

Regal Asian Investments  
ASX:RG8MAY 2024<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Post-Tax Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per share	\$2.43
Net Portfolio Return – May	0.0%
Net Portfolio Return – Since Inception (p.a.)	2.7%
Share Price at Month End	\$2.12
Portfolio Size (\$m)	\$414 million
Portfolio Currency Exposure	Fully hedged to AUD <sup>4</sup>

RG8 generated a flat net portfolio return in the month of May, with gains in Japan and South Korea offset by losses in other markets.

Ulvac, Inc, a Japan-listed manufacturer of equipment used to fabricate semiconductors, was a key contributor to long portfolio returns, with the company reporting 3Q earnings well above consensus expectations. Management also provided positive updates on the expansion of its customer base in chipmaking tools, with additional order growth related to generative artificial intelligence (AI).

Nihon Kohden, a Japan-listed manufacturer of medical devices, was another key contributor to returns following its full year results and the release of a new mid-term plan. Management's new guidance for fiscal year March 2027 earnings are well above consensus expectations, with the board showing a clear commitment to improving margins on what we believe is a very robust and structurally growing core business. This new focus on generating higher earnings power for shareholders follows public engagement from two separate activist investors with the company, and we feel this is a sign that increasing investor influence is bearing fruit in Japan.

Both Ulvac and Nihon Kohden are prime examples of undervalued stocks in Japan. We look forward to discussing the appealing opportunity set in Japan in our upcoming **RG8 webinar at 11:30am (AEST) on Thursday 20 June**. Please click on this [link](#) to register.

**Buy-back:** In May, approximately 5.8m RG8 shares were bought at an average price of \$2.06.

## ABOUT REGAL ASIAN INVESTMENTS (RG8)

RG8 provides investors with access to an actively-managed, concentrated portfolio, comprising 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.

## COMPANY INFORMATION

Name	Regal Asian Investments Limited
ASX Code	ASX:RG8
Structure	Listed Investment Company
Inception	13 November 2019
Shares on Issue	175 million
Management Fees	1.50%
Performance Fees	15%
High Water Mark	Yes
Registry	Boardroom Pty Ltd
Custodian	Morgan Stanley / Goldman Sachs

## ABOUT REGAL FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Regal Funds Management, a wholly-owned business within Regal Partners Limited (ASX:RPL), is a multi-award-winning specialist alternative investment manager, founded in 2004. With offices located in Australia and Asia, the business has a long history of successfully investing in Asian equity markets, supported by one of the largest fundamental investment teams in the region, comprising over 30 investment professionals.



## PHILIP KING

Philip King is the Co-founder and Chief Investment Officer – Long/Short Equities of Regal Funds Management.

Prior to co-founding Regal, Philip was a Portfolio Manager at London-based De Putron Funds Management (DPFM), specialising in relative value and special situations investment strategies. Prior to joining DPFM in 2000, Philip was an Equities Analyst at Macquarie Bank for over five years. Philip commenced his career as a chartered accountant at KPMG from 1987-1994.

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, Phil 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	3%	0%	3%	3%
Consumer Discretionary	12%	-6%	5%	18%
Consumer Staples	0%	-4%	-4%	4%
Energy	12%	-3%	9%	15%
Financials	26%	-10%	15%	36%
Health Care	16%	-6%	10%	23%
Industrials	27%	0%	27%	27%
Information Technology	36%	-12%	24%	49%
Materials	12%	-6%	6%	18%
Real Estate	0%	0%	0%	0%
Utilities	4%	0%	4%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>147%</b>	<b>-49%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>196%</b>

Country (by listing)	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Australia	46%	-18%	29%	64%
Canada	0%	0%	0%	0%
Hong Kong	20%	0%	20%	20%
Japan	55%	-22%	33%	76%
South Korea	15%	0%	15%	15%
Netherlands	3%	0%	3%	3%
Taiwan	6%	-9%	-3%	16%
Thailand	2%	0%	2%	2%
US	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>147%</b>	<b>-49%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>196%</b>

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Long Exposure:	147%	15 Feb 2024	5.0c
Short Exposure:	-49%	24 Aug 2023	5.0c
Net Exposure:	98%	27 Feb 2023	5.0c
Gross Exposure:	196%	29 Aug 2022	5.0c
Average Weighted Market Cap (US\$):	61,849m	16 Mar 2022	5.0c

## RECENT EX-DIVIDEND DATES

## NET PORTFOLIO RETURN<sup>2,3</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-1.1%	4.1%	4.7%	0.5%	0.0%								8.4%
2023	4.3%	-4.0%	3.8%	-5.1%	-3.8%	4.1%	2.9%	-3.8%	1.4%	-5.4%	6.8%	2.5%	2.9%
2022	-5.4%	-3.8%	1.8%	-3.5%	-0.6%	-2.7%	0.0%	7.0%	-1.8%	5.5%	-0.1%	-1.2%	-5.3%
2021	1.0%	0.5%	1.8%	0.0%	1.2%	0.2%	-7.2%	-1.3%	-0.9%	2.6%	-0.3%	0.6%	-2.2%
2020	3.8%	0.9%	5.8%	-4.5%	-1.7%	-1.8%	-2.7%	3.8%	0.9%	-3.5%	8.4%	3.0%	12.1%
2019											1.0%	-3.6%	-2.7%

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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 May 2024, NTA after including deferred tax liabilities/deferred tax assets on unrealised gains/losses was \$2.46 per share, which includes \$0.08 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.

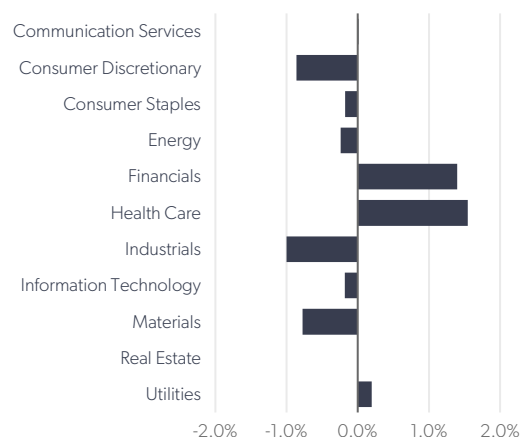
<sup>3</sup> Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

<sup>4</sup> If net exposure to a particular currency exceeds +/-5% of the portfolio's net tangible assets, the foreign currency risk is managed by fully hedging to AUD.

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## MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

### SECTOR ATTRIBUTION



### LONG SHORT ATTRIBUTION

