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## **JANUARY 2023**

The Regal Investment Fund (the "Fund") Net Asset Value ("NAV") increased by +3.3% to \$2.90 in January. Since inception on 17 June 2019, the Fund has generated +20.4% p.a. net of fees.<sup>1</sup>

January delivered a positive start to CY23, with strong gains delivered across the bulk of the global asset classes. Equity markets experienced one of their best starts to the year in decades, the S&P 500 rising +6.2%, the NASDAQ Composite increasing +10.7% and the ASX200 +6.2%. Last year's detractors proved the largest beneficiary across the risk-on rally, with the NASDAQ reaching its 200-day moving average for the first time in a year, while Tesla rallied an incredible +65% in 24 days. The rally has been driven predominately by an easing of inflationary pressures as well as high activity levels in China following the rapid and sudden re-opening after the country abandoned its zero Covid policy. Recent Trip.com data suggests bookings in China for hotels, alternate accommodations and attraction ticketing for the first four days of the Chinese New Year holiday period (Jan 21-24) exceeded 2019's level. MSCI China delivered its best start to a calendar year ever, rising +12.2%, while small caps started the year in a similar fashion, likely with further to go should markets remain buoyant. Small caps globally are now trading at one of the highest relative discounts in Australia and USA historically (over 35%, vs flat through cycle), rivalling valuations not seen since the GFC and tech wreck.

Pleasingly, seven of the eight underlying strategies in the Fund contributed positively to performance in January, with main performers from the Small Companies and Market Neutral strategies. Main contributors included a long position in rare earth producer Arafura Rare Earths (+18%) after it announced the signing of a leading international project financier for its ambitious A\$2.4 billion rare earths project in the Northern Territory. Another positive long position was in commodity producer Stanmore Resources (+16%) after the company announced a positive quarterly update; the stock continues to trade sub 2x EBITDA, the outlook for pricing is positive and the company may declare its first dividend this year.

The only detractor from performance this month was from the Resources Royalties strategy as the Resources Royalties Fund was marked to month end commodity prices and foreign exchange rates.

### RF1 SUMMARY DATA (as at 31 January 2023)

| RF1 ASX Closing Price | \$2.88  |
|-----------------------|---------|
| RF1 NAV               | \$2.90  |
| Premium / (Discount)  | (0.69)% |

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### **PERFORMANCE DATA (NET)**

## **RF1 FUND 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 <b>MONTH</b><br>% | 12 <b>MONTHS</b><br>% | INCEPTION<br>%P.A. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Market Neutral Strategy          | 8.3                 | 6.5                   | 20.3               |
| Long Short Equity Strategy       | 6.1                 | 13.2                  | 16.6               |
| Small Companies Strategy         | 12.9                | -14.8                 | 22.8               |
| Emerging Companies Strategy      | 0.5                 | -10.6                 | 38.1               |
| Global Alpha Strategy            | 4.4                 | 8.0                   | 67.4               |
| Long Short Health Care Strategy  | 4.2                 | 3.5                   | 7.1                |
| Water Strategy <sup>2</sup>      | 0.0                 | -                     | -                  |
| Resources Royalties <sup>3</sup> | -2.2                | -                     | -                  |
| TOTAL RF1 (NET)                  | 3.3%                | -7.4%                 | 20.4%              |

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### 1 YR % PERFORMANCE **1 MTH %** 3 MTH % 6 MTH % 2 YRS %P.A **3 YRS %P.A** INCEPTION %P.A. **Regal Investment Fund** 3.3 -2.1 3.6 -7.4 19.2 20.4 6.8

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| KEY FUND INFO   | DRMATION                |                        |                                   | CONTACT INFORMATION |   |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Name            | Regal Investment Fund   | Monthly NAV (per unit) | A\$2.90                           | Unit Registry       | Link Market Services Limited            |  |
| ASX Code        | RF1                     | RF1 NAV                | A\$610m                           |                     | Level 12, 680 George Street             |  |
| Structure       | Listed Investment Trust | Units on Issue         | 210,794,247 units                 | Address             | Sydney, NSW 2000<br>Australia           |  |
| Listing Date    | 17 June 2019            | Distribution Frequency | Semi-annual                       | Phone               | +61 1800 221 227                        |  |
| Management Fee  | 1.5% (plus GST)         | Responsible Entity     | Equity Trustees Limited           | Fax                 | +612 9287 0303                          |  |
| Performance Fee | 20% above RBA Cash Rate | Investment Manager     | Regal Funds Management<br>Pty Ltd | Email               | regalfund@linkmarketservices.com<br>.au |  |
| High Water Mark | Yes                     | Fund Administrator     | HSBC                              | Website             | www.linkmarketservices.com.au           |  |

Note: Performance figures are net of all fees unless otherwise stated. All numbers are as at 31 January 2023.



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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. 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.

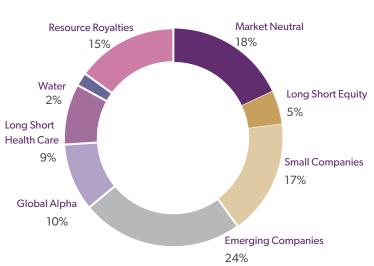
The RF1 portfolio is constructed by the Manager using multiple investment strategies managed by it. The Manager may adjust the Portfolio's strategy allocations depending on prevailing market conditions or other factors it considers relevant at the time in order to achieve RF1's investment objectives.

The current exposures by Strategies are below:1

### **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 year<sup>2</sup>. Part of ASX-listed 'Regal Partners Limited' (ASX:RPL), Regal Funds sits alongside VGI Partners, Kilter Rural and Attunga Capital, managing capital across a diverse range of alternative investment strategies covering long / short equities, private markets, real and natural assets, and capital solutions. With a large team of approximately 100, including over 45 investment professionals, located in offices across Sydney, Melbourne, Singapore and New York, RPL manages capital on behalf of institutions, family offices, charities, wealth advisory groups and private investors across Australia, Europe and the US. Combining deep industry experience, extensive networks and multi-award winning performance track records, Regal seeks to be a leading provider of alternative investment strategies in Australia and Asia





### **FUND PERFORMANCE (NAV)**

### JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP ОСТ NOV DEC YTD 2023 3.33 3.33 -4.34 -2.63 -13.05 2.55 2022 6.57 193 -5 24 7 89 -0.58 -1 27 -1.32 -4 02 -14.26 2021 6.16 4.22 -1.22 6.65 1.83 0.02 7.27 2.86 2.39 -0.79 1.57 36.72 1.21 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 www.regalfm.com/RF1

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<sup>1</sup> The Fund portfolio will be constructed using multiple Regal Investment Strategies and these Strategies are not necessarily limited to the current Investment Strategies. 2 Australian Alternative Investment Manager of the Year, awarded at the Annual AIMA `Hedge Funds Rock' Awards in 2019, 2016, 2014, 2011. Note: Performance figures are net of all fees unless otherwise stated. All numbers are as at 31 January 2023.

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

| SECTOR                       | LONG | SHORT | NET | GROSS |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| Communication Services       | 8    | -2    | 7   | 10    |
| Consumer Discretionary       | 11   | -10   | 1   | 22    |
| Consumer Staples             | 3    | -2    | 2   | 5     |
| Diversified                  | 0    | 0     | 0   | 0     |
| Energy                       | 13   | -3    | 11  | 16    |
| Financials                   | 16   | -7    | 9   | 24    |
| Health Care                  | 20   | -11   | 9   | 31    |
| Industrials                  | 7    | -5    | 1   | 12    |
| Information Technology       | 13   | -6    | 8   | 19    |
| Materials                    | 31   | -12   | 19  | 43    |
| Real Estate                  | 6    | -4    | 2   | 10    |
| Utilities                    | 1    | -2    | -1  | 3     |
| Total (Listed Positions)     | 130  | -63   | 67  | 194   |
| Total (Non Listed Positions) | 43   | 0     | 43  | 43    |
| Total                        | 173  | -63   | 110 | 237   |