

**8 February 2024**

ASX Market Announcements Office  
ASX Limited  
Exchange Centre  
20 Bridge Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

---

## Half-Year Report and Financial Statements for the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2023

Regal Asian Investments Limited (ASX:RG8) hereby lodges:

- Appendix 4D for the half-year ended 31 December 2023; and
- Financial Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2023, incorporating the Directors' Report to Shareholders and Financial Statements.

### **AUTHORISED FOR RELEASE BY:**

**Ian Cameron, Company Secretary**

### **INVESTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Ingrid Groer, CFA**  
Regal Partners Limited, RG8  
Phone: +61 2 8197 4333  
Email: [investorrelations@regalpartners.com](mailto:investorrelations@regalpartners.com)

### **ABOUT RG8**

RG8 provides investors with access to an actively managed, concentrated portfolio, comprised of long investments and short positions in securities with exposure to the Asian region. In June 2022, portfolio management responsibilities for RG8 transitioned from the VGI Partners investment team to specialist alternatives investment manager Regal Funds Management (Regal) under an investment advisory agreement with Regal Asian Investments Management Pty Ltd. In November 2022, the Company changed its name and ticker from VGI Partners Asian Investments Limited (ASX:VG8) to Regal Asian Investments Limited (ASX:RG8) to reflect those changes. Utilising a fundamental, bottom-up investment approach, the portfolio leverages Regal's extensive experience, network and specialist investment team.

## Appendix 4D For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

### Listing rule 4.2A.3

Company	Regal Asian Investments Limited
ASX Code	RG8
ABN	58 635 219 484
Previous corresponding period	Half-year ended 31 December 2022

### Results for announcement to the market

	31 December 2023	Up / down	% Movement
Net income from ordinary activities	29,085,517	down	-47%
Profit before tax for the period	13,303,997	down	-67%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax	10,076,417	down	-66%

### **Dividend information**

	Dividend per share	Franked amount per share	Tax rate for franking credit
Interim 2024 dividend per share	5.0c	5.0c	30%
Final 2023 dividend per share	5.0c	5.0c	30%

### **Interim dividend dates**

Ex-dividend date	15 February 2024
Record date	16 February 2024
Last election date for the DRP	19 February 2024
Payment date	18 March 2024

### **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

The Dividend Reinvestment Plan (**DRP**) is in operation for shareholders in the company and the fully franked interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share qualifies for the DRP.

Details on the DRP may be found at [www.regal.fm/REG8](http://www.regal.fm/REG8)

### **Net tangible assets per fully paid ordinary share**

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Pre-tax	\$2.21	\$2.32
Post-tax excluding deferred tax liabilities / deferred tax assets on unrealised gains / losses on investments <sup>1</sup>	\$2.35	\$2.37
Post-tax including deferred tax liabilities / deferred tax assets on unrealised gains / losses on investments	\$2.35	\$2.39

<sup>1</sup> 'Post-Tax NTA' is calculated after tax on realised gains/losses, deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities, but before allowing for deferred tax liabilities / deferred tax assets on unrealised gains / losses.

## **Commentary on results**

Additional information supporting the Appendix 4D disclosure requirements can be found in the Financial Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

### **On-market share buy-back program**

As part of the on-market buy-back of shares, the Company bought back 11,616,530 shares at a cost of \$22,369,221 (excluding brokerage) in the six months to 31 December 2023.

#### *Additional capacity for on-market share buy-back*

As part of the Company's 2023 Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) in November 2023, the Company sought and received approval from its shareholders to undertake an on-market buy-back of up to 48,832,176 shares in the Company over the 12-month period commencing from the AGM date. This represents approximately 25% of the shares the Company had on issue as at 19 October 2023 (being the last practicable day prior to finalisation of the notice of meeting of the AGM).

The buy-back will be funded from the Company's available cash reserves and conducted on-market. The objective of the buy-back remains capital management. This additional capacity provides the Company with the flexibility to purchase more than 10% of the Company's shares on issue over a 12-month period, per the limit permitted by the Corporations Act 2001.

The approval received from shareholders does not oblige the Company to undertake a buy-back of any shares. It is not guaranteed that the Company will buy back either the maximum number of issued shares approved pursuant to this resolution or as otherwise permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### **Acquisition of Global Equities Manager by Regal Partners (the parent of the Investment Manager)**

On 3 November 2023, the Company noted the announcement by Regal Partners Limited (the parent of the Investment Manager of the Company) in relation to Regal Partners' acquisition of PM Capital Limited. Regal Partners noted that the acquisition will provide a further extension to the Investment Manager's existing global equities capabilities.

The acquisition was subsequently completed, as announced by Regal Partners to the ASX on 21 December 2023.

### **Financial report**

This report is based on the Half-Year Financial Report which has been subject to an independent review by the auditors, Pitcher Partners.

# Half-Year Financial Report

Period ended 31 December 2023



Regal Asian Investments Limited  
ABN 58 635 219 484

## CONTENTS

Corporate Directory	5
Directors' Report to Shareholders	6
Auditor's Independence Declaration	9
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	10
Statement of Financial Position	11
Statement of Changes in Equity	12
Statement of Cash Flows	13
Notes to the Financial Statements	14
Directors' Declaration	18
Independent Auditor's Review Report	19

## CORPORATE DIRECTORY

### Board of Directors

Lawrence Myers – Independent Chairman  
David F Jones AM – Director  
Adelaide H McDonald – Independent Director  
William F Brown – Independent Director

### Company Secretaries

Candice Driver  
Ian J Cameron

### Investor Relations

Ingrid L Groer  
T: +61 2 8197 4333  
E: [investorrelations@regalpartners.com](mailto:investorrelations@regalpartners.com)

### Investment Manager

Regal Asian Investments Management Pty Limited  
ABN 84 635 179 538

### Investment Advisor

Regal Funds Management Pty Limited  
AFSL 277737

### Registered Office

Level 47 – Gateway, 1 Macquarie Place  
Sydney NSW 2000

### Website

[www.regalpm.com/RG8](http://www.regalpm.com/RG8)

### Share Registrar

Boardroom Pty Limited  
Level 8, 210 George Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
T: 1300 737 760 (inside Australia)  
T: +61 2 9290 9600 (outside Australia)  
E: [enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au](mailto:enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au)

For enquiries relating to shareholdings, dividends (including participation in the dividend reinvestment plan) and related matters, please contact the share registrar.

### Auditor

Pitcher Partners  
Level 16, Tower 2, Darling Park  
201 Sussex St  
Sydney NSW 2000  
T: +61 2 9221 2099

### Prime Brokers and Custodians

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC  
1585 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10036, United States of America

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC  
200 West Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10282, United States of America

### ASX code

RG8

## DIRECTORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Directors of Regal Asian Investments Limited (**the Company** or **RG8**) present their report together with the financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

RG8 is a company limited by shares and is incorporated in Australia and quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) (ticker code: **RG8**).

### Directors

The names of the Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the period are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date appointed</b>
Lawrence Myers	Independent Chairman	31 July 2019
David F Jones AM	Director	25 September 2020
Adelaide H McDonald	Independent Director	31 August 2019
William F Brown	Independent Director	31 August 2019

### Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is to provide shareholders with access to a concentrated portfolio, predominately comprised of long investments and short positions in listed securities focusing on the Asian region; and the investment expertise of Regal Partners (**the Manager**).

There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity during the period and no change is anticipated in the future.

### Dividends

The Company determined a fully franked dividend of 5.0 cents per share, which will be paid on 18 March 2024.

The balance of the dividend profits reserve as of 31 December 2023 is \$89,466,562 or 47 cents per share.

The profits reserve is made up of amounts transferred from current and prior period profits and are preserved for future dividends payments.

### Review of operations

Investment operations during the half-year resulted in an operating profit before tax of \$13,303,997 (2022: operating profit before tax of \$40,439,545) and an operating profit after tax of \$10,076,417 (2022: operating profit after tax of \$29,853,909).

The investment portfolio returned +4.0% (2022: +9.5%) net of fees for the six months to 31 December 2023; of this the investment portfolio returned +9.5% net of fees for the two months to 31 December 2023.

As at 31 December 2023, the investment portfolio was 146% long invested and held 49% in short positions. This means that for every \$100,000 invested with RG8 during the year, shareholders owned long \$146,000 of equities and had sold short \$49,000 of equities. This represents a net equity exposure of \$97,000.

The Post-Tax NTA<sup>1</sup> per share as at 31 December 2023 was \$2.35 (30 June 2023: \$2.29). The Post-Tax NTA per share of \$2.35 is after the 5.0 cents per share fully franked final dividend paid to shareholders on 25 September 2023.

<sup>1</sup> 'Post-Tax NTA' is calculated after tax on realised gains/losses, deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities, but before allowing for deferred tax liabilities / deferred tax assets on unrealised gains / losses.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS (continued)

### *Costs paid by the Manager*

The Manager continues to show strong alignment and support to the Company and its shareholders by paying the majority of the Company's operating costs. In the six months ended 31 December 2023, the Manager paid for over \$222,000 of operating expenses (2022: \$211,000) which include ASX and ASIC fees, audit costs, legal and tax advice costs, external advisor costs and any fees charged by the Company's Fund Administrator.

### *On-market share buy-back program*

As part of the on-market buy-back of shares, the Company bought back 11,616,530 shares at a cost of \$22,369,221 (excluding brokerage) in the six months to 31 December 2023.

### Additional capacity for on-market share buy-back

As part of the Company's 2023 Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) in November 2023, the Company sought and received approval from its shareholders to undertake an on-market buy-back of up to 48,832,176 shares in the Company over the 12-month period commencing from the AGM date. This represents approximately 25% of the shares the Company had on issue as at 19 October 2023 (being the last practicable day prior to finalisation of the notice of meeting of the AGM).

The buy-back will be funded from the Company's available cash reserves and conducted on-market. The objective of the buy-back remains capital management. This additional capacity provides the Company with the flexibility to purchase more than 10% of the Company's shares on issue over a 12-month period, per the limit permitted by the Corporations Act 2001.

The approval received from shareholders does not oblige the Company to undertake a buy-back of any shares. It is not guaranteed that the Company will buy back either the maximum number of issued shares approved pursuant to this resolution or as otherwise permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### *Acquisition of Global Equities Manager by Regal Partners (the parent of the Investment Manager)*

On 3 November 2023, the Company noted the announcement by Regal Partners Limited (the parent of the Investment Manager of the Company) in relation to Regal Partners' acquisition of PM Capital Limited. Regal Partners noted that the acquisition will provide a further extension to the Investment Manager's existing global equities capabilities.

The acquisition was subsequently completed, as announced by Regal Partners to the ASX on 21 December 2023.

### *Investment Guidelines Update*

On 11 May 2023, the Company announced, following a period of review by the Investment Manager, a refinement and simplification of the Investment Guidelines of the Company. These changes were in effect from 1 July 2023. For further details, see the announcement released on 11 May 2023 on the Company's website: [www.regalpm.com/RG8](http://www.regalpm.com/RG8)

## Financial position

The net assets of the Company as at 31 December 2023 were \$444,222,213 (30 June 2023: \$466,452,063).

The Company continued to maintain a profits reserve in the Statement of Financial Position for the purpose of retaining profits and paying dividends in the future.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS (continued)**

### **Subsequent events**

The Company determined a fully franked dividend of 5.0 cents per share, which will be paid on 18 March 2024.

The Company is not aware of any other matter or circumstance since the end of the reporting period not otherwise dealt with in this report, that has, or may, significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

### **Rounding of amounts to nearest dollar**

The Company is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, and in accordance with that Corporations Instrument, amounts in the financial statements are rounded off to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review for this period is set out on page 9 of this Financial Report.

Signed on behalf and in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 306(3) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



**Lawrence Myers**  
Independent Chairman

Sydney  
7 February 2024

**Pitcher Partners Sydney**

Level 16, Tower 2 Darling Park  
201 Sussex Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Postal Address  
GPO Box 1615  
Sydney NSW 2001

**p.** +61 2 9221 2099  
**e.** [sydneypartners@pitcher.com.au](mailto:sydneypartners@pitcher.com.au)

**Auditor's Independence Declaration  
To the Directors of Regal Asian Investments Limited  
ABN 58 635 219 484**

In relation to the independent auditor's review of Regal Asian Investments Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2023, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- (ii) no contraventions of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*.



**S M Whiddett**  
Partner

**Pitcher Partners**  
Sydney

7 February 2024

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Net gains on financial assets / liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	15,784,740	40,489,654
Dividend income	5,868,933	10,849,931
Interest income	7,397,232	3,829,180
Other income	34,612	17,536
<b>Total income</b>	<b>29,085,517</b>	<b>55,186,301</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	(3,222,971)	(3,751,511)
Dividends on shorts	(3,277,677)	(7,811,707)
Interest expense	(8,822,305)	(1,976,439)
Directors' fees including on-costs	(125,000)	(127,127)
Directors' insurance	(280,000)	(307,351)
Stock loan fees	(4,607)	(772,621)
Other expenses	(48,960)	–
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(15,781,520)</b>	<b>(14,746,756)</b>
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>13,303,997</b>	<b>40,439,545</b>
Income tax expense	(3,227,580)	(10,585,636)
<b>Profit after income tax attributable to members of the Company</b>	<b>10,076,417</b>	<b>29,853,909</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	–	–
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>10,076,417</b>	<b>29,853,909</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>5.1 cents</b>	<b>13.9 cents</b>

The above statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

		31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	Note	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	47,274,109	139,487,903
Trade and other receivables		1,829,914	7,224,830
Financial assets (securities owned long)	7	617,066,927	541,016,384
Deferred tax assets		14,529,752	17,731,453
Current tax assets		12,606,063	6,008,702
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>693,306,765</b>	<b>711,469,272</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Amounts due to brokers	4	46,258,435	83,485,898
Financial liabilities (securities sold short)	7	197,333,972	160,135,761
Trade and other payables		5,492,145	1,395,550
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>249,084,552</b>	<b>245,017,209</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>444,222,213</b>	<b>466,452,063</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	6	490,062,093	512,431,314
Profits reserve	5	89,466,562	89,327,191
Accumulated losses		(135,306,442)	(135,306,442)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>444,222,213</b>	<b>466,452,063</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Issued capital	Accumulated losses	Profits reserve	Total equity
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>		552,561,486	(116,962,905)	66,329,608	501,928,189
Profit for the half-year		–	29,853,909	–	29,853,909
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		–	–	–	–
Dividends paid	3	–	–	(10,874,645)	(10,874,645)
Transfer to profits reserve	5	–	(29,853,909)	29,853,909	–
Share Buy-back		(25,621,789)	–	–	(25,621,789)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>526,939,697</b>	<b>(116,962,905)</b>	<b>85,308,872</b>	<b>495,285,664</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>		512,431,314	(135,306,442)	89,327,191	466,452,063
Profit for the half-year		–	10,076,417	–	10,076,417
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		–	–	–	–
Dividends paid	3	–	–	(9,937,046)	(9,937,046)
Transfer to profits reserve	5	–	(10,076,417)	10,076,417	–
Share Buy-back		(22,369,221)	–	–	(22,369,221)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>490,062,093</b>	<b>(135,306,442)</b>	<b>89,466,562</b>	<b>444,222,213</b>

The above Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
<b><u>Cash flow from operating activities</u></b>			
Proceeds from the sale of investments		494,107,872	754,446,455
Payments for the purchase of investments		(505,658,523)	(664,281,773)
Dividends received		5,521,854	10,849,931
Interest received		7,462,720	3,429,679
Realised foreign exchange (losses) / gains		(3,777,227)	8,241,852
Management fees paid		(3,255,846)	(3,785,813)
Stock loan and custody fees paid		(4,502)	(796,002)
Dividends on shorts		(3,144,631)	(7,774,573)
Directors' fees paid		(124,759)	(112,148)
Insurance fees paid		(280,000)	(307,351)
Interest paid		(8,811,541)	(1,605,307)
Income taxes paid		(6,623,240)	(289,753)
Other expense paid		(19,412)	(181,815)
<b>Net cash (outflows) / inflows from operating activities</b>		<b>(24,607,235)</b>	<b>97,833,382</b>
<b><u>Cash flow from financing activities</u></b>			
Dividends paid	3	(9,937,046)	(10,874,645)
On-market share buy-back		(22,586,704)	(25,353,580)
<b>Net cash (outflows) from financing activities</b>		<b>(32,523,750)</b>	<b>(36,228,225)</b>
<b>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents held</b>		<b>(57,130,985)</b>	<b>61,605,157</b>
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash balances of cash held in foreign currencies		2,144,654	(8,101,686)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	4	56,002,005	187,619,362
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,015,674</b>	<b>241,122,833</b>

The above Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Summary of material accounting policy information

This note provides a list of the material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial statements to the extent they have not already been disclosed in the other notes below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented and consistent with those adopted and is disclosed in the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2023, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The Half-Year Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and *AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting*, as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The Half-Year Financial Report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the most recent Annual Financial Report as at 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made by the Company during the interim reporting period.

In accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, the amounts in the Directors' Report and in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar unless otherwise specified.

#### (b) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (**the functional currency**). The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars (\$), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

#### (c) Application of new and revised accounting standards and interpretations

There are no new and revised accounting requirements significantly affecting the half-year ended 31 December 2023 financial statements.

#### (d) Material accounting policies

The half-year financial statements have been prepared using all other accounting policies used in the recent annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### (e) Going concern

The Half-Year Financial Report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

### 2. Segment information

The Company has only one reportable segment. The Company is engaged solely in investment activities, deriving revenue from dividend income, interest income and from the sale of its investments.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 3. Dividends

	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
<b>Dividends paid during the period:</b>		
Final 2023 dividend: 5.0 cents per share, paid 25 September 2023	9,937,046	–
Final 2022 dividend: 5.0 cents per share, paid 30 September 2022	–	10,874,645

Subsequent to the half-year ended 31 December 2023, the Company determined an interim fully franked dividend of 5.0 cents per share.

#### Dividend Reinvestment Plan

The Company operates a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (**DRP**) under which shareholders may elect to have all, or part, of their dividend reinvested in new shares. The fully franked interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share qualifies for the **DRP**.

### 4. Cash and cash equivalents

	31 December 2023 \$	30 June 2023 \$
Cash at bank	47,274,109	139,487,903
Amounts due to brokers	(46,258,435)	(83,485,898)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,015,674</b>	<b>56,002,005</b>

### 5. Profits reserve

	31 December 2023 \$	30 June 2023 \$
Profits reserve closing balance	<b>89,466,562</b>	<b>89,327,191</b>

The profits reserve is made up of amounts transferred from current and prior period profits and are preserved for future dividend payments.

<b>Movements in profits reserve</b>	<b>31 December 2023 \$</b>	<b>31 December 2022 \$</b>
Balance at the beginning of period	89,327,191	66,329,608
Transfer of profits during the period	10,076,417	29,853,909
Dividends paid (see note 3) *	(9,937,046)	(10,874,645)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>89,466,562</b>	<b>85,308,872</b>

\* Dividends are paid out of the profits reserve. Subsequent to the half-year ended 31 December 2023, the Company determined an interim fully franked dividend of 5.0 cent per share out of the profits reserve. The balance in the profits reserve after providing for the 2024 interim dividend is \$80,282,777 (or 44 cents per share, based on the current shares on issue).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 6. Issued capital

	31 December 2023 \$	31 December 2022 \$
188,846,003 Ordinary shares fully paid (31 December 2022: 207,358,429)	<b>490,062,093</b>	<b>526,939,697</b>
	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2022	220,409,291	552,561,486
On-market share buy-back	(13,050,862)	(25,621,789)
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>207,358,429</b>	<b>526,939,697</b>
Balance at 1 July 2023	200,462,533	512,431,314
On-market share buy-back	(11,616,530)	(22,369,221)
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>188,846,003</b>	<b>490,062,093</b>

Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of shareholders.

#### On-market share buy-back program

The objective of the buy-back is capital management. Any buy-back or series of such transactions will be funded from the Company's existing financial resources where the Directors consider that it is in the interest of all existing shareholders to do so.

#### *Additional capacity for on-market share buy-back*

As part of the Company's 2023 Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) in November 2023, the Company sought and received approval from its shareholders to undertake an on-market buy-back of up to 48,832,176 shares in the Company over the 12-month period commencing from the AGM date. This represents approximately 25% of the shares the Company had on issue as at 19 October 2023 (being the last practicable day prior to finalisation of the notice of meeting of the AGM).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 7. Financial instruments measured at fair value

The Company measures and recognises its investments as 'financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' on a recurring basis.

*AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement* requires the disclosure of fair value information using a fair value hierarchy reflecting the significance of the inputs in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following levels:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Included within Level 1 of the hierarchy are listed investments. The fair values of these financial assets and liabilities have been based on the closing quoted last prices at the end of the reporting period, excluding transaction costs.

The following table presents the Company's 'financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value' at the reporting date. The carrying amounts of all financial instruments are reasonable approximations of the respective instrument's fair value.

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>				
Financial assets (securities owned long)	612,864,896	4,202,031	–	<b>617,066,927</b>
Financial liabilities (securities sold short)	(194,485,724)	(2,848,248)	–	<b>(197,333,972)</b>
	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>At 30 June 2023</b>				
Financial assets (securities owned long)	541,016,384	–	–	<b>541,016,384</b>
Financial liabilities (securities sold short)	(160,135,761)	–	–	<b>(160,135,761)</b>

#### *Transfers between levels*

The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels for recurring fair value measurements during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (30 June 2023: nil).

### 8. Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities or contingent assets at 31 December 2023 (30 June 2023: nil).

### 9. Subsequent events

The Company determined a fully franked dividend of 5.0 cents per share, which will be paid on 18 March 2024.

The Company is not aware of any other matter or circumstance since the end of the financial period not otherwise dealt with in this report, that has, or may, significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the Directors' opinion:

- (i) the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- (ii) the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the period ended on that date; and
- (iii) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to section 303(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the Directors



**Lawrence Myers**  
Independent Chairman

Sydney  
7 February 2024

**Pitcher Partners Sydney**

Level 16, Tower 2 Darling Park  
201 Sussex Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Postal Address  
GPO Box 1615  
Sydney NSW 2001

p. +61 2 9221 2099  
e. [sydneypartners@pitcher.com.au](mailto:sydneypartners@pitcher.com.au)

**Independent Auditor's Review Report  
To the Members of Regal Asian Investments Limited  
ABN 58 635 219 484****Report on the Half-Year Financial Report****Conclusion**

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Regal Asian Investments Limited ("the Company") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Regal Asian Investments Limited does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001*.

**Basis for Conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

**Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.



**S M Whiddett**  
Partner



**Pitcher Partners**  
Sydney

7 February 2024