

# Regal Investment Fund

## ASX:RF1



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INVESTMENT FUND

### SEPTEMBER 2024

The Regal Investment Fund ("RF1") Net Asset Value ("NAV") increased by +4.1% to \$3.45 in September. Since inception on 17 June 2019, the Fund has generated 19.5% p.a. net of fees.<sup>1</sup>

While global equity indices posted mildly positive returns for the month of September (MSCI World +1.7%, S&P500 +2.0%), the benign headline numbers masked the aggressive rotation of capital experienced through the month toward small cap companies, resources and China-facing exposures following a larger than expected 50bp rate cut from the US Federal Reserve and announcement of large scale Chinese economic stimulus measures. This wholesale rotation was equally evident in Australian equities, with the ASX Small Ordinaries (+5.1%) outperforming the ASX 200 (+2.2%) and ASX Twenty Leaders Index (+1.6%) as banks and defensives were sold to fund the rotation. Nowhere was this more evident than in the outperformance of the ASX Materials Index (+11%) versus the ASX Banks Index (-1.3%), however this comes after banking stocks have outperformed resources stocks by ~51% over the previous 12 months, suggesting the move potentially has some way to go now markets have identified a clear catalyst for performance reversion.

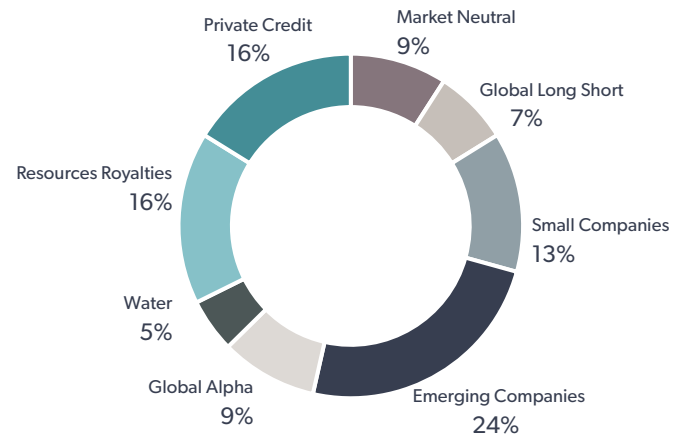
Pleasingly, all eight of the underlying strategies contributed positively in September, with majority of the returns stemming from the long/short equity side of the portfolio, namely in the Small Companies strategy and the Market Neutral strategy. With reporting season for FY24 now complete, RF1 benefited from a number of positions that reported well in August and have continued to see strong support from new investors. From the Small Companies strategy, a long position in eye-focused biotech Opthea (+32%), benefitted from index inclusion and ongoing progress in its pivotal Phase 3 trial for wet age-related macular degeneration. From within the Market Neutral strategy, a long position in Zip Co (+15%) generated strong returns, as the business continues to enjoy a market re-rating following the successful implementation of recent turnaround initiatives and an improving macro environment for the company's finance products in the US.

### FUND INFORMATION

Name	Regal Investment Fund
ASX Code	RF1
ASX Closing Price	\$3.45
Monthly NAV	\$3.45
Premium/(Discount)	0.04%
Structure	Listed Investment Trust
Listing Date	17 June 2019
Management Fee	1.5% (plus GST)
Performance Fee	20% (plus GST) above RBA Cash Rate
High Water Mark	Yes
Fund Size	A\$644m
Units on Issue	186,786,426 units
Distribution Frequency	Semi-annual
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd
Fund Administrator	APEX

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### EXPOSURE BY STRATEGY (NAV)<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> As at 30 September 2024. The Fund portfolio will be constructed using multiple Regal Investment Strategies and these strategies are not necessarily limited to the current Investment Strategies.

### PERFORMANCE DATA % (NET)<sup>1</sup>

Performance	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	2 yrs pa	3 yrs pa	4 yrs pa	5 yrs pa	Inception pa
Regal Investment Fund	4.1	5.8	12.8	24.0	12.5	6.2	14.8	17.9	19.5

<sup>1</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Net return on RF1 assets after fees, and costs. Returns greater than one year are annualised.

### PERFORMANCE BY MONTH % (NET)<sup>3</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-1.84	5.10	3.73	4.11	1.68	0.73	0.32	1.30	4.12				20.73
2023	3.33	-3.38	0.29	0.16	0.34	5.44	1.23	0.15	1.44	-0.76	1.19	2.27	12.07
2022	-4.34	-2.63	6.57	1.93	-5.24	-13.05	2.55	7.89	-0.58	-1.27	-1.32	-4.02	-14.26
2021	6.16	4.22	-1.22	6.64	1.83	0.02	1.21	7.27	2.82	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	-	-	-	-	-	2.06	2.82	3.91	4.00	-3.22	-0.93	2.41	11.36

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## RF1 PERFORMANCE

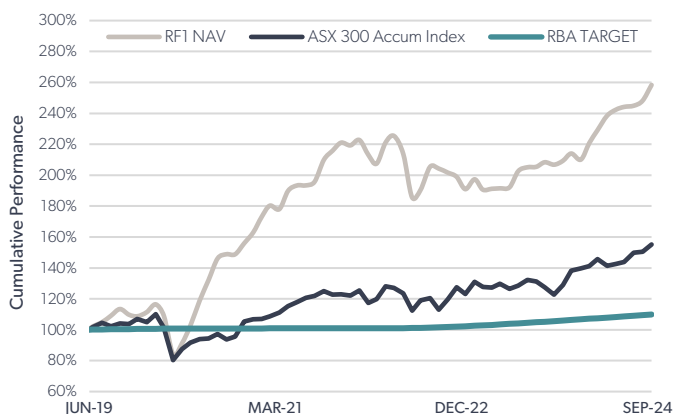


Chart represents cumulative performance of RF1 NAV since inception on 17 June 2019. Net of fees and costs. Performance figures assume reinvestment of income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## UNDERLYING STRATEGY PERFORMANCE (GROSS)

Strategy	1 month %	12 months %
Small Companies Strategy	12.5	84.2
Global Long Short Strategy	4.8	NA
Market Neutral Strategy	17.9	61.1
Global Alpha Strategy	11.6	76.0
Emerging Companies Strategy	2.1	24.2
Water Strategy	0.0	-2.4
Resources Royalties Strategy	1.6	10.5
Private Credit Strategy	1.0	12.8
<b>Total RF1 (net)</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>24.0</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES (% OF NAV)

Sector	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Communication Services	5	-2	3	8
Consumer Discretionary	8	-10	-2	17
Consumer Staples	2	-2	0	5
Diversified	1	0	1	1
Energy	3	-2	2	5
Financials	22	-20	2	42
Health Care	18	-8	10	26
Industrials	11	-7	5	18
Information Technology	15	-6	9	21
Materials	23	-11	12	33
Real Estate	4	-7	-3	11
Utilities	1	-1	0	2
<b>Total (Listed Positions)</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>Total (Non Listed Positions)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>240</b>

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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.

## 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>6</sup>.

A subsidiary of ASX-listed Regal Partners Limited (ASX:RPL), Regal sits alongside investment managers PM Capital, Merricks Capital, Taurus Funds Management, Attunga Capital, Kilter Rural, Argyle Group and VGI Partners which manage capital across a diverse range of alternative investment strategies covering long / short equities, private markets, real & natural assets, and credit & royalties.

With a large team of approximately 185, including over 90 investment professionals<sup>7</sup>, located in offices across Australia and offshore, RPL manages capital on behalf of institutions, family offices, charities, wealth advisory groups and private investors. Combining deep industry experience, extensive networks and multi-award winning performance track records, Regal seeks to be the leading provider of alternative investment strategies in Australia and Asia.

<sup>6</sup> Australian Alternative Investment Manager of the Year, awarded at the Annual AIMA 'Hedge Funds Rock' Awards in 2019, 2016, 2014, 2011.

<sup>7</sup> As at 30 June 2024 and includes full time and part time staff in all RPLGroup entities except Argle Group (given RPL interest is a minority stake).

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