### **FEBRUARY 2022**

The Regal Investment Fund Net Asset Value (NAV) decreased by -2.6% to \$3.54 in February. Since inception on 17 June 2019, the Fund has generated 30.4% p.a. net of fees¹. February was a volatile month for global equity markets. Continuing macro concerns surrounding global inflation data and the outlook for interest rates were compounded by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The S&P 500 fell -3.0%, the MSCI World contracted -2.7% and the techheavy NASDAQ Composite retraced -3.4%. Closer to home, the ASX 200 rose a modest +1.1%. Commodities recorded strong gains over the month, with spot markets responding quickly to expected supply deficits driven by the Ukraine crisis.

Detracting from the performance of the Market Neutral strategy was a long position in location-based app provider Life360, which fell -37% on the release of its CY21 results. While the underlying growth metrics for the business remain favourable, the share price was impacted by the current rotation of capital away from higher-growth technology businesses and concerns regarding the market opportunity for their latest hardware acquisition, Tile. Positive contributors were skewed to short positions across the technology, healthcare and construction sectors.

The Australian Small Companies strategy was impacted by a softer month for companies exposed to the lithium/EV battery metal sector. The strategy benefitted from long positions in sustainable technology business Calix (+14%) and multi-boutique funds management business Pacific Current Group (+9%), and short positions across the healthcare and technology sectors.

While the Materials sector was a positive contributor to returns for the Long Short Equity strategy, it underperformed the ASX 300 Accumulation Index as a result of an underweight in larger cap miners relative to the index. Positive contributors included overweight positions in bulk grain logistics provider Graincorp (+15%), sustainable waste technology business Calix (+14%) and employment services provider APM Human Services (+12%).

The Emerging Companies Strategy was weaker in February, in line with broader softness experienced across emerging growth and longer-duration technology companies during the month. Negative contributors to returns included NASDAQ-listed bitcoin miner Mawson Infrastructure and lithium-sulphur battery technology business Li-S Energy (-32%). Positive contributors included bitcoin miner Iris Energy (+14%) and network company Netlinkz (+40%).

#### RF1 SUMMARY DATA (as at 28 February 2022)

RF1 ASX Closing Price	\$3.55
RF1 NAV	\$3.54
Premium / (Discount)	+0.28%

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

#### **RF1 FUND PERFORMANCE**

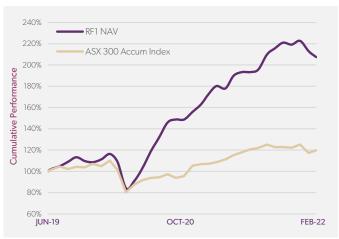


Chart represents cumulative performance of RF1 NAV since inception on 17 June 2019. Net of fees and costs. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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

STRATEGY	1 MONTH %	12 MONTHS %	INCEPTION %P.A.
Market Neutral Strategy	0.70%	30.11%	25.57%
Long Short Equity Strategy	-1.41%	13.70%	16.77%
Small Companies Strategy	-10.69%	11.99%	34.04%
Emerging Companies Strategy	-1.87%	20.47%	59.99%
Global Alpha Strategy	0.17%	50.27%	94.22%
Long Short Health Care Strategy	2.79%	16.74%	11.18%
TOTAL RF1 (NET)	-2.63%	15.09%	30.40%

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## **PERFORMANCE DATA (NET)**

PERFORMANCE	1 MTH %	3 MTH %	6 MTH %	1 YR %	2 YRS %P.A	INCEPTION %P.A.
Regal Investment Fund	-2.63	-5.39	-1.19	15.09	37.96	30.40

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### **KEY FUND INFORMATION**

1	Name	Regal Investment Fund	Monthly NAV (per unit)	A\$3.54
A	ASX Code	RF1	RF1 NAV	A\$621m
9	Structure	Listed Investment Trust	Units on Issue	173,268,850 units
L	isting Date	17 June 2019	Distribution Frequency	Semi-annual
١	Management Fee	1.5% (plus GST)	Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
F	Performance Fee	20% above RBA Cash Rate	Investment Manager	Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd
ŀ	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 riskadjusted 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 exposure ranges for the Strategies are below<sup>1</sup>:

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

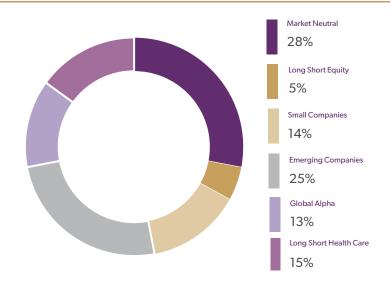
#### **FUND ADVISOR PROFILE**

Regal is RF1's investment manager. Regal was founded in 2004 and has specialised in alternative investment strategies with a primary focus on long/short investment strategies.

Regal has a team of approximately 40 people, including approximately 20 investment management professionals across a number of investment strategies.

Regal's investment team have, on average, over 10 years' experience in financial markets both in Australia and overseas. Regal 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	10	-5	5	15
Consumer Discretionary	11	-13	-2	24
Consumer Staples	11	-3	8	14
Diversified	0	0	0	0
Energy	7	-4	3	11
Financials	19	-11	8	30
Health Care	35	-17	17	52
Industrials	15	-6	9	21
Information Technology	32	-14	18	45
Materials	42	-13	29	55
Real Estate	14	-12	2	26
Utilities	3	-2	2	5
Total	198	-100	98	299

REGION	LONG	SHORT	NET	GROSS
Asia	20	-8	12	28
Australia/NZ	163	-61	102	224
EMEA	6	-1	5	7
Americas	10	-31	-21	40
Total	198	-100	98	299

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

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2022	-4.34	-2.63											-6.86
2021	6.16	4.22	-1.22	6.65	1.83	0.02	1.21	7.27	2.86	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	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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Ranges permitted by the Investment Guidelines. 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 2022.