

# VG1 GLOBAL INVESTMENTS

## MARCH 2025<sup>1,2</sup>

Post-Tax Net Tangible Assets (NTA) Per Share	\$1.82
Net Portfolio Return – March	-13.3%
Net Portfolio Return – Last 12 Months	-14.3%
Net Portfolio Return – Since Inception (p.a.)	2.0%
Share Price at Month End	\$1.65
Share Price Premium/(Discount) to NTA	-9.1%
Dividend Yield Pre Franking – Last 12 Months	6.7%
Dividend Franking – Last 12 Months	100%
Portfolio Size (\$m)	\$444 million
Portfolio Currency Exposure	Hedged to AUD

The VG1 portfolio returned -13.3% in March,<sup>2</sup> impacted by heightened volatility across global equity markets and a disappointing clinical trial result from global biopharmaceutical company Opthea Limited.

Global equity markets were volatile in March, particularly US markets (S&P500 -5.7%, Nasdaq Composite -8.2%), driven by rising government policy uncertainty and increasing prospects of stagflation (high inflation, low growth, increasing job losses). Long positions in US-exposed large caps experienced weakness as a result, particularly those exposed to the technology sector, with softer performance coming from ecommerce multinational Amazon and social technology giant Meta. A long position in OTC marketplace provider Tradeweb Markets contributed positively, following heightened capital markets volatility driving increased volumes and trading activity.

While we continue to anticipate a favourable outlook for well-established tech leaders with genuinely global customer bases like Amazon and Meta, increasing uncertainty surrounding US trade policy and a further slowdown in the domestic US economy supports the decision to reduce US exposure in the portfolio over the last 12 months in favour of more Asian and European exposures. Recognising the potential for continued volatility and instability across financial markets in the present climate, the portfolio has also added exposure to the gold sector.

A long position in ASX and NASDAQ-listed biopharmaceutical company Opthea proved the largest detractor to performance in March following the receipt of unexpectedly weak Phase III trial results for the company's lead drug candidate in the treatment of age-related macular degeneration. The position in the company had been built following highly encouraging early-stage clinical trial results, a strong foundation of scientific innovation and increasing potential to become the standard of care in a growing US\$15 billion global market. While the company had recently attracted significant investment from one of the world's largest global healthcare investors and entered the ASX 300 index, the failure of the company's two Phase III trials in March resulted in both trials being discontinued.

This has been a disappointing outcome for the portfolio and investors and we would encourage investors to read a recent letter from Regal CIO Phil King regarding the position, available [here](#).

**Buy-back:** In March, approximately 1.4m VG1 shares were bought at an average price of \$1.75.

## ABOUT VG1

VG1 provides investors with access to an actively-managed, concentrated portfolio, comprising long investments and short positions in global listed securities. Utilising a fundamental, bottom-up investment approach, the portfolio leverages the extensive experience, network and specialist investment team of Regal Partners, the Investment Manager.

VG1 seeks to pay fully franked dividends of at least 6.0c every six months. **At a VG1 share price of \$1.65, this target dividend would equate to a 7.3% annual dividend yield, or 10.4% when taking into account the value of franking credits.**<sup>4</sup>

## COMPANY INFORMATION

Name	VG1 Partners Global Investments Limited
ASX Code	ASX:VG1
Structure	Listed Investment Company
Inception	28 September 2017
Shares on Issue	252 million
Registry	Boardroom Pty Ltd
Custodian	Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, BNP Paribas

## ABOUT REGAL PARTNERS

Regal Partners Limited (ASX:RPL), the Investment Manager of VG1, is an ASX-listed specialist alternative investment manager with approximately \$16.5 billion in funds under management.<sup>3</sup> 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. With offices located in Australia and offshore, the business has a long history of successfully investing in equity markets.



### PHILIP KING

Philip King is the Co-founder and Chief Investment Officer – Long/Short Equities of Regal Funds Management (a core business of Regal Partners Limited) and oversees VG1.

Prior to co-founding Regal, Philip was a Portfolio Manager at London-based De Putron Fund Management (DPFM), specialising in relative value and special situations investment strategies.

Philip is widely recognised as one of the key pioneers of the Australian alternative investment industry, having managed absolute return vehicles at Regal for over 18 years. In 2019, Philip was inducted into the Australian Fund Managers Hall of Fame.

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## PORTFOLIO EXPOSURES (% OF NTA)

Sector (GICS)	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Communication Services	14%	0%	14%	14%
Consumer Discretionary	16%	-9%	7%	25%
Consumer Staples	0%	-3%	-3%	3%
Diversified	0%	-1%	-1%	1%
Energy	5%	0%	5%	5%
Financials	50%	-14%	36%	64%
Health Care	13%	0%	13%	13%
Industrials	8%	-5%	3%	13%
Information Technology	17%	-8%	9%	25%
Materials	27%	-11%	16%	38%
Real Estate	0%	0%	0%	0%
Utilities	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150%</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>200%</b>

Region (by listing)	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Asia including Australia/NZ	55%	-37%	18%	92%
Europe, Middle East, Africa	55%	-2%	53%	57%
Americas	40%	-12%	29%	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>150%</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>200%</b>

## PORTFOLIO SUMMARY STATISTICS

Long Exposure:	150%
Short Exposure:	-50%
Net Exposure:	100%
Gross Exposure:	200%

## NET PORTFOLIO RETURN<sup>2,5</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2025	8.4%	-0.9%	-13.3%										-6.9%
2024	3.1%	4.6%	7.2%	-2.7%	2.9%	1.8%	-0.5%	-2.0%	3.6%	-1.9%	-7.5%	-1.4%	6.4%
2023	10.7%	-1.3%	5.7%	-1.2%	3.0%	2.0%	2.1%	-5.1%	-2.3%	3.4%	0.1%	2.1%	19.8%
2022	-3.3%	-3.6%	-1.2%	-6.4%	-4.3%	-1.1%	1.8%	-0.9%	-4.2%	1.6%	0.1%	-3.3%	-22.3%
2021	0.2%	2.6%	-1.0%	3.6%	-0.5%	4.4%	-3.9%	-1.9%	-3.4%	2.2%	-4.2%	-0.1%	-2.5%
2020	5.3%	-2.2%	1.4%	-4.9%	-2.1%	-4.2%	2.4%	4.1%	-1.2%	-2.8%	11.5%	0.6%	6.8%
2019	-0.2%	2.6%	-0.5%	2.7%	1.5%	2.0%	2.3%	1.6%	-2.2%	-1.4%	2.4%	-2.5%	8.5%
2018	-1.6%	3.3%	0.7%	1.2%	1.3%	2.6%	0.6%	3.1%	-0.5%	1.0%	-3.2%	2.1%	10.8%
2017										2.1%	1.5%	-2.6%	1.0%

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Source: Citco Fund Services (Net Tangible Assets (NTA)), Bloomberg (Share Price). NTA figures are unaudited.

<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. As at 31 March 2025, NTA after including deferred tax liabilities/deferred tax assets on unrealised gains/losses was \$1.91 per share, which includes \$0.12 per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future periods.

<sup>2</sup> Portfolio Return (Net) is shown after all applicable fees and expenses and is defined as the movement in pre-tax NTA, adjusting for payments owed to/from taxation authorities from earlier periods, plus dividends. All data has been adjusted for VGI's capital raising in 2019. Last 12 Months is the 12-month period ending on the last day of the month of the performance that is reported in this document ("Month End"). Dividend Yield refers to dividends that have been determined by VGI's Board where the ex-date occurred during the relevant Last 12 Months period and has been calculated using the Share Price at the Month End of this report. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

<sup>3</sup> Management estimate of funds under management ("FUM") for 31 March 2025. FUM (including 100% of Taurus Funds Management, Attunga Capital, Kilter Rural and Argyle Group) is rounded, unaudited and includes non-fee earning FUM.

<sup>4</sup> Based on VGI's closing share price of \$1.65 on 31 March 2025. Dividend yield of 10.4% assumes 100% franking.

<sup>5</sup> Monthly returns are shown from October 2017 given VGI's inception of 28 September 2017. VGI's net portfolio return was approximately nil for its two trading days in September 2017.

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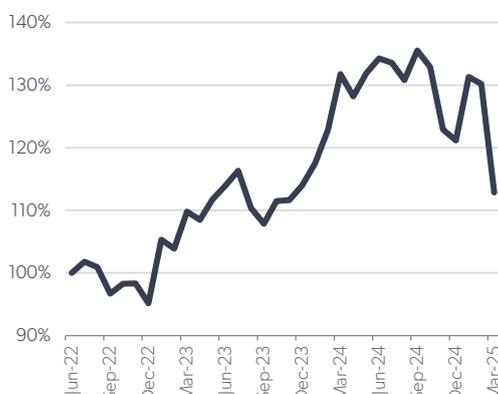
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## PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AND NET RETURN

### TOP TEN LONG INVESTMENT WEIGHTS (% OF NTA)

GQG Partners	9%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.	8%
London Stock Exchange Group	8%
Vault Minerals	7%
Rightmove	7%
Amazon.com	7%
GE HealthCare Technologies	7%
Meta Platforms	6%
Tradeweb Markets	6%
SK Hynix	6%

### CUMULATIVE NET PORTFOLIO RETURN<sup>2</sup> SINCE 1 JULY 2022



Cumulative returns based on monthly returns from 1 July 2022 (being the start of the first full month following completion of the merger between the investment manager of VGI, VGI Partners Limited, and Regal Funds Management Pty Limited). Returns have been rebased to 100% at 1 July 2022.

