

Entry/Exit Prices: \$1.4626/\$1.4510

## Sandon Capital Activist Fund

December 2013 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	Minimum Investment	\$250,000 (or as agreed with trustee)
Trustee	Fundhost Ltd	Trustee Fees	0.21%
Custodian	National Australia Bank	Management Fees	1.33%
Investment Manager	Sandon Capital Pty Ltd	Performance Fees	15.375% of returns above cash
Website	www.sandoncapital.com.au	Buy/Sell Spread	±0.40%
Inception	4 Sep 2009	Applications/Withdrawals	Monthly/Quarterly

Fund Performance (calculated net of all fees, assuming reinvestment of distributions and using unit mid-price. YTD figure is compounded)													
	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%
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%

## **Fund Commentary**

The Fund delivered a return of 0.3% in December. There were no notable contributions to this month's results, with all movements less than 0.4% and significant portion of the portfolio reporting little if any movement.

The Warrnambool Cheese & Butter Factory Holdings Limited (WCB) saga continued, with Canadian firm Saputo, altering its offer, following a Takeovers Panel application by Bega Cheese Limited, by increasing the cash price, confirming there would be no special dividend component and declared its offer final. This last part was a very disappointing development; notwithstanding WCB has been a very profitable investment for the Fund. Removing the prospect for a special dividend has, in our view, effectively short-changed Australian shareholders of imputation credits of at least 56 cents per share. By declaring the offer final, Saputo has no further means by which to vary the offer. We believe the special dividend may well have fallen victim to confusion and misunderstanding surrounding franking generally and the value of imputation credits in the hands of shareholders specifically. Subsequent to the month end, Bega announced it was accepting the Saputo offer, despite our attempts to convince Bega of the benefits of a special dividend.

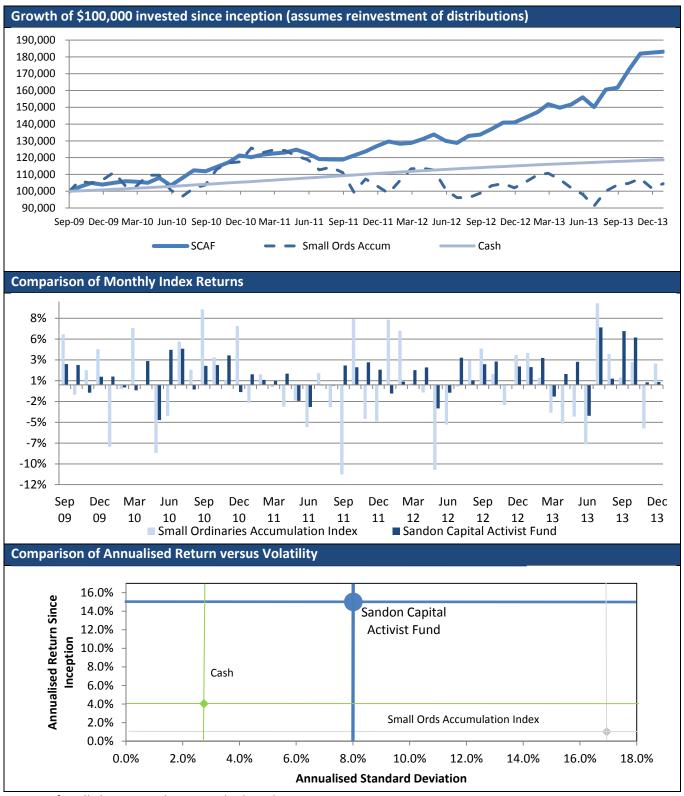
We remain cautious about the global macro outlook, as market conditions remain fertile for sentiment to overshoot value (both up and down). The consequences of the significant macro factors at play globally are difficult to predict or quantify. We remain focused on opportunities that have high levels of tangible assets, marketable securities or cash and whose prospects are somewhat independent of market and economic conditions, as we believe these offer the best risk-adjusted returns in the current environment.

Portfolio Exposures						
Net Exposure	86%	Long Positions	22			
Net Cash	14%	Short Positions	nil			

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

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