

# Sandon Capital Activist Fund

June 2011 Monthly Report

Entry/Exit Prices: \$1.1603/\$1.1510 (cum distribution)

## **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 National Australia Bank 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% Performance Fees

15.375% of returns above cash

**Buy/Sell Spread** ±0.40% **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%
2011	1.3%	0.6%	0.5%	1.3%	-1.9%	-2.7%							-1.0%

#### **Fund Commentary**

The Fund delivered a -2.7% return this month. The losses were spread across most of the portfolio. Gunns Ltd (~0.4%), iSoft Ltd (~0.1%) and Macquarie Fortress Notes (~0.5%)all delivered small gains.

In last months' report, we noted that Gunns Ltd (GNS) had re-affirmed its earnings guidance, which led to a shortcovering rally at the beginning of June. We bought some shares as soon as we had read the Company's earnings guidance moments after it was announced, but literally only moments before the shares took off. We then sold all our shares the next day, as it appeared from ASX data that more shares were being sold short as the price rose. Rather than stand in the face of what seems to us as determined short-selling, we prefer to evaluate developments from afar. We still believe there is value inherent in GNS, but will bide our time for now.

We sold out completely from three other holdings, which we considered not timely to hold at present, but which we may buy again in the future. As a result of all the sales, the cash holding increased to nearly 49% by months' end and the Fund was unhedged against market movements.

We remain cautious about the global macro outlook, with concerning data and news emerging from Europe and what we see as political deficit brinkmanship in the US. These, and others, are significant macro factors at play globally, the consequences of which are difficult to predict or quantify.

Notwithstanding these comments, opportunities for our strategy remain. We are planning some "engagement" activities, which should emerge during the next quarter. We are acquiring more shares in another company we flagged last month, one we believe has the potential to pay some significant fully franked dividends.

We are 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	51%	Long Positions	10
Cash	49%		

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