## SANDON CAPITAL

## Sandon Capital Activist Fund

April 2019 Monthly Report

| Performance Results (calculated net of all fees, assuming reinvestment of distributions and using unit mid-price. Indices are before fees.) |         |        |                 |                 |                                 |  |   |
|---|---------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
|   | 1 month | 1 year | 3 yrs<br>(p.a.) | 5 yrs<br>(p.a.) | Annualised since Fund inception | Annualised volatility since Fund inception | Total Return<br>since Fund<br>inception |
| SCAF  | 3.2%    | 9.7%   | 8.8%            | 8.9%            | 11.6%                           | 8.0%                                       | 189.0%                                  |
| S&P/ASX 200 Accum.  | 2.4%    | 10.4%  | 11.1%           | 7.5%            | 8.4%                            | 11.7%                                      | 117.7%                                  |
| Small Ordinaries Accum.   | 4.1%    | 7.2%   | 11.8%           | 9.1%            | 5.1%                            | 14.7%                                      | 61.1%                                   |

Entry/Exit Prices: \$1.8049/\$1.7905

| Net Monthly Returns |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | YTD   |
| 2010                | 1.0%  | -0.3% | -0.7% | 2.9%  | -4.2% | 4.2%  | 4.4%  | -0.6% | 2.3%  | 2.4%  | 3.5%  | -0.9% | 14.5% |
| 2011                | 1.3%  | 0.6%  | 0.5%  | 1.3%  | -1.9% | -2.7% | -0.1% | -0.1% | 1.9%  | 2.1%  | 2.5%  | 2.2%  | 7.8%  |
| 2012                | -1.0% | 0.4%  | 1.8%  | 2.1%  | -2.8% | -1.0% | 3.3%  | 0.5%  | 2.5%  | 2.8%  | 0.1%  | 2.2%  | 11.1% |
| 2013                | 2.1%  | 3.2%  | -1.4% | 1.3%  | 2.8%  | -3.7% | 6.9%  | 0.7%  | 6.5%  | 5.7%  | 0.3%  | 0.3%  | 27.1% |
| 2014                | -0.3% | 1.6%  | 1.9%  | -0.3% | 2.0%  | 0.5%  | 3.9%  | 2.1%  | 2.8%  | -0.5% | 1.0%  | 0.8%  | 16.7% |
| 2015                | -0.2% | 0.0%  | 1.0%  | 0.3%  | 0.2%  | -4.1% | 3.9%  | -4.9% | 2.3%  | 3.5%  | 1.0%  | 0.9%  | 3.6%  |
| 2016                | -1.3% | -3.3% | 2.7%  | 1.8%  | 0.8%  | 0.7%  | 4.6%  | 0.0%  | 1.7%  | 1.5%  | 3.3%  | 0.1%  | 13.1% |
| 2017                | 4.4%  | -3.4% | 0.2%  | -2.0% | -1.3% | 1.7%  | 1.3%  | 3.9%  | -2.6% | 0.2%  | 0.4%  | 2.9%  | 5.5%  |
| 2018                | 1.4%  | -3.6% | 2.2%  | -0.2% | 1.6%  | 3.1%  | 2.1%  | 3.0%  | 2.6%  | -4.6% | -1.8% | -4.0% | 1.3%  |
| 2019                | 0.2%  | 3.3%  | 1.0%  | 3.2%  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 8.0%  |

| Portfolio Exposi | ures |
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Net Exposure 96% Net Cash 4% Long Positions 33 Short Positions 2

## **Fund Commentary**

The Fund return for April 2019 was 3.2%, bringing total returns (net of all fees and expenses) since inception to the equivalent of 11.6% per annum. Cash levels ended the month at approximately 4%.

The main contributors to this month's result were OneMarket Ltd (~1.8%), Coventry Group Ltd (~0.6%) and City Chic Collective Ltd (~0.6%), with the main detractor being Consolidated Operations Group Ltd (~-0.7%).

We have discussed in previous monthly reports that our mergers and arbitrage file was bulging. Following the approval of a recent transaction, we are taking the opportunity to provide more insight into such activity. At month end, shareholders of Highlands Pacific Limited (HIG) approved its takeover by Cobalt 27 Capital Corp (KBLT). We first started buying HIG in early January 2019 after the company announced it had entered into a scheme implementation agreement with KBLT. An investment in HIG was offering an annualised rate of return of ~15%. In our estimation, there was a low risk of the deal not proceeding given the Scheme was recommended by the Board and over 30% of shareholders had stated publicly their intention to vote in favour of the Scheme in the absence of a superior proposal. Australia's "truth in takeovers" regulations are useful in such circumstances as shareholders can be held to account for their public statements.

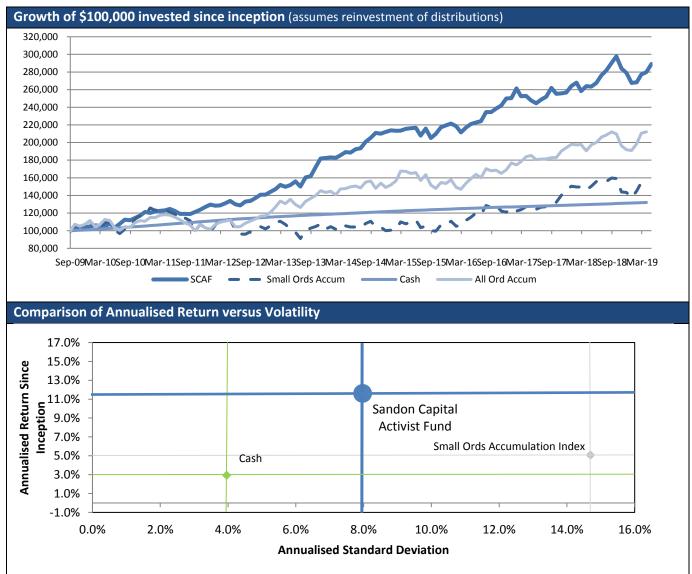
However, a twist in the Scheme existed that allowed us to potentially generate an even better return. KBLT were offering an additional 1c per share in scheme consideration if the closing spot price of nickel exceeds US\$13,220 per tonne for 5 consecutive trading days prior to 31 December 2019. This free option was completely overlooked by the market at the time we bought HIG. Since the Scheme was announced, the nickel price has crossed the \$13,220 per tonne threshold for only 2 consecutive days. Now that the Scheme has been approved, we will receive scheme consideration on 17 May. We also retain our 'free' call option over the nickel price until the end of the year. Should the contingent consideration be eventually triggered and paid, our already attractive annualised return of ~15% will be significantly improved.

Whilst cash levels are currently at historically low levels, we do expect ~15% of the portfolio to be returned as cash by mid-July, including ~5% in May. We continue to find attractive opportunities to redeploy this cash.

## **Fund Description**

The objective of the Fund is to deliver returns to investors through a combination of capital growth and distributions. The Fund aims to achieve this objective by seeking to invest in opportunities that are considered by Sandon Capital to be trading below their intrinsic value and that offer the potential of being positively influenced by investors taking an active role in proposing changes in the areas of corporate governance, capital management, strategic and operational issues, management arrangements and other related activities. Neither returns nor capital are guaranteed.

| Fund Details       |                          |                          |                                       |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Structure          | Wholesale unit trust     | Minimum Investment       | \$250,000 (or as agreed with trustee) |
| Trustee            | Fundhost Ltd             | Trustee Fees             | 0.21%                                 |
| Custodian          | National Australia Bank  | Management Fees          | 1.33%                                 |
| Fund Auditor       | EY                       | Performance Fees         | 15.375% of returns above cash         |
| Investment Manager | Sandon Capital Pty Ltd   | Highwater Mark           | Yes                                   |
| Website            | www.sandoncapital.com.au | Buy/Sell Spread          | ±0.40%                                |
| Inception          | 4 Sep 2009               | Applications/Withdrawals | Monthly/Quarterly                     |



Source for all charts: Sandon Capital, Bloomberg

Note: SCAF returns are net of all fees and expenses. Fund inception is 4 September 2009.

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