# Regal Asian Investments

## **JANUARY 2025**<sup>1,2</sup>

| Post-Tax Net Tangible Assets (NTA) Per Share  | \$2.56        |
|---|---------------|
| Net Portfolio Return – January                | 10.9%         |
| Net Portfolio Return – Last 12 Months         | 20.0%         |
| Net Portfolio Return – Since Inception (p.a.) | 4.1%          |
| Share Price at Month End                      | \$2.13        |
| Share Price Premium/(Discount) to NTA         | -16.8%        |
| Dividend Yield Pre Franking – Last 12 Months  | 4.7%          |
| Dividend Franking – Last 12 Months            | 100%          |
| Portfolio Size (\$m)                          | \$383 million |
| Portfolio Currency Exposure                   | Hedged to AUD |
|   |               |

RG8 generated a net portfolio return of +10.9% in the month of January<sup>2</sup>.

The strong January performance was driven by positive returns on both long and short positions, along with positive returns in all major markets where RG8 has exposure.

While there were several major news events during the month, the selloff in global technology stocks later in January was notable. This was partially fuelled by reports about DeepSeek, a Chinese company that launched a new open-source artificial intelligence (AI) model claiming competitive performance with leading Western models, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, but with potentially significantly lower costs. While these cost claims require further verification, DeepSeek's rapid advancement underscores the accelerating pace of innovation in the global AI space. We view this accelerated innovation, and resulting cost efficiencies, as a long-term positive for the broader technology sector.

Despite this Al-related volatility, our long positions in key semiconductor companies, including SK Hynix and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), contributed positively. These companies are foundational to the entire Al ecosystem.

The portfolio also did well from its mining exposure, especially some gold miners in Australia.

**Buy-back:** In January, approximately 0.8m RG8 shares were bought at an average price of \$2.09.

### **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.

RG8 has also just announced an update to its dividend policy. RG8 now seeks to pay fully franked dividends of at least 6.0c every six months (up from 5.0c every six months). At the current RG8 share price of \$2.18, this increased target dividend would equate to a 5.5% annual dividend yield, or 7.9% when taking into account the value of franking credits.<sup>3</sup>

## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

| Name            | Regal Asian Investments Limited |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| ASX Code        | ASX:RG8                         |
| Structure       | Listed Investment Company       |
| Inception       | 13 November 2019                |
| Shares on Issue | 152 million                     |
| 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 approximately 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 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 20 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 | 9%   | 0%    | 9%  | 9%    |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9%   | -9%   | 0%  | 19%   |
| Consumer Staples       | 0%   | 0%    | 0%  | 0%    |
| Energy                 | 6%   | 0%    | 6%  | 6%    |
| Financials             | 18%  | -11%  | 7%  | 29%   |
| Health Care            | 23%  | 0%    | 23% | 23%   |
| Industrials            | 29%  | -4%   | 24% | 33%   |
| Information Technology | 28%  | -16%  | 11% | 44%   |
| Materials              | 19%  | -7%   | 12% | 27%   |
| Real Estate            | 0%   | 0%    | 0%  | 0%    |
| Utilities              | 0%   | 0%    | 0%  | 0%    |
| Total                  | 142% | -48%  | 93% | 190%  |

| Country (by listing) | Long | Short | Net | Gross |
|----------------------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| Australia            | 63%  | -20%  | 44% | 83%   |
| Canada               | 3%   | 0%    | 3%  | 3%    |
| Hong Kong            | 12%  | 0%    | 12% | 12%   |
| Japan                | 35%  | -17%  | 18% | 52%   |
| Netherlands          | 3%   | 0%    | 3%  | 3%    |
| South Korea          | 16%  | 0%    | 16% | 16%   |
| Taiwan               | 9%   | -12%  | -2% | 21%   |
| Thailand             | 0%   | 0%    | 0%  | 0%    |
| US                   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%  | 0%    |
| Total                | 142% | -48%  | 93% | 190%  |

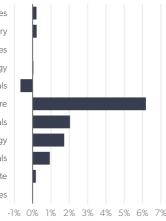
# **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY STATISTICS**

| Long Exposure:  | 142% |
|-----------------|------|
| Short Exposure: | -48% |
| Net Exposure:   | 93%  |
| Gross Exposure: | 190% |

## MONTHLY ATTRIBUTION AND NET RETURN

#### SECTOR ATTRIBUTION

|      | Communication Services |
|------|------------------------|
|      | Consumer Discretionary |
|      | Consumer Staples       |
|      | Energy                 |
|      | Financials             |
|      | Health Care            |
|      | Industrials            |
|      | Information Technology |
|      | Materials              |
|      | Real Estate            |
|      | Utilities              |
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## CUMULATIVE NET PORTFOLIO RETURN<sup>2</sup> SINCE 1 JULY 2022



Cumulative returns based on monthly returns from 1 July 2022 (being the cumulative returns based on monthly returns from 1 July 2022 (being the start of the first full month following transition of RG8's portfolio management to Regal Funds Management after completion of the merger between the parent of the investment manager of RG8, VGI Partners Limited, and Regal Funds Management Pty Limited). Returns have been rebased to 100% at 1 July 2022.

# **NET PORTFOLIO RETURN<sup>2</sup>**

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar  | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | YTD   |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2025 | 10.9% |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 10.9% |
| 2024 | -1.1% | 4.1%  | 4.7% | 0.5%  | 0.0%  | 4.0%  | -2.2% | -4.0% | 9.3%  | -0.2% | -7.4% | 0.1%  | 7.1%  |
| 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 January 2025, NTA after including deferred tax liabilities/deferred tax assets on unrealised gains/losses was \$2.59 per share, which includes \$0.08 per share of income tax losses available to the Company in future

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