

Entry/Exit Prices: \$1.1715/\$1.1622

## Sandon Capital Activist Fund

Dec 2010 Monthly Report

## **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 Trustee Fundhost Ltd Custodian **NAB** Custodian Investment Manager Sandon Capital Pty Ltd Website www.sandoncapital.com.au

Inception

4 Sep 2009

Minimum Investment \$250,000 (or as agreed with trustee) **Trustee Fees** 0.21%

Management Fees 1.33%

15.375% of returns above cash Performance Fees

±0.40% **Buy/Sell Spread Applications** Monthly Withdrawals Quarterly

Fund Performance (calculated net of all fees, assuming reinvestment of distributions and using unit mid-price. YTD figure is compound)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2009									2.5%	2.4%	-0.9%	1.0%	5.0%
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%

## **Fund Commentary**

The Fund declined slightly this month (-0.9%). Detractors included ING Entertainment Fund (~-0.7%) and Contango Capital Partners Ltd (CCQ) (~-0.7%) and positive contributors included Warrnambool Cheese & Butter Factory (WCB) (~0.3%) and Leyshon Resources (LRL) (~0.3%).

CCQ announced during the month that Contango Asset Management Limited (CAML) had lost a large institutional mandate. CAML is 49% owned by CCQ. Subsequently CCQ announced the resignation of CAML's Chief Investment Officer. That role was filled from within CAML, so we expect some cost reductions to mitigate the revenue loss. Subsequent to month end, CCQ announced that the value it ascribes to its share of CAML was unchanged at \$7.1m. The share price fell 17.5% following the announcement, but recovered to close the month down ~9%. One way of looking at CCQ is that its current share price roughly approximates the value of its portfolio of listed securities, implying a nil value for the CAML stake. CCQ continues to trade at a significant discount to reported NTA and , in our opinion, remains an attractive opportunity.

We sold out of LRL during the month, booking a holding period return of ~38%. WCB, one of our newer positions, rose 6.7%. WCB faces some interesting challenges, including the lapse of a shareholder cap, two industry players on its register, including a spurned takeover suitor and a need to balance milk producer and shareholder interests. We will discuss WCB in greater detail in the next monthly report.

The Fund held ~39% of its assets in cash and was unhedged. We remain cautious about the global macro outlook. There are significant macro factors at play globally, the consequences of which are difficult to predict or quantify.

We remain focused on opportunities that have high levels of tangible assets, marketable securities or cash, as we believe these offer the best risk-adjusted returns in the current environment.

Portfolio Exposures									
Long Exposure	61%	Long Positions	12						
Cash	39%								

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