#### **MAY 2022**

The Regal Investment Fund Net Asset Value (NAV) decreased by -5.3% to \$3.64 in May. Since inception on 17 June 2019, the Fund has generated 28.8% p.a. net of fees.  $^1$ 

Global equity markets experienced another tumultuous month of performance in May, as concerns surrounding rising inflation, tightening monetary conditions and the quantum of further interest rate increases continued to weigh on overall investor sentiment. The S&P 500 subsequently rallied late in the month to snap a seven-week consecutive losing streak - its longest consecutive period of weekly losses since the bursting of the dot-com bubble in 2001 - and post its strongest weekly performance since November 2020, finishing the month flat. The tech-heavy NASDAQ Composite and growth-exposed smaller companies space continued to be impacted by the ongoing de-rating in both secular growth and unprofitable technology companies, the NASDAQ declining -2.1% in May and Russell 3000 small cap index falling -0.3%.

After several months of strong outperformance, commodity markets also came under pressure in May, as concerns surrounding the deteriorating macroeconomic environment and ongoing COVID-related lockdowns in China saw the majority of base metal and bulk commodity markets weaker. Iron ore fell -11.7%, copper declined -2.7%, while energy markets continued to remain well supported as WTI Crude rose a further +9.3%. Australian equities underperformed global peers, the ASX 200 declining -3.0%, while the ASX Small Ordinaries retreated -7.0%. Whilst broadly expected, May also delivered a symbolic first Rate hike from the RBA since 2010, the overnight cash rate increasing 25bps to 0.35%.

The Market Neutral strategy and the Long Short Health Care strategy were positive contributors in May, with the short book delivering the bulk of positive returns, including within consumer discretionary and information technology sectors in Market Neutral and the emerging life sciences sector in the Long Short Health Care strategy.

The Long Short Equity strategy and the Global Alpha strategy were largely flat this month, while the Small Companies strategy detracted from performance, with negative performance stemming from long positions in sustainable technology business Calix (-2%), sales enablement software provider Bigtincan (-13%) and video content business Atomos (-59%).

# RF1 SUMMARY DATA (as at 31 May 2022)

RF1 ASX Closing Price	\$3.71
RF1 NAV	\$3.64
Premium / (Discount)	+1.92%

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

# RF1 FUND PERFORMANCE

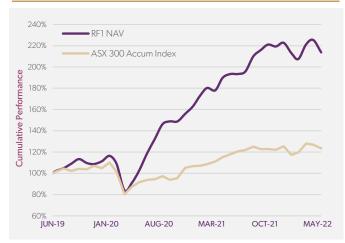


Chart represents cumulative performance of RF1 NAV since inception on 17 June 2019. Net of fees and costs. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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

STRATEGY	1 MONTH %	12 MONTHS %	INCEPTION %P.A.
Market Neutral Strategy	0.10%	45.76%	29.83%
Long Short Equity Strategy	-3.61%	13.01%	18.41%
Small Companies Strategy	-20.22%	-20.80%	24.75%
Emerging Companies Strategy	-3.56%	8.56%	52.64%
Global Alpha Strategy	-3.55%	68.18%	89.94%
Long Short Health Care Strategy	1.43%	9.90%	9.01%
TOTAL RF1 (NET)	-5.24%	10.45%	28.78%

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**CONTACT INFORMATION** 

## **PERFORMANCE DATA (NET)**

PERFORMANCE	1 MTH %	3 MTH %	6 MTH %	1 YR %	2 YRS %P.A	INCEPTION %P.A.
Regal Investment Fund	-5.24	2.94	-2.61	10.45	44.27	28.78

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## **KEY FUND INFORMATION**

Name	Regal Investment Fund	Monthly NAV (per unit)	A\$3.64	Unit Registry	Link Market Services Limited
ASX Code	RF1	RF1 NAV	A\$630m	Address	Level 12, 680 George Street Sydney, NSW 2000
Structure	Listed Investment Trust	Units on Issue	172,919,517 units	/ tadicoo	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	Email	regalfund@linkmarketservices.com .au
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High Water Mark	Yes	Fund Administrator	HSBC		

#### **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:1

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%

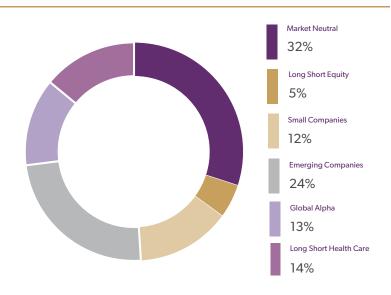
#### **FUND ADVISOR PROFILE**

Regal 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	7	-6	1	13
Consumer Discretionary	9	-14	-5	24
Consumer Staples	10	-4	6	13
Diversified	0	0	0	0
Energy	20	-4	16	24
Financials	18	-6	12	23
Health Care	30	-18	12	47
Industrials	17	-6	12	23
Information Technology	24	-11	13	34
Materials	47	-20	27	67
Real Estate	10	-9	1	19
Utilities	3	-2	1	5
Total	195	-99	96	294
REGION	LONG	SHORT	NET	GROSS

REGION	LONG	<b>SHORT</b>	NET	<b>GROSS</b>
Asia	19	-10	9	28
Australia/NZ	164	-64	100	228
EMEA	5	-4	1	9
Americas	7	-21	-14	29
Total	195	-99	96	294

## **FUND PERFORMANCE (NAV)**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2022	-4.34	-2.63	6.57	1.93	-5.24								-4.12
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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# A copy of the PDS is available at <a href="www.regalfm.com/RF1">www.regalfm.com/RF1</a>

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