### Regal Investment Fund (ASX:RF1)

Investor Update & Q&A

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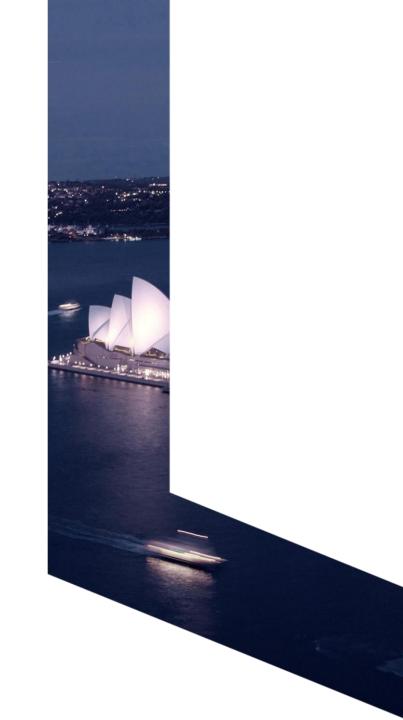
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## Welcome & Regal Update

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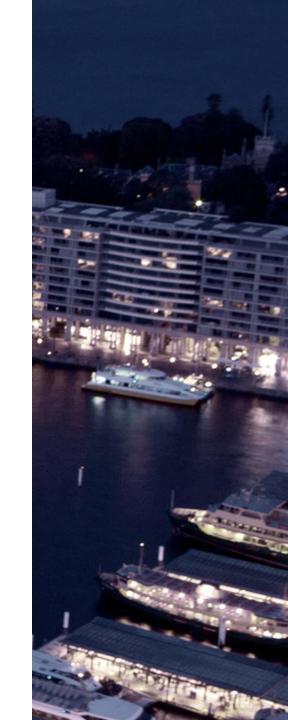
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# REGAL

The Regal Investment Fund (RF1) has been established to provide investors with exposure to a diversified selection of alternative investment strategies managed by Regal

Its objective is to produce attractive risk-adjusted absolute returns over a period of more than five years, with limited correlation to equity markets.

2019

Inception

+18.1%

Annualised Return Since Inception<sup>1</sup>

RF1

ASX ticker









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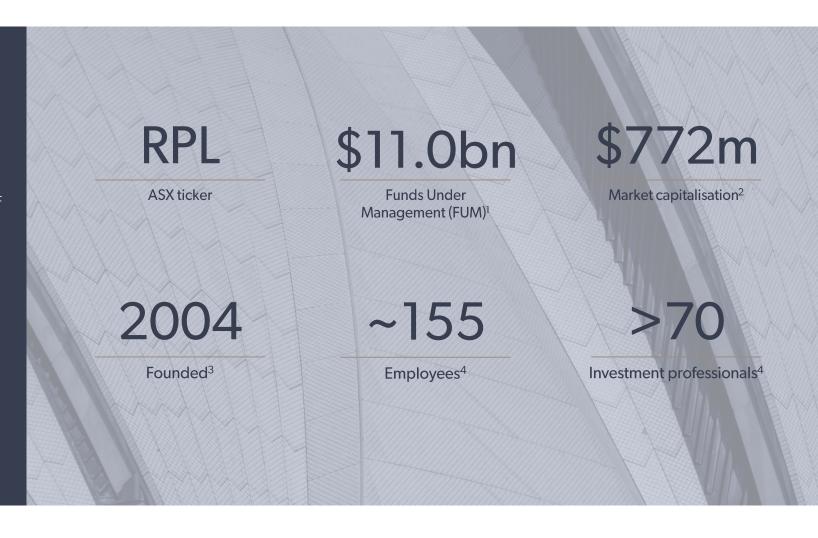
### Regal Partners Limited (ASX:RPL)





Regal Partners Limited is an ASX-listed, specialist alternative investment manager with \$11.0 billion<sup>1</sup> in funds under management.

- Combining deep industry experience, extensive networks, and multi-award-winning performance track records, Regal Partners seeks to be a leading provider of alternative investment strategies in Australia and Asia.
- The Group manages a broad range of investment strategies covering long/short equities, private markets, real & natural assets and credit & royalties on behalf of institutions, family offices, charitable groups and private investors.
- Housing six dedicated alternative investment management businesses, the Group employs approximately 155 staff in offices across Australia and offshore.<sup>4</sup>



1 Management estimate of funds under management (FUM) for 31 December 2023. FUM (including 100% of Taurus Funds Management, Attunga Capital and Kilter Rural) is rounded, unaudited and includes non-fee-earning FUM. 2 As at market close 14 March 2024. 3 Regal Funds Management Pty Limited was founded in 2004 and participated in a merger in 2022 to form Regal Partners Limited. 4 Includes full-time and part-time staff in all Group entities including Taurus Funds Management, Attunga Capital and Kilter Rural as at 31 December 2023.

# Regal Investment Fund (ASX: RF1) – the only diversified alternative investment strategy vehicle listed on the ASX



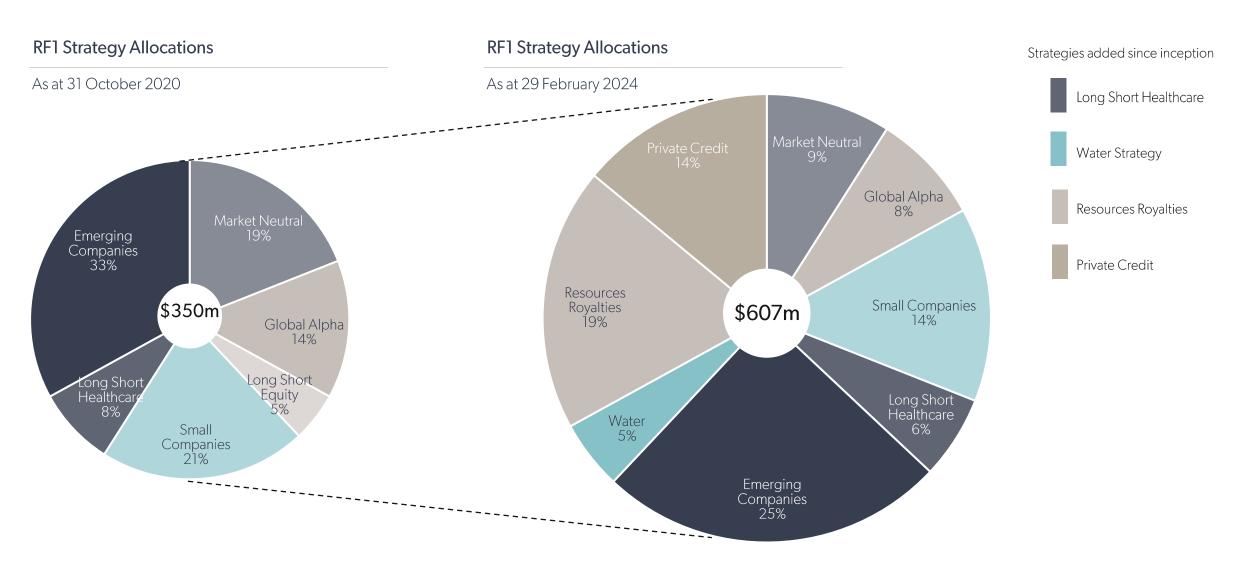


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### Increasing allocations to uncorrelated investment strategies





### **RF1 Performance Since Inception**



Net of fees, as at 29 February 2024

Launch date 17 June 2019

Annualised Return Since Inception  $^{\rm l}$ 

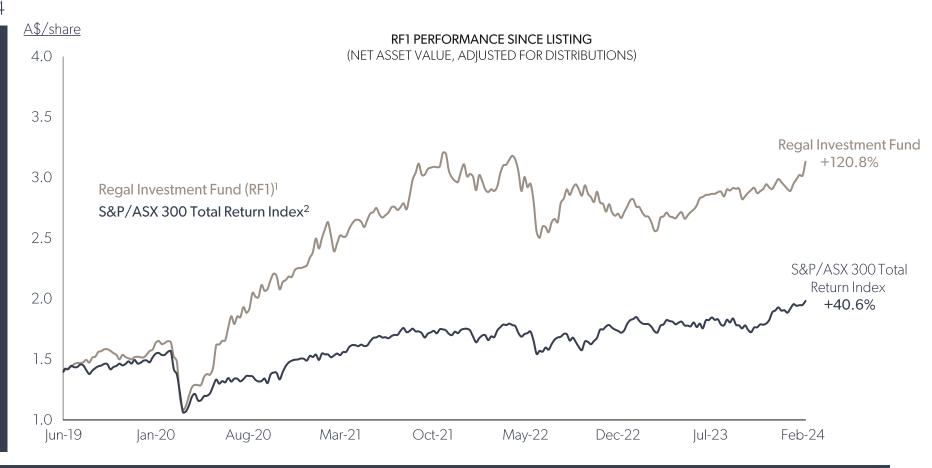
+18.1%

Total Return Since Inception<sup>1</sup>

+120.8%

Distributions Paid to Date

\$1.98 per unit



| FUND PERFORMANCE                   | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | CYTD  | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR P.A. | INCEPTION P.A. | TOTAL RETURN<br>SINCE INCEPTION |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Regal Investment Fund <sup>1</sup> | +5.1%   | +5.5%   | +3.2% | +15.8% | +7.0%       | +18.1%         | +120.8%                         |
| S&P/ASX 300 Total Return Index     | +1.0%   | +9.5 %  | +2.1% | +10.5% | +9.1%       | +7.4%          | +40.6%                          |

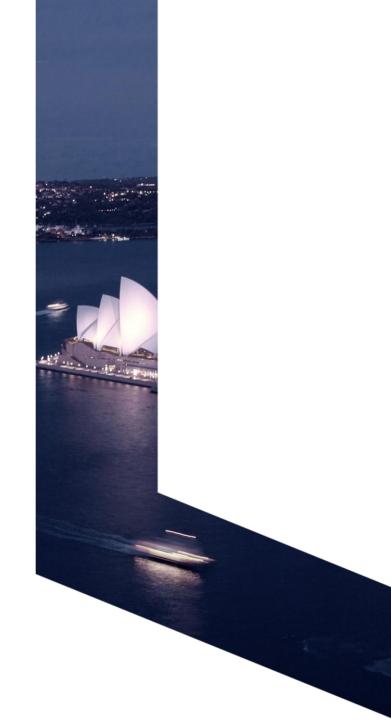
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## Market Update & RF1 Positioning

Philip King, Co-Founder & CIO Long/Short Equities, Regal Funds





### Market outlook

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Key takeaways



Markets should finish the year higher as the market looks through the economic slowdown to a recovery

2

Main risk remains rising bond yields

3

Stock pickers' market within the "Magnificent 7" and across the broader market. Rise of passive investing is making markets more inefficient

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Our preferred exposures remain:

- Emerging Companies
- Small Companies
- Private Credit
- Resources (including Royalties)

### US bull market continues

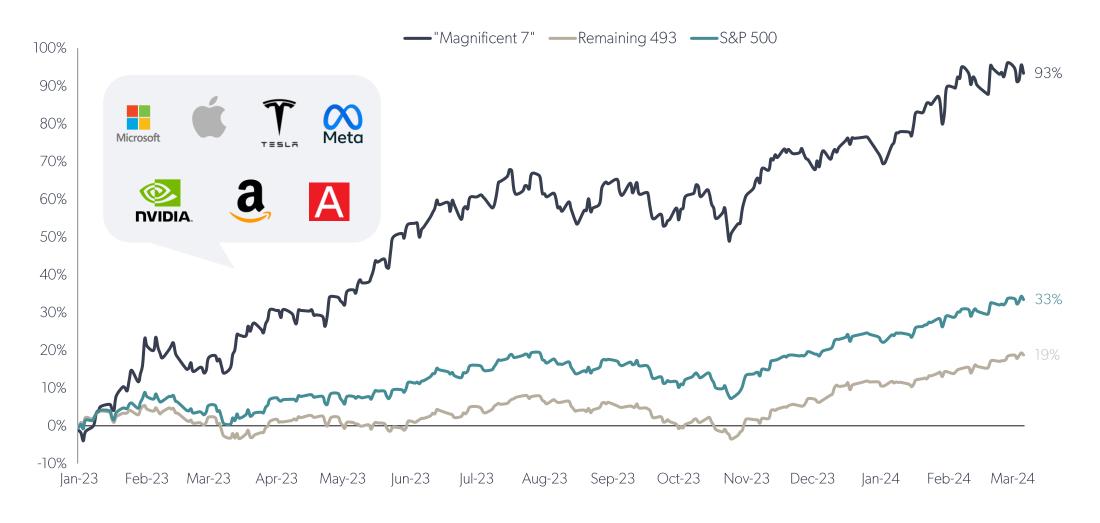


#### S&P 500 AND ASX 200 INDEX LEVELS REBASED TO 100



# S&P 500's gains have been driven by mega cap US technology stocks

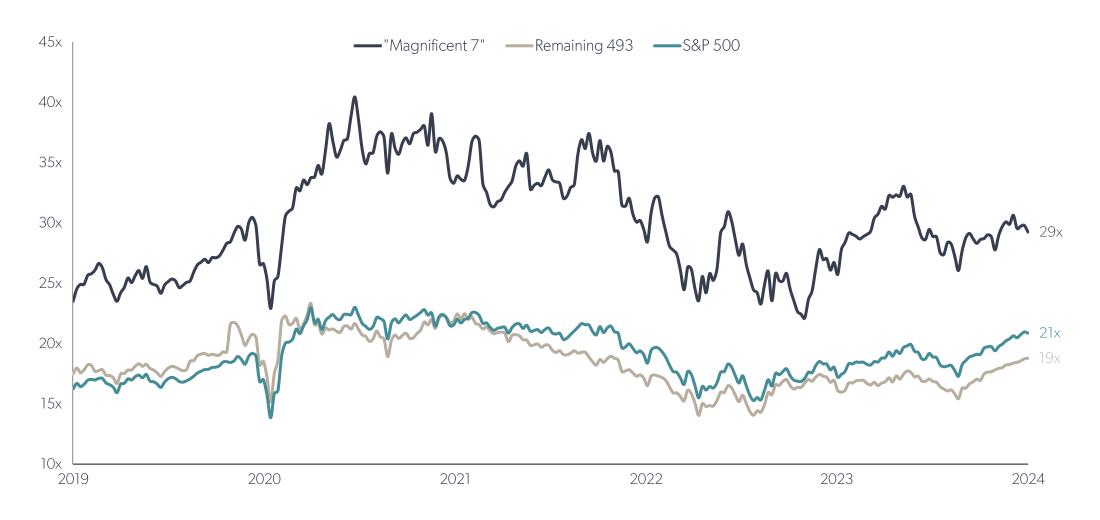




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### S&P 500 trades on 21x P/E but 19x ex the "Magnificent 7"

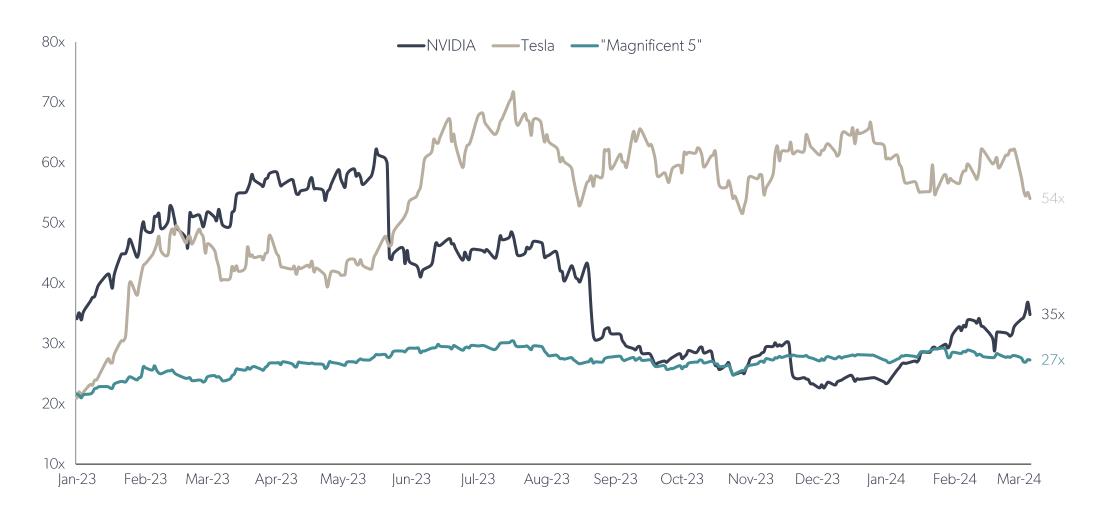




Source: Bloomberg as at March 2024 (weekly data). Magnificent 7 include Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Amazon, NVIDIA, Tesla and Meta. Magnificent 7 and remaining 493 companies' forward P/E calculated by taking sum of relevant market caps and dividing by net income. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. It should not be relied upon as (and is not) an indication of future performance.

### "Magnificent 5" P/E multiples have remained broadly stable vs R E G **NVIDIA** and Tesla



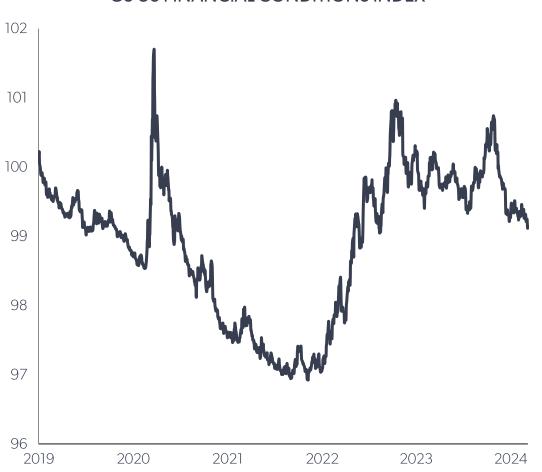


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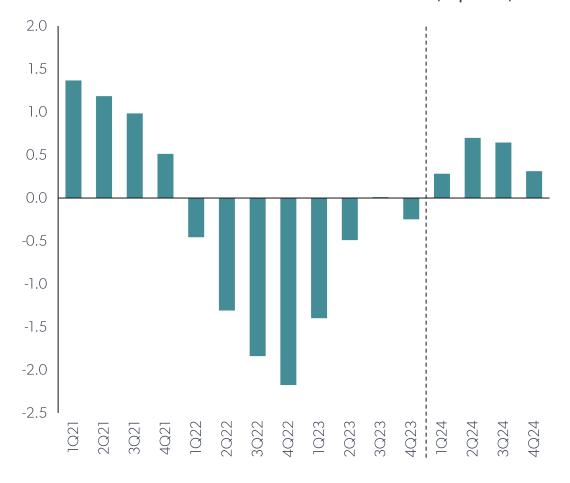
# US financial conditions easing and economic growth accelerating







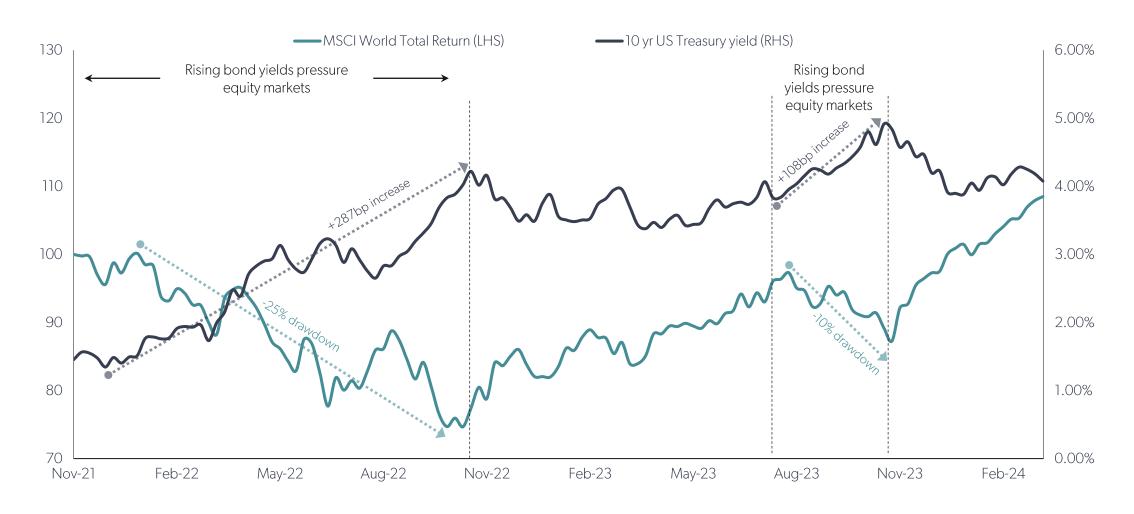
#### REAL US GDP GROWTH IMPULSE FROM GS FCI (% points)



Source: Goldman Sachs research.

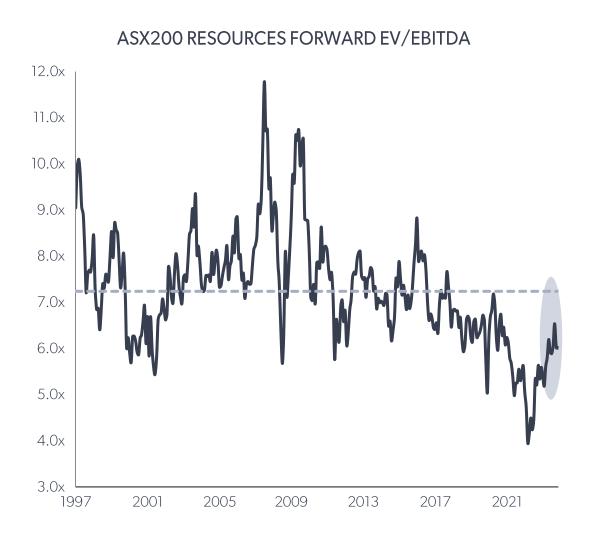
## Strong bounce in equity markets since yields peaked

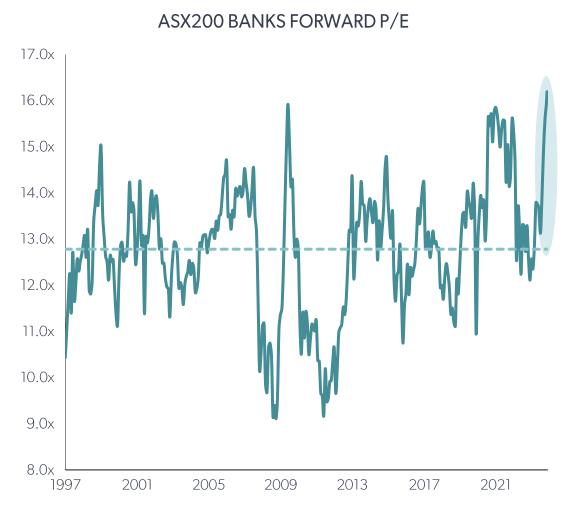




### Resources cheap but bank valuations at 35 year highs







# ASX reporting season in 1H24 was one of the most volatile of past 15 years





H1 2015

H2 2014

H1 2016

H2 2015

H2 2016

H1 2018

H2 2017

H1 2017

H2 2018

H1 2019

H2 2019

H1 2020

H2 2020

H1 2021

H1 2022

H2 2021

H2 2022

H1 2023

H2 2023

HI 2024

H2 2007

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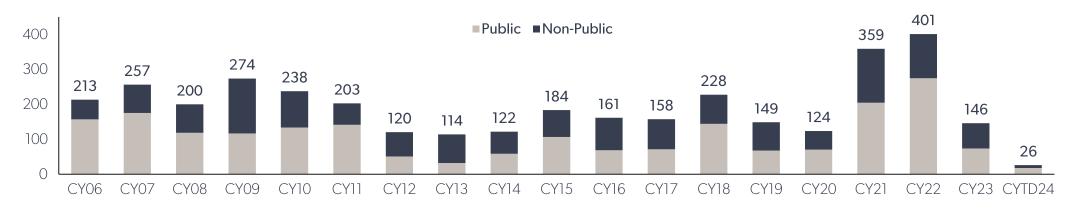
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H1 2014

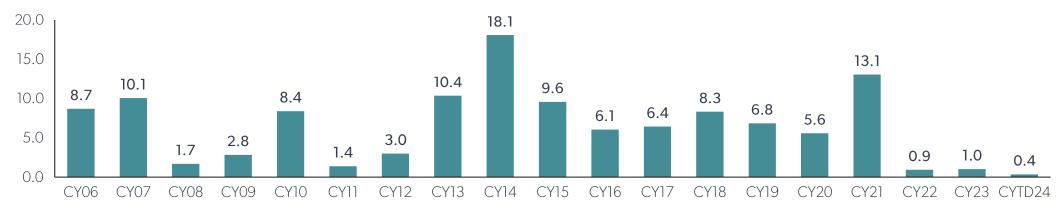
### Takeover activity continues... but IPOs have evaporated



#### ANNOUNCED M&A INVOLVING AN AUSTRALIAN TARGET (A\$BN)



#### AUSTRALIAN IPO MARKET VOLUME BY YEAR (A\$BN)



# **Emerging Companies**

Jessica Farr-Jones, Portfolio Manager





### Regal Emerging Companies Strategy overview



Emerging Companies
Strategy combines
the attributes of
private equity and
hedge fund investing
to provide access to
listed and unlisted
opportunities in the
next generation of
Australia's leading
companies

### **INVESTMENT UNIVERSE**

### LISTED MICROCAPS

 IPOs, placements and block trades in listed companies with market capitalisation <\$300m at time of investment

#### **UNLISTED INVESTMENTS**

#### **PRE-IPO INVESTMENTS**

- Private companies on a path to IPO, often within 12 months
- Typically investing via ordinary or preferred equity or convertible notes with downside protection

#### **EXPANSION CAPITAL**

- Companies which have a preference to remain private for 18-36 months
- Often raising capital to fund the next stage of growth

### STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS & COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Unique Investment Strategy and Structure

Evergreen structure with liquidity windows

Access to High Quality & Proprietary Deal Flow

Participating in multiple placements per week Assessing hundreds of unlisted deals per year Experienced and Aligned Team

3 Portfolio Managers

2 Investment Analysts

>60 investment professionals

### Micro and small caps outperform in bull markets



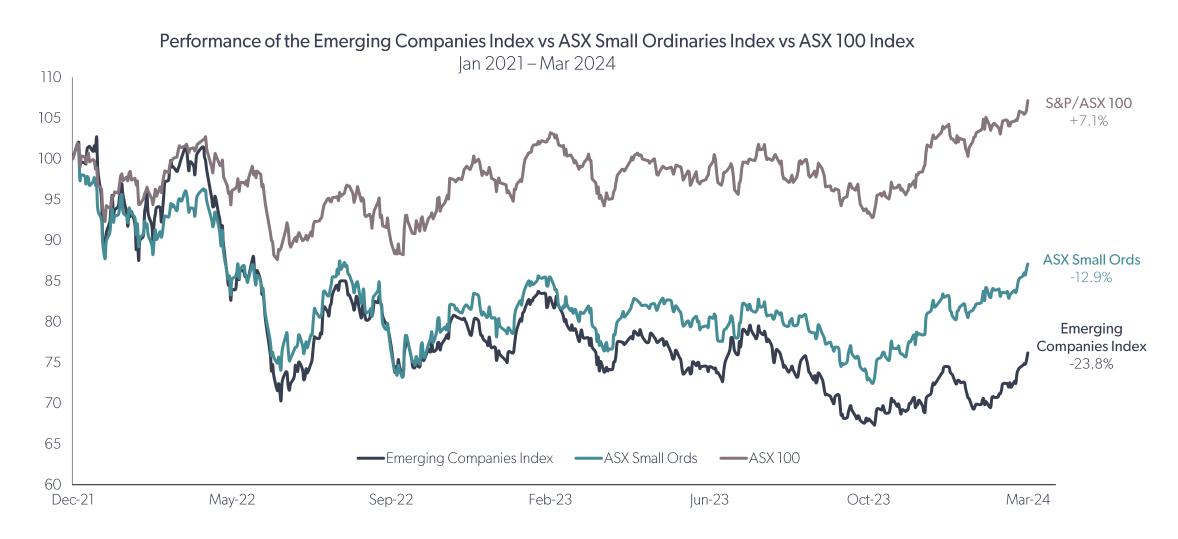
- Micro and small caps have materially underperformed large caps since the market peaked at the end of 2021
- Large caps (ASX200) had a less severe drawdown and bottomed first in Jun-22 whereas the micro and small cap indexes bottomed in Oct-23
- Micro and small caps are still down -25% and -15% from their 2021 peaks while the ASX200 recently made new all time highs
- However, as we saw in the 2020-2021 rally, micro and small cap stocks tend materially outperform during bull markets
- We expect this underperformance to normalise, resulting in superior returns across micro and small caps in the future



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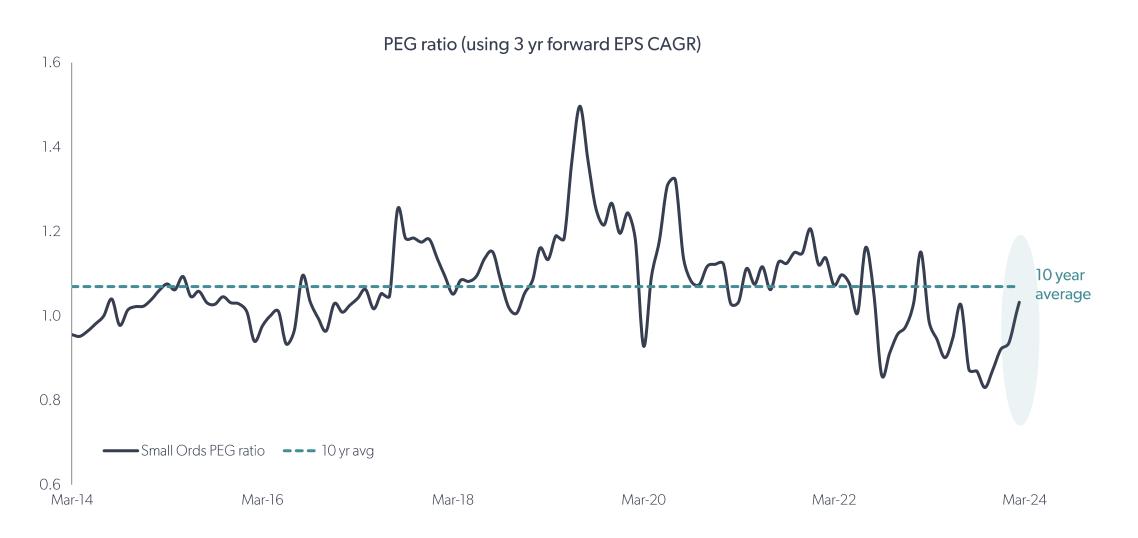
### Australian micro and small caps provide great opportunity





# ASX Small Ords continues to trade below its long-term average PEG ratio



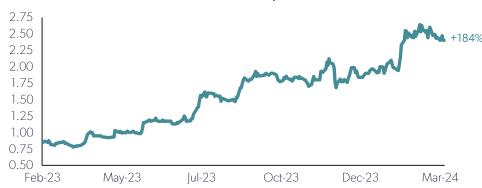


### Listed Investment Examples – DUG & GTK



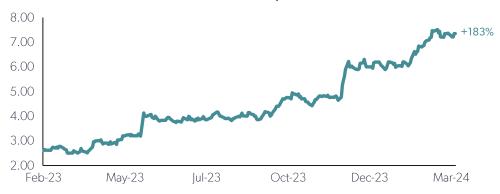


#### DUG 12 month share price chart





#### GTK 12 month share price chart



#### DUG owns multiple high performance computing (HPC) data centres across the world

- There is increasing demand for HPC from industries with proliferating data
- Key end markets include oil & gas, national security, space, and enterprise

#### We are very bullish on the outlook for DUG

- DUG is the only player that offers software it developed through 8 years of R&D called multi-parameter full waveform inversion imaging (MP-FWI) which offers superior results at 10% of the usual time and 7% of the usual labour
- DUG has a material opportunity to win large tenders in the Middle East
- DUG has an opportunity to commercialise its patented immersion cooling technology that reduces water & power usage by >25% & >50% respectively

Gentrack is a global leader in (1) mission critical billing and CRM software used by energy and water utility companies and (2) ERP software solutions for airports

Increased/beat FY23 guidance 3 times and achieved 51% organic ARR growth

#### We are very bullish on the outlook for GTK

- Geographic expansion beyond core markets of Australia, NZ and the UK into Europe, the Middle East and South-East Asia
- Next generation software is priced at ~50-150% above previous generation
- Successfully taking material market share away from incumbents SAP and Oracle
- Beneficiary of renewable and electrification trends forcing hundreds of energy companies around the world to upgrade their software stacks over coming years

## Small cap highlight – Life 360 (ASX: 360)





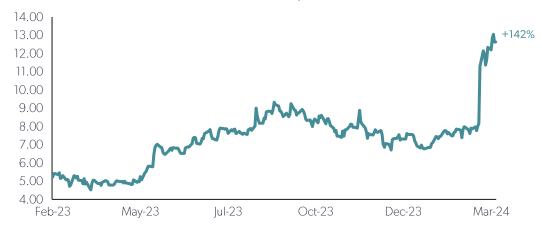
Regal is a substantial shareholder in 360 and has been invested since pre-IPO Life 360 (ASX:360) is the market leader in family safety and location sharing globally:

- Mission "is to keep people close to the ones they love"
- Over 61 million monthly active users (MAUs) across > 150 countries
- 15<sup>th</sup> most used app in the US based on daily active users with 5x per day engagement
- Estimated that 1 in 10 families in the US used the Life 360 platform in 2021
- In CY23, over 38k ambulances were dispatched following a crash, 1.8m help alerts sent,
   35bn safe arrival notifications sent and 305bn miles driven with crash detection

#### We remain very bullish on the outlook for Life 360:

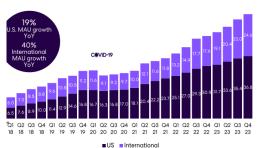
- Maiden adjusted EBITDA profit in CY23, materially beating guidance and consensus
- Announced new strategy to monetise large freemium MAU base via in-app advertising, anticipating that this revenue stream could grow to the same size as its subscription revenue stream over time at very high margins
- Highly price inelastic given ~50% price increase last year resulted in minimal churn
- Long runway for significant international rollout of higher priced membership offering, launching in the UK last year and Australia in 1H CY24
- Upward pressure on margins given anti-trust pressure on Apple and Google app store fees
- Long-term targets of >150m MAUs, >US\$1bn revenue and >25% EBITDA margins imply very high revenue and earnings growth over many years

#### 360 12 month share price chart





| Comparative Stats – Advertising (2) |                   |                        |                |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--|
| 2023                                | Ad Revenue<br>\$M | Average MAU<br>(m) (3) | \$/<br>MAU (3) |  |
| Duolingo (4)                        | \$48              | 70                     | \$0.68         |  |
| Reddit (5)                          | \$789             | 237                    | \$3.32         |  |
| Spotify (6)                         | \$1,681           | 337                    | \$4.99         |  |
| Uber (7)                            | \$900             | 146                    | \$6.16         |  |



Source: Bloomberg at as March 2024.

### Unlisted Investment examples – Firmus & ATI Global











- Unlisted investment in Firmus, which has developed and commercialized a sustainable AI compute platform for generative AI workloads
- The tech stack includes a proprietary hyperscale immersion cooling system that cuts energy and carbon dioxide output by up to 50%
- Firmus has a IV called SMC ("Sustainable Metal Cloud") with STT GDC APAC's largest & fastest growing data centre operator (owned by Temasek)
- SMC recently elevated to elite status within NVIDIA's cloud partner program
- IV is being funded to build South-East Asia's largest GPU laaS offering by investing in commercial grade GPU clusters at unprecedented scale starting with >27 cubes in CY24 (~US\$500m EBITDA opportunity)





- Unlisted investment in ATI Global, a global legal technology leader that provides an integrated legal workflow productivity platform offering cloud based practice management software (Leap Legal) and integrated legal searching and litigation workflow services (InfoTrack)
- Category leader operating across Australia and New Zealand, UK, Ireland and North America
- Market leading legal software business Leap Legal has ~45% market share in ANZ, ~20% in UK & Ireland and ~2% in North America and is a mission critical SaaS solution to manage and automate law firm operations
- Material scale (>\$1bn revenue forecast in FY24) and highly profitable

# Opportunities in Private Credit

Gavin George, Portfolio Manager

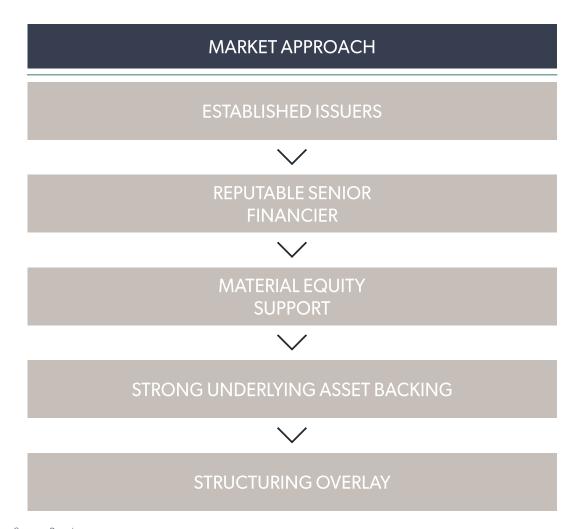


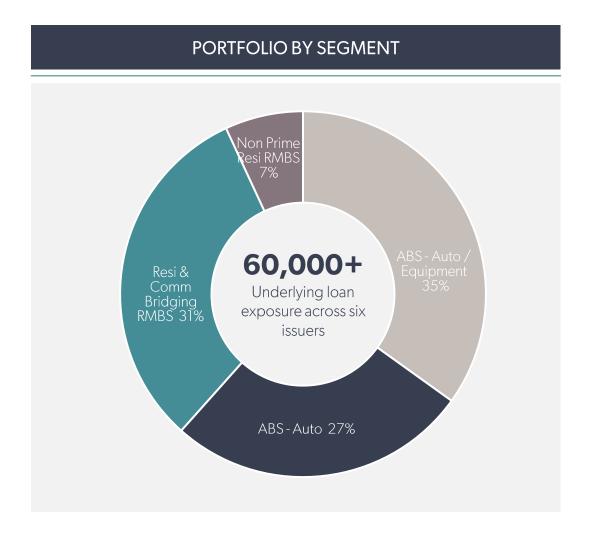


### Current overweight to structured credit within portfolio

Approx 60% of portfolio in asset backed structured loans







Source: Regal

### Themes and observations in Private Credit



1

#### BOOTS ON THE GROUND MATTER IN AUSTRALIA

- Australia is a highly relationship driven market, where deep and interconnected relationships and 'boots on the ground' matter;
- Best risk-adjusted returns available in the \$25 \$75m range where we observe limited competition.

2

#### GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AS FINANCIAL ASSETS MOVE OFF BANK BALANCE SHEETS

- Domestic banks continue to restructure their balance sheet exposures, financing requirements will increasingly move to the private sector;
- Significant capital requirements needed to fund Australian corporate growth.

3

#### AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC DEBT MARKET SMALL, EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS REMAIN CLOSED

- Limited alternate sources of financing for corporates continues to remain a theme, with equity capital markets closed (for now) and limited public credit markets in Australia further forcing funding to private sector;
- Expect Australian credit markets will follow path of US, where ~80% of businesses and consumers are financed by capital outside of the banks.

4

#### AUSTRALIAN SECURITISATION MARKET PRESENTS AN ATTRACTIVE LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITY

- Australia is the 2nd largest structured credit market globally;
- Pricing premium available in Australia vs other developed markets.

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#### CONCERNS ARISING IN DEVELOPER AND DIRECT PROPERTY FINANCING

• Expect Fund to maintain no direct property or developer financing.

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### RF1 Portfolio & Investment Characteristics

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As at 29 February 2024

Percentage of Positive Months

68%

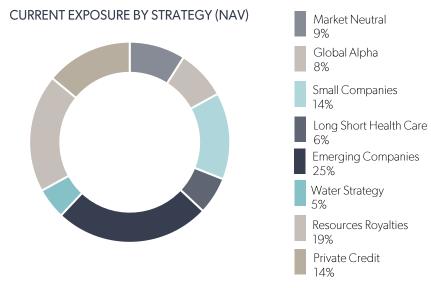
Current Number of Strategies 8 \*

Number of Asset Classes

1

Inception Date

June 2019



#### GROSS RETURNS IN RF1 BY STRATEGY

| STRATEGY PERFORMANCE<br>WITHIN RF1 <sup>1</sup> | 3MTH   | 1 YR   | INCEPTION<br>PA |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------|
| Market Neutral                                  | +11.3% | +7.0%  | +15.9%          |
| Global Alpha                                    | +2.2%  | +35.9% | +59.4%          |
| Aus. Small Companies                            | +24.4% | +65.7% | +27.7%          |
| Long Short Health Care                          | +7.5%  | +13.1% | +8.7%           |
| Emerging Companies                              | +6.5%  | +10.9% | +29.3%          |
| Water Strategy <sup>1</sup>                     | -2.5%  | -5.7%  | -               |
| Resources Royatlies <sup>2</sup>                | +3.8%  | +26.1% | -               |
| Private Credit <sup>3</sup>                     | +3.0%  | -      | -               |

| SECTOR                       | LONG | SHORT | NET |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-----|
| Communication Services       | 4    | -3    | 1   |
| Consumer Discretionary       | 13   | -8    | 5   |
| Consumer Staples             | 2    | -3    | -0  |
| Diversified                  | 0    | 0     | 0   |
| Energy                       | 5    | -3    | 2   |
| Financials                   | 14   | -13   | 1   |
| Health Care                  | 19   | -16   | 2   |
| Industrials                  | 12   | -6    | 6   |
| Information Technology       | 19   | -7    | 12  |
| Materials                    | 25   | -9    | 16  |
| Real Estate                  | 4    | -4    | 0   |
| Utilities                    | 2    | -1    | 2   |
| Total (Listed Positions)     | 119  | -73   | 46  |
| Total (Non-Listed Positions) | 44   | 0     | 44  |
| Total                        | 163  | -73   | 91  |

| REGION       | LONG | SHORT | NET |
|--------------|------|-------|-----|
| Asia         | 7    | -4    | 3   |
| Australia/NZ | 145  | -54   | 91  |
| EMEA         | 5    | -1    | 4   |
| Americas     | 8    | -14   | -6  |
| Total        | 163  | -73   | 91  |

