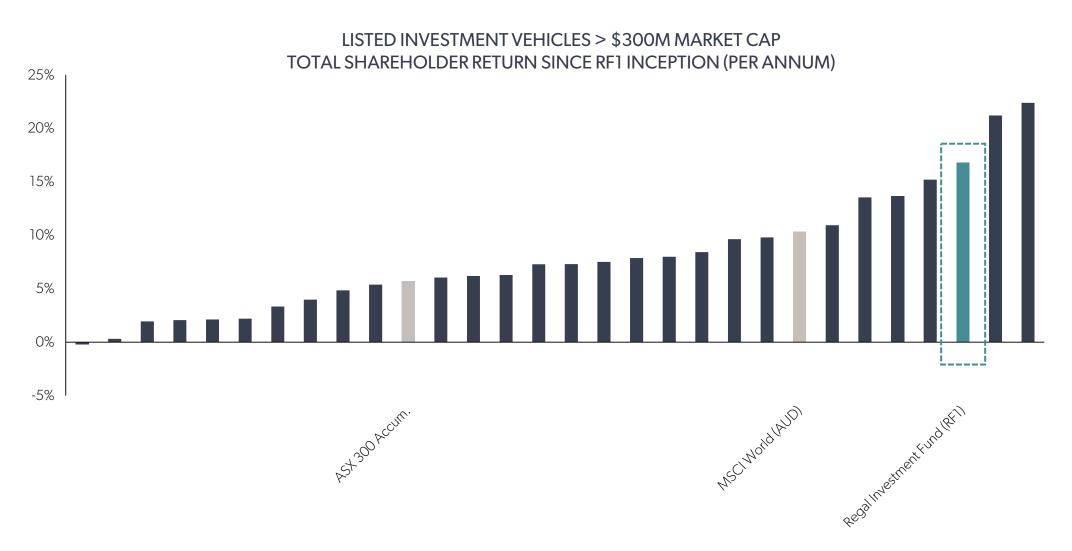
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^{2.} Source: Regal, Bloomberg

RF1 – Market Leading Returns



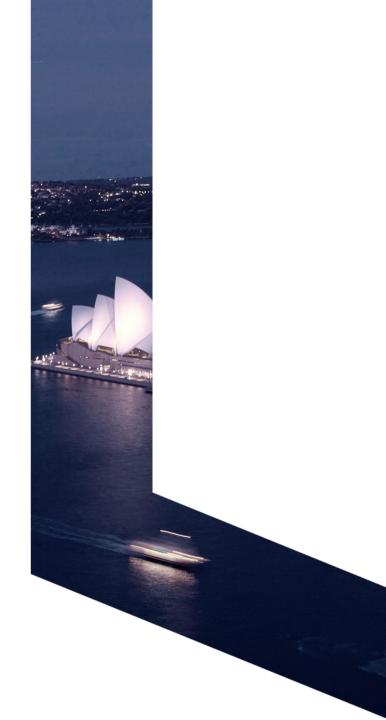


Source: Bloomberg, Bell Potter research. Excludes LICS classified as Fixed Income and Private Equity. Data as at 30 September 2023. Total shareholder return represents capital growth (share price) plus distributions received, assuming all distributions reinvested, since inception.

Market Update & RF1 Positioning

Philip King, Co-Founder & CIO Long/Short Equities, Regal Funds





Market update

Key takeaways



Equities remain driven by moves in bond yields

Declining equity risk premiums suggest equity markets are fully valued in aggregate, however select opportunities continue to exist beneath the surface

Wholesale repricing in government and corporates' cost of capital is creating highly attractive opportunities for investors with capital available to deploy;

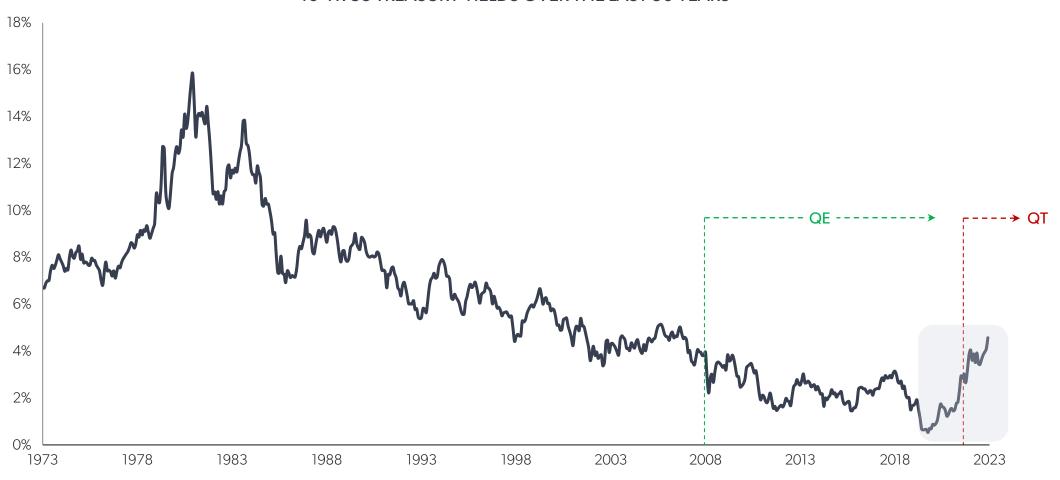
The Regal Investment Fund (ASX:RF1) seeks to dynamically allocate capital across its strategies where we view the best risk-adjusted returns exist. This has included:

- Increased allocation to Private Credit strategy;
- Increased allocation to Water strategy;
- Total exposure to non-equity strategies now approaching ~30%

Recent rise in US 10yr Treasury yields put into context

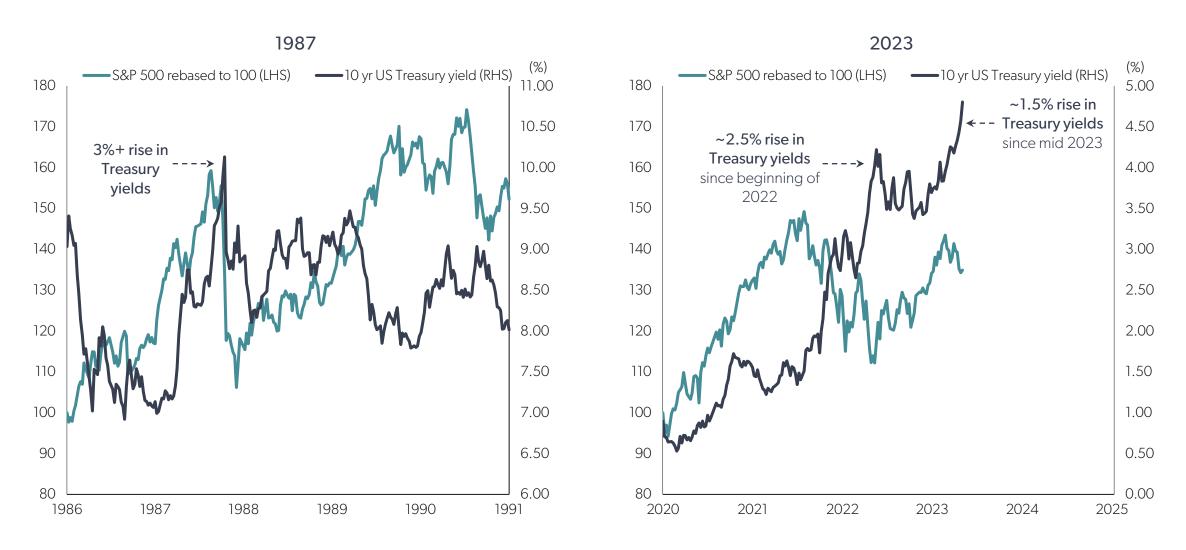


10-YR US TREASURY YIELDS OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS



Then and now: could there be echoes of 1987?

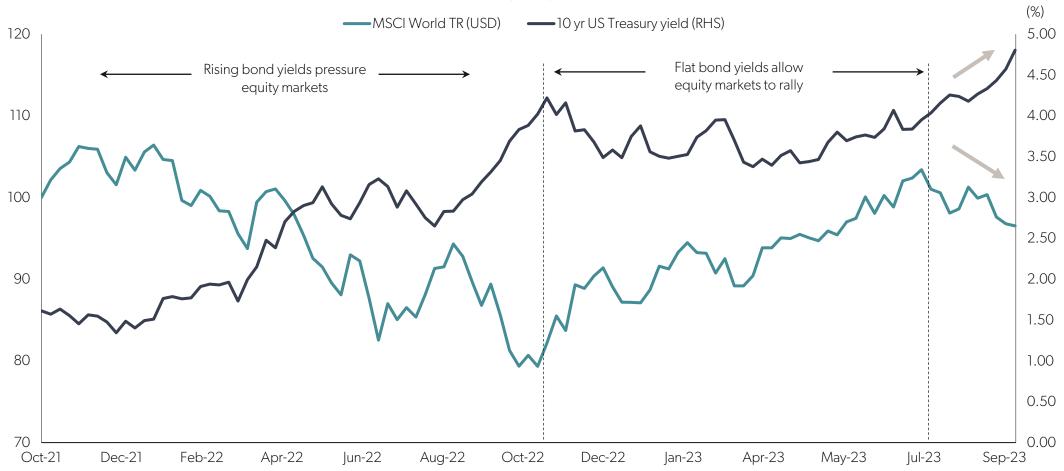




Increase in yields puts further pressure on equity markets

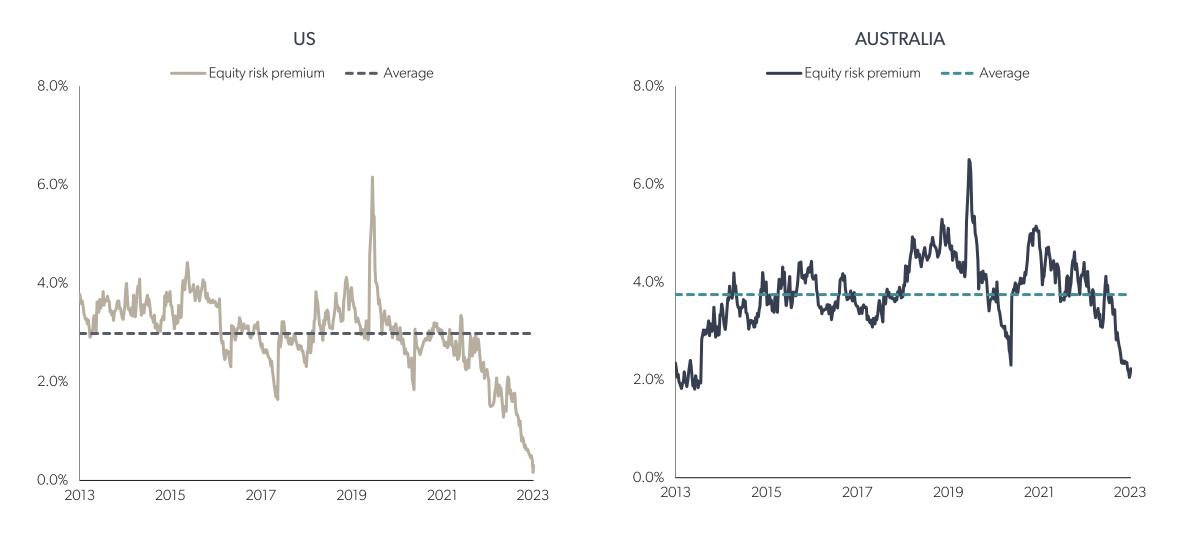


MSCI WORLD TOTAL RETURN (USD) VS. 10 YR US TREASURY YIELD



Equities looking increasingly expensive vs bonds

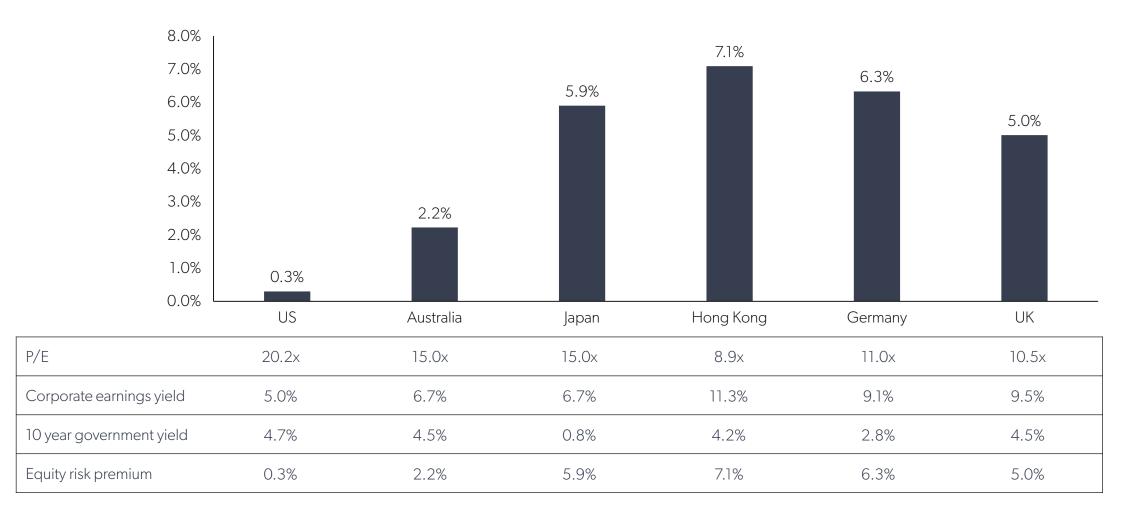




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Equity risk premia by country



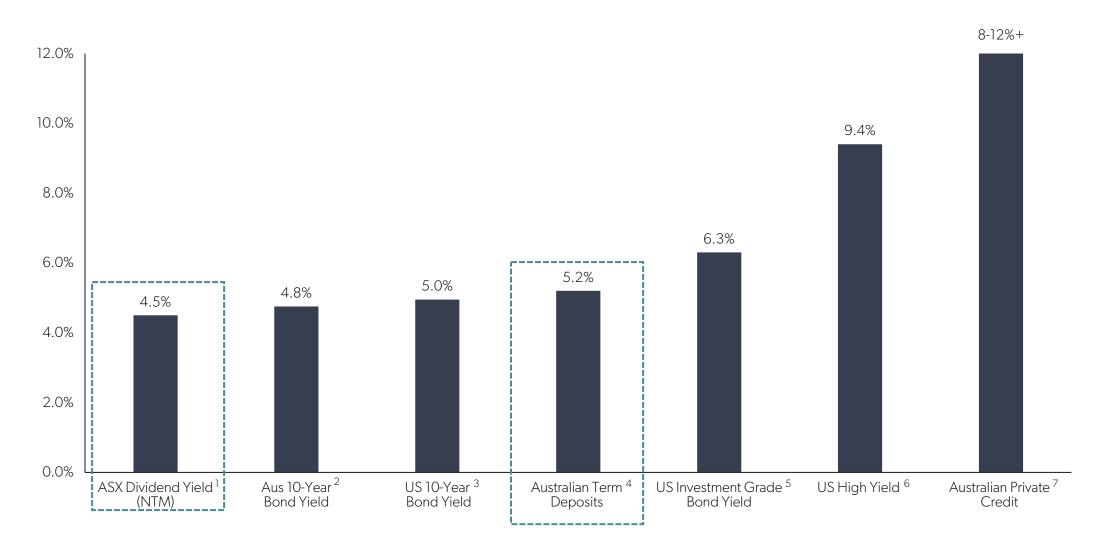


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Rising bond yields have created attractive income alternatives

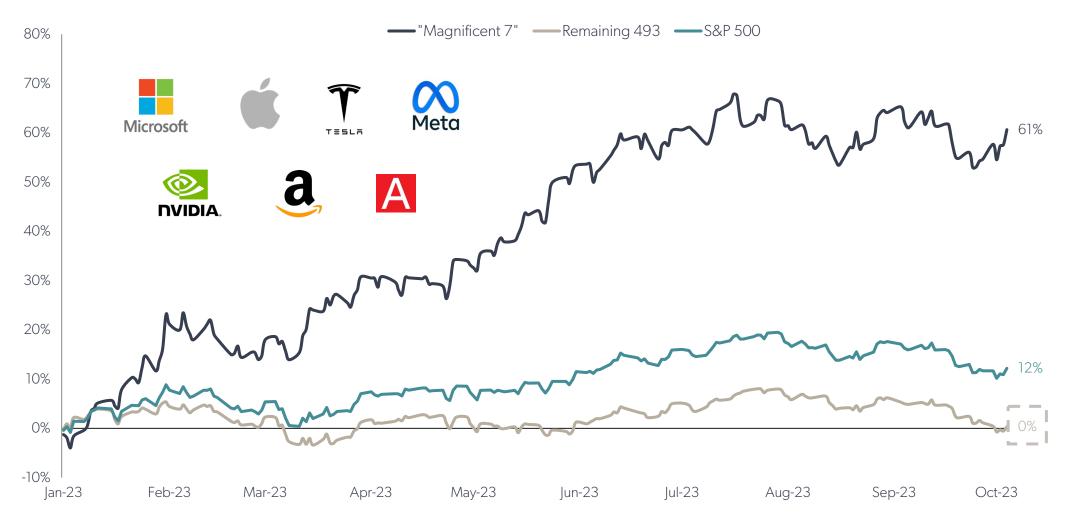




Source: 1,2,3 Bloomberg as at 19 October 2023. 4 Judo Bank (12 month term deposit). 5 Bloomberg (ICE BofA US Corporate Effective Yield - Investment Grade). 6 Bloomberg (ICE BofA US High Yield Index Effective Yield). 7 Regal. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. It should not be relied upon as (and is not) an indication of future performance.

S&P 500's gains YTD driven by mega cap US technology stocks

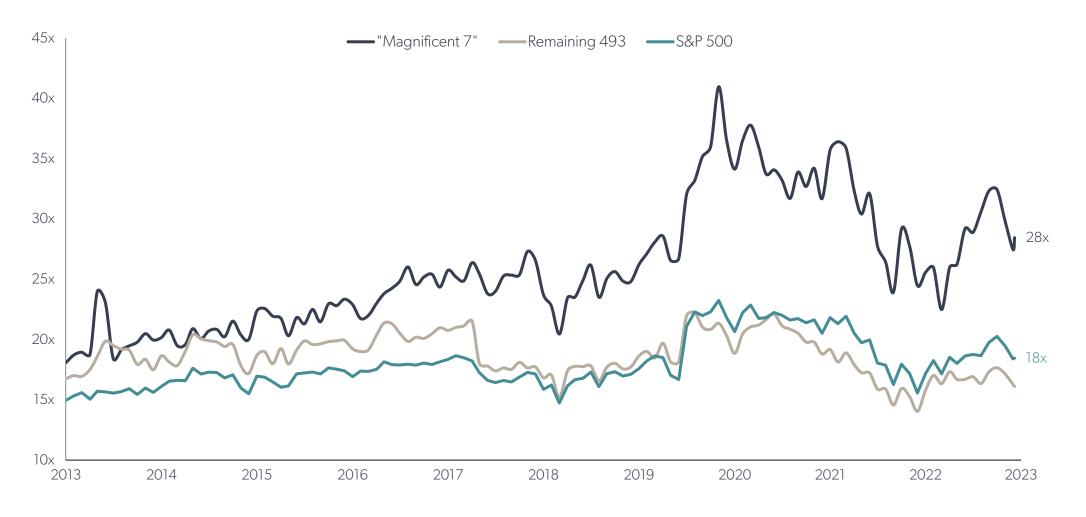




Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023. Magnificent 7 include Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, NVIDIA, Tesla and Meta.
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S&P 500 trades on 18x P/E in aggregate but 16x ex the "Magnificent 7"

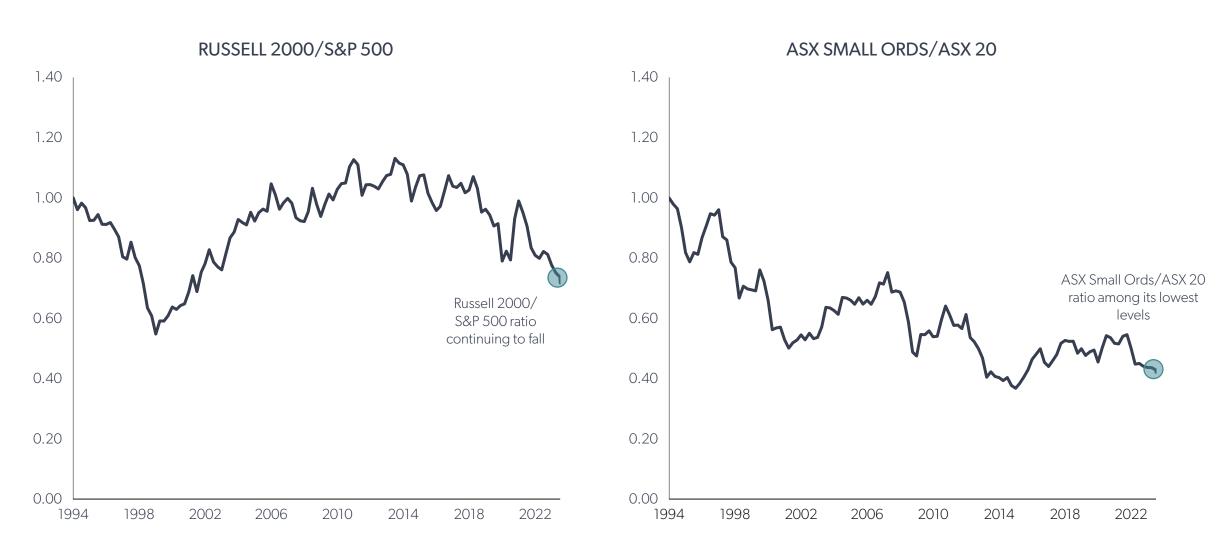




Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023 (monthly data). Magnificent 7 include Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, NVIDIA, Tesla and Meta. Magnificent 7 and remaining 493 companies' forward P/E calculated by taking sum of relevant market caps and dividing by net income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. It should not be relied upon as (and is not) an indication of future performance.

Small cap underperformance vs large caps



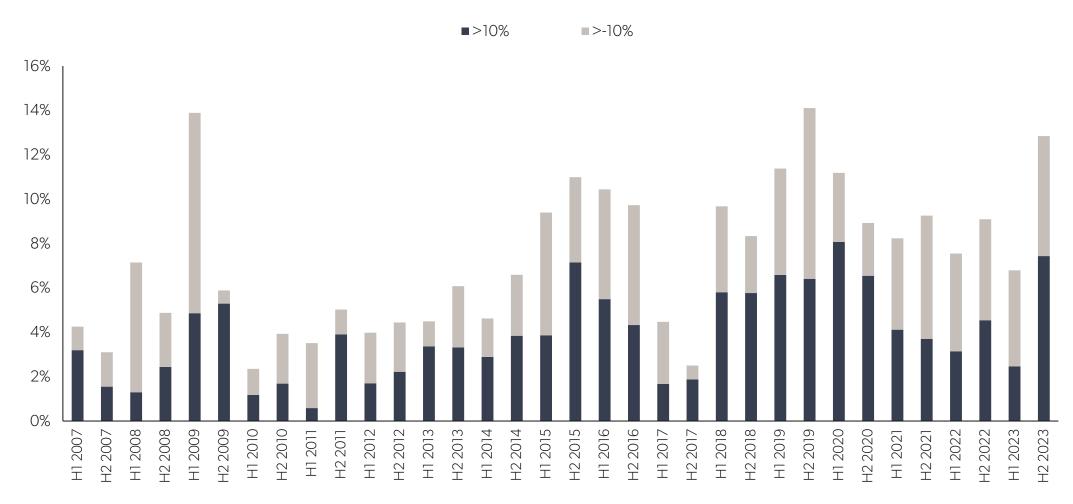


Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023 (quarterly data).
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ASX reporting season in 2H23 was one of the most volatile of past 15 years



ASX200 % OF EARNINGS DAY MOVE > 10%

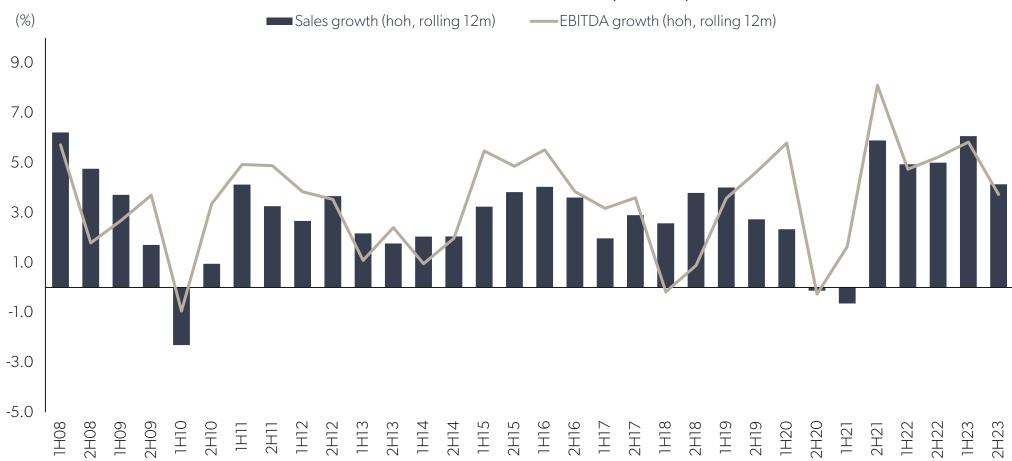


Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Goldmans Sachs research.

ASX Industrials are managing inflation pressures well...

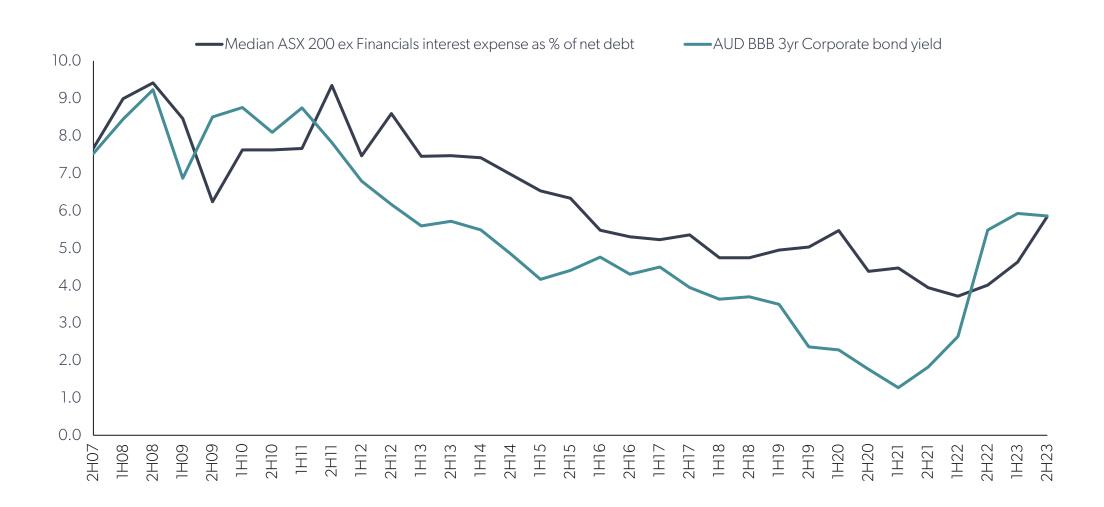






...however interest expenses are steadily increasing





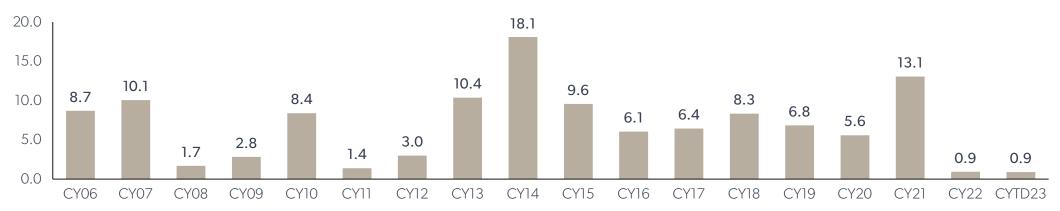
Takeover activity continues... but IPOs have evaporated



ANNOUNCED M&A INVOLVING AN AUSTRALIAN TARGET (A\$BN)



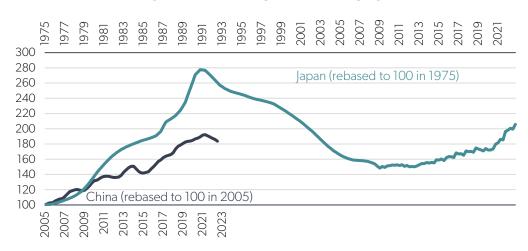
AUSTRALIAN IPO MARKET VOLUME BY YEAR (A\$BN)



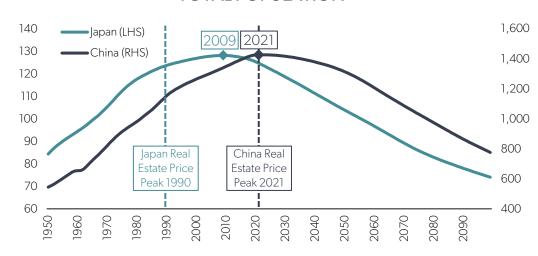
Keeping an eye on China – parallels of 1990's Japan?



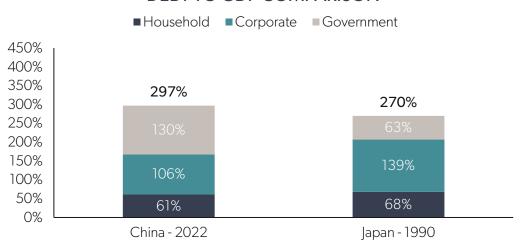
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PRICES



TOTAL POPULATION



DEBT TO GDP COMPARISON



IRON ORE PRICES (USD/METRIC TONNE)



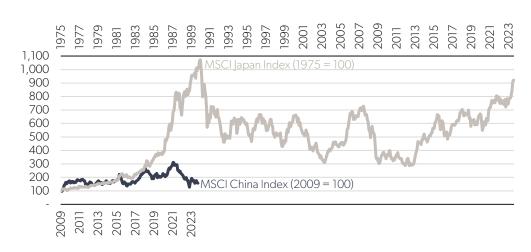
Source: BIS, IMF, UN Population Forecasts, Bloomberg, broker research.

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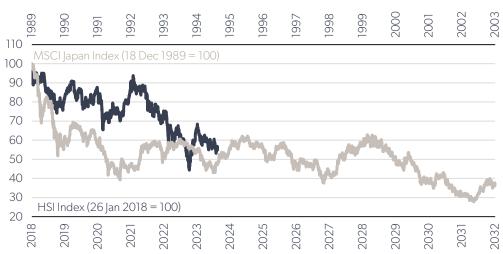
China - Key differences to 1990's Japan



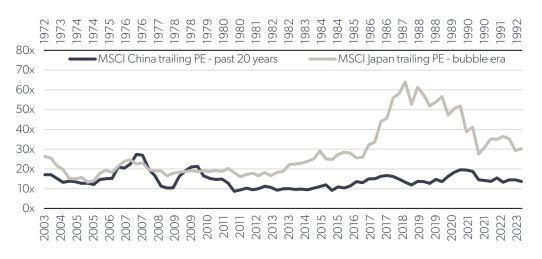
PRICE INDEX OVER TIME



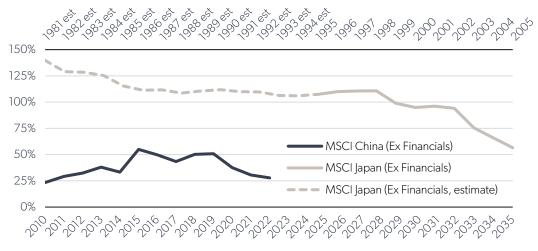
PRICE INDEX OVER TIME



TRAILING P/E



NET DEBT TO EQUITY



Source: Bloomberg as at October 2023, MSCI, Worldscope, Morgan Stanley and Nomura Research.

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RF1 Portfolio & Investment Characteristics

REGAL

As at 30 September 2023

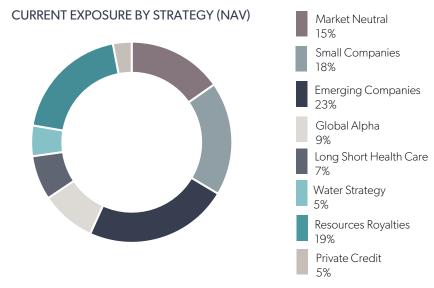
Percentage of Positive Months

69%

Current Number of Strategies

Number of Asset Classes

Inception Date June 2019



GROSS RETURNS IN RF1 BY STRATEGY

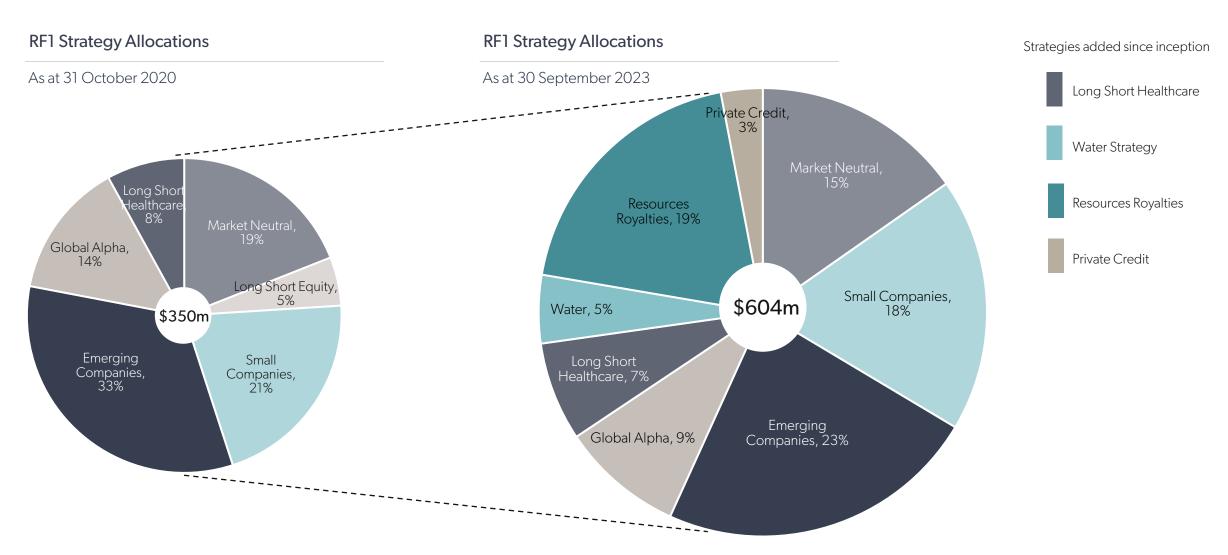
STRATEGY PERFORMANCE WITHIN RF1 ¹	3MTH	1 YR	INCEPTION PA
Market Neutral	+5.4%	-15.8%	+15.8%
Aus. Small Companies	+2.2%	+41.6%	+23.7%
Emerging Companies	+0.1%	-9.4%	+53.2%
Long Short Health Care	+4.0%	+8.7%	+7.4%
Global Alpha	+11.0%	+15.2%	+62.8%
Water Strategy ¹	+1.0%	-0.9%	-
Resources Royatlies ²	+5.4%	+19.8%	-
Private Credit ³	+2.4%	-	-

SECTOR	LONG	SHORT	NET
Communication Services	5	-3	2
Consumer Discretionary	12	-12	0
Consumer Staples	5	-4	1
Diversified	0	-1	-0
Energy	12	-3	8
Financials	19	-11	7
Health Care	15	-12	3
Industrials	16	-8	8
Information Technology	14	-12	2
Materials	26	-12	14
Real Estate	4	-3	1
Utilities	1	-1	-0
Total (Listed Positions)	129	-82	47
Total (Non-Listed Positions)	41	0	41
Total	169	-82	88

REGION	LONG	SHORT	NET
Asia	10	-5	5
Australia/NZ	136	-45	91
EMEA	7	-1	7
Americas	15	-31	-16
Total	169	-82	88

Increasing allocations to uncorrelated investment strategies





RF1 Portfolio Allocations – October 2023















TOTAL NON-EQUITY STRATEGIES IN RF1 INCREASED TO ~30% OF NAV

Opportunities in Private Credit

Jacob Poke, Portfolio Manager





The Opportunities in Private Credit



1

WHAT IS PRIVATE CREDIT?

- Lending capital in private transactions
- Non-equity asset class with <u>contractual returns</u> (e.g. via interest payments, scheduled repayment)
- Typically secured over all or substantial part of a company's assets
- Usually not traded on public markets

2

WHY DOES IT EXIST?

- More flexible pool of debt capital than can be provided from traditional banks, whose lending is governed by strict regulatory regimes
- Borrowers require capital for a variety of reasons, including:
 - Acquisition financing
 - Growth capital to expand, build new facilities, purchase equipment, increase R&D, etc.
 - Refinancing existing / maturing debt
 - Restructuring the balance sheet

3

WHERE DOES REGAL PRIVATE CREDIT INVEST?

 Across the credit spectrum and capital structure, from senior secured loans to subordinated / mezzanine loans, convertibles and preferred equity Private debt has become a new asset class in its own right, one that is typically uncorrelated to equities and fixed income due to the unique characteristics of each loan

Current Opportunities Across Regal's Target Sectors



Sponsor Finance

- Limited activity in 1H23, outside of smaller refinancing transactions
- M&A activity muted across the market, primarily due to valuation gaps between buyers and sellers
- 3. A number of opportunities currently in the pipeline, expecting further activity over next 6-12 months

Mid-Market Lending

- 1. While attractive, better risk-adjusted return opportunities currently available in Sponsor Finance and Credit Solutions sleeves
- Middle market opportunities emerging with wider pricing and better structural protections, in order to compensate for additional risk
- Anticipate limited additional portfolio exposure over short term, however, expect meaningful allocation over full length of credit cycle

Credit Solutions

- Ongoing organic financing requirements of the non-bank sector have created interesting opportunities in the ABS market. Spreads have widened and equity protection levels have increased relative to the last few years
- Focus on high-quality, well capitalized issuers, that are either private equity backed or have liquid, listed equity market capitalisations
- 3. Anticipate these issuers may provide ongoing investment opportunities, either in ABS or at the holding company level

Current Target Return: ~8%+

Current Target Return: ~10%+

Current Target Return: ~10%+

Current investment examples









FIRST LIEN LOAN

 Senior secured floating rate loan to support the acquisition of one of Australia's largest mortgage asset managers by a global private equity sponsor.

OUTSIZED EQUITY CONTRIBUTION

 A sub 30% loan to value ratio at acquisition, driven by substantial cash equity invested. The position is enhanced by outperformance vs budget EBITDA since acquisition, driving further leverage reduction.

FIRST LIEN LOAN

 Senior secured bilaterally negotiated loan to support the recapitalisation of Australia's largest contingent consumer debt recovery business.

COUNTER-CYCLICAL EARNINGS PROFILE

 Moderate opening leverage based off depressed post Covid earnings with a strong pipeline of new contracts to drive de-leveraging.

MEZZANINE WAREHOUSE FINANCING

 Secured by a pool of performing, secured auto and equipment loans originated by the one of the largest, listed non-bank lenders to this asset class.

CONSERVATIVE MARGIN OF SAFETY

• Realized losses would need to be in excess of 3x those historically observed before our capital would suffer any impairment.

The strategy has grown rapidly in its first 12 months

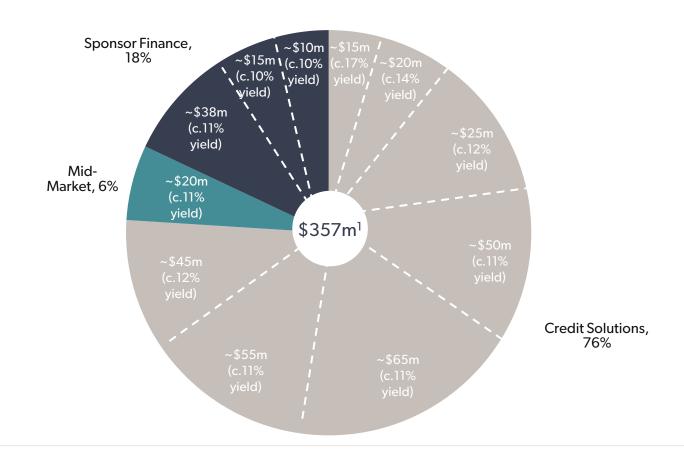


Well positioned to deliver on its long-term objective

GROWTH OF STRATEGY

~11.6% NTM YIELD² \$1bn+ **DEALS ANALYSED** October 2022 **INCEPTION DATE**

OPPORTUNITIES SOURCED ACROSS ALL STRATEGIES



^{1.} Committed capital, includes deployed capital and undrawn commitments made as at Oct-23. Subject to rounding to 0dp 2. Next Twelve Months (Oct-23) Investment Yield = Total Income for Period / Forecasted Deployed Capital. Individual loan yields represent internal management estimates of Next Twelve Month Yield. Actual performance may vary.

Resources Royalties

Simon Klimt, Portfolio Manager





Royalties offer an exposure to rising commodities prices, with limited exposure to rising production costs



MACRO THEMATICS



Inflationary environment



Regulatory & social barriers to new mine developments



Positive outlook for commodity prices

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A ROYALTIES EXPOSURE

Secure a percentage of revenue

- Limited direct exposure to cost increases (capital or operating)
- Higher commodity prices feed directly into higher royalty payments

Returns aligned to mining company behaviour

- Royalty benefits from any expansion or extension of production
- Tap debt or equity markets to cover cost blow-outs (no recourse to royalty owner)

Royalty investing overview

How the Regal Resources Royalties strategy invests



"The Regal
Resources Royalties
strategy is capable
of investing in both
natural and
renewable resource
royalty
investments"

The Regal Resources Royalties strategy acquires existing royalties and creates new royalties

ACQUIRE EXISTING ROYALTIES

- Predominantly in-production but can be preproduction
- Non-core assets held by mining companies
- Existing royalties may provide access to larger projects
- Opportunity to further diversify and grow the portfolio

CREATE NEW ROYALTIES

Funding transactions that create new royalties and streams:

- Predominantly pre-production but can be inproduction
- Development capital
- Balance sheet repair
- M&A finance support

Talinga Gas Royalty

Long life royalty over "world class" coal seam gas "CSG" field over the Talinga and Orana gas fields in Queensland's Surat Basin

TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

- The operator of the ATP692 area is **Origin Energy** on behalf of Australia Pacific LNG ("APLNG"), a joint venture between Origin Energy¹, ConocoPhillips and Sinopec
- The assets are Gross Overriding Revenue Royalty ("GORR") interests on a number of key operating fields including the Talinga and Orana fields and are one of the major sources of feedstock for LNG export

Key Terms		
Royalty Type	Gross Overriding Revenue Royalty	
Royalty Rate	2.5%	
Price Basis	Wellhead Revenue	
Calculation Methodology	Wellhead Value based on Queensland Government calculation used prior to 1 Oct 2020	
Commodity	Natural gas	
Payments	Quarterly	

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An \$80m investment is expected to return \$200m over the life of the royalty

Investment Returns 100 150 ■ Royalties Received ■ Remaining NPV

Investment



Additional Royalties Acquisition

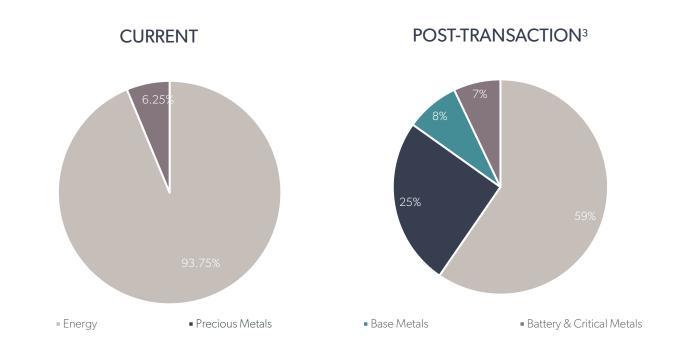


Multi-tiered transaction with an existing Canadian royalty company will provide direct exposure to a tier one gold project and an indirect exposure to an existing royalty portfolio

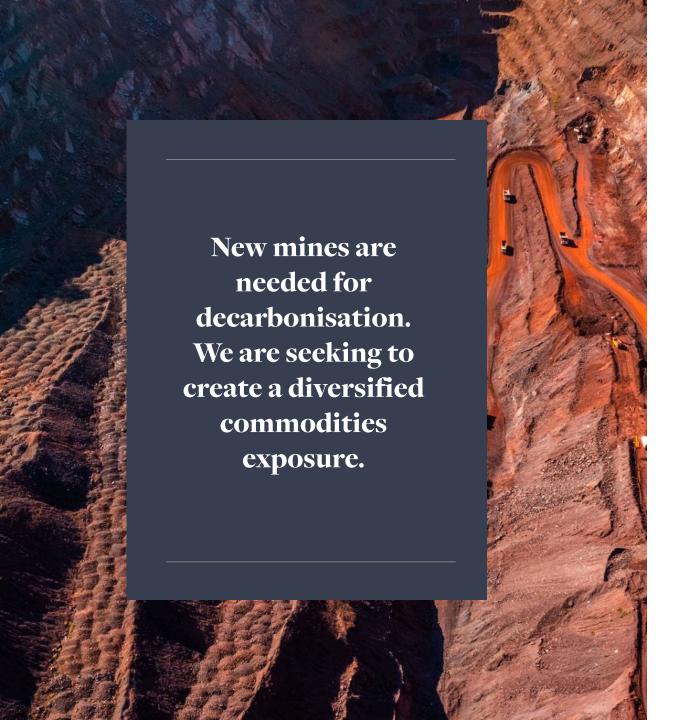
TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

The strategy is currently executing the following (US\$40.0m) transactions with a Canadian royalty company (RoyaltyCo¹)⁵:

- 1. Acquisition of a gold stream over one of Canada's largest gold mines for US\$22.5m²
- 2. Equity investment in RoyaltyCo of US\$17.5m



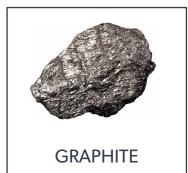
^{1.} RoyaltyCo – name subject to confidentiality undertakings. 2. RRF will acquire 26% of a gold stream capped at 90,000ozs (with deliveries from 2024 – 2036). 3. Based on RRF valuations incorporating equity interest in RoyaltyCo portfolio. 4. Managers estimate assuming 50% of RoyaltyCo equity investment divested in 2025. 5. Subject to deal completion, including execution of binding transaction documentation. If completion does not occur, funds raised are expected to be allocated to alternative opportunities consistent with the mandate of the fund.









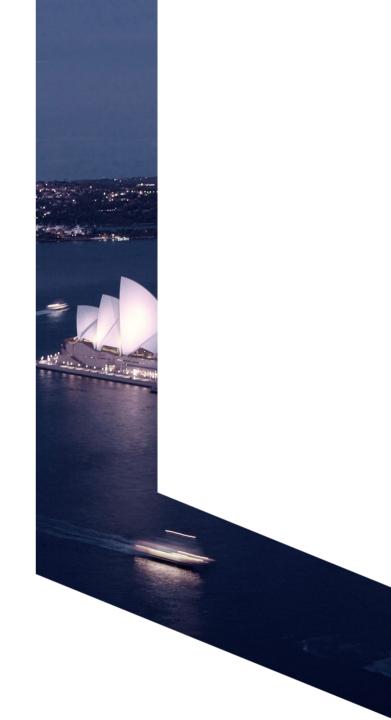




Emerging Companies

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Regal Emerging Companies Strategy

Investment Universe



Emerging Companies
Strategy combines
the attributes of
private equity and
hedge fund investing
to provide access to
listed and unlisted
opportunities in the
next generation of
Australia's leading
companies

LISTED MICROCAPS

- IPOs, placements and block trades in listed companies with market capitalisation <\$300m at time of investment
- Given size & illiquidity of shares for certain microcaps (usually <\$100m market capitalisation), placements & sell downs usually trade at steep discounts

PRE-IPO INVESTMENTS

- Private companies which are on a path to IPO, typically within 12 months
- Raising capital to fund an acquisition, continued organic growth, reduce debt or provide liquidity
- Ability to invest via attractive structures capable of providing ability to invest via non-share instruments with access to equity upside

EXPANSION CAPITAL

- Companies which have a preference to remain private for 18-36 months
- Raising capital to fund the next stage of growth
- Looking for longer term investment partners who can add strategic value

While microcaps have materially underperformed in the last 2 years, we expect this to normalise



- Micro and small caps have
 materially underperformed large
 caps since the market peaked, down
 -32% and -25% respectively versus 7% for the ASX200.
- However, as we saw in 2020-2021, micro and small cap stocks tend materially outperform during bull markets.
- We anticipate the recent dispersion in performance to normalise, resulting in superior returns across micro and small caps in the future.



	Emerging Companies Index	Small Ordinaries Index	ASX200 Index
Total return 1-Jan-2020 to 11-Oct-2023	24%	-7%	6%
Trough to peak post Mar-2020 drawdown	271%	97%	68%
Peak to current % drawdown	-32%	-25%	-7%

Source: Bloomberg as at 11 October 2023

Elevated sector activity & recent liquidity events



M&A ACTIVITY TARGETS

Depressed valuations within the emerging companies sector has driven a significant increase in takeover activity by both strategic and private equity investors.

LIQUIDITY EVENT BENEFICIARIES

Within a rising interest rate environment, where equity markets remain closed, we have achieved several favourable liquidity events within our private positions.



























Outlook for the Emerging Companies Strategy





While micro and small caps have materially underperformed large caps since the market peaked, we expect this dispersion to reverse, resulting in superior returns across micro and small caps in the future

#2

Increasing demand for liquidity solutions due to deceleration of exit activity and market dislocations in current macro environment extending the lifecycle of private companies

#3

Pricing inefficiencies are exemplified in private markets during times of macro dislocation

#4

Increased deal flow (across both private and public markets) expected throughout FY24 as companies solidify balance sheets and target opportunistic acquisitions

#5

Competition significantly reduced as traditional fund managers exit the space and focus back on listed companies. **Investors with capacity and longer-term horizon can negotiate strong terms**

Investor Q&A



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