## SANDON CAPITAL

## Sandon Capital Activist Fund

November 2016 Monthly Report

Entry/Exit Prices: \$1.6778/\$1.6644

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 (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since Fund inception	Annualised volatility since Fund inception	Total Return since Fund inception
SCAF	3.3%	14.0%	11.1%	14.5%	13.5%	7.7%	150.1%
S&P/ASX 200 Accum.	3.0%	10.0%	5.4%	10.6%	7.5%	12.5%	69.1%
Small Ordinaries Accum.	-1.2%	13.5%	5.9%	3.2%	2.7%	15.6%	21.0%

Net Monthly Returns													
	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%
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%		13.0%

Portfolio Exposures			
Net Exposure	79%	Long Positions	33
Net Cash	21%	Short Positions	1

## **Fund Commentary**

The Fund delivered a 3.3% return for November, bringing total returns (net of all fees and expenses) since inception to the equivalent of 13.5% per annum. Cash levels ended the month at approximately 21%.

Armidale Investment Corporation Ltd (AIK) made the largest contribution to this month's return (~3.9%) as its share price rose strongly throughout the month. AIK announced during the month that it was moving away from being a listed investment company and would henceforth report results on a consolidated basis. We believe this is an important move to improve the visibility of AIK's earning potential. We look forward to the half year results in early 2017.

The main detractor for the month was RNY, which announced a material reduction in NTA following the receipt of bids for some portfolio properties. This was disappointing to say the least, and the share price reacted commensurately. We have considered various courses of action in respect of RNY, but to date have not yet found one that might improve our likely outcome.

During the month we continued to build the Fund's position in its latest activist target, Iluka Resources Ltd (ILU). In early December, Sandon Capital released a presentation outlining its thesis that ILU was undervalued and should spin-off its valuable iron ore royalty. The thesis was made public after correspondence with the company led us to conclude the status quo would prevail absent public engagement. This analysis is available on our website at <u>www.sandoncapital.com.au</u> in the "Campaigns" section.

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The Tatts Group Ltd (TTS) / Tabcorp Ltd (TAH) merger proposal took a new twist during the month when TAH conducted a raid on TTS buying a 9.9% stake. Despite TAH statements portraying the acquisition as innocuous (viz "to help facilitate the proposed combination of" TAH and TTS), we believe the move was a rear-guard action to provide TAH with some protection against interlopers that might seek to get in on the action. Time will tell. We remain convinced the proposed transaction significantly undervalues TTS, especially its lotteries business.

Fleetwood Corporation Ltd (FWD) held its AGM during the month. New Chairman, Phillip Campbell, gave a comprehensive mea culpa, admitting a "number of fundamental mistakes" were made. We agree, and believe that such admissions are the first step to effecting a genuine turnaround. We remain convinced that further board changes are required and look forward to the company's half year results announcement in early 2017.

## **Fund Description**

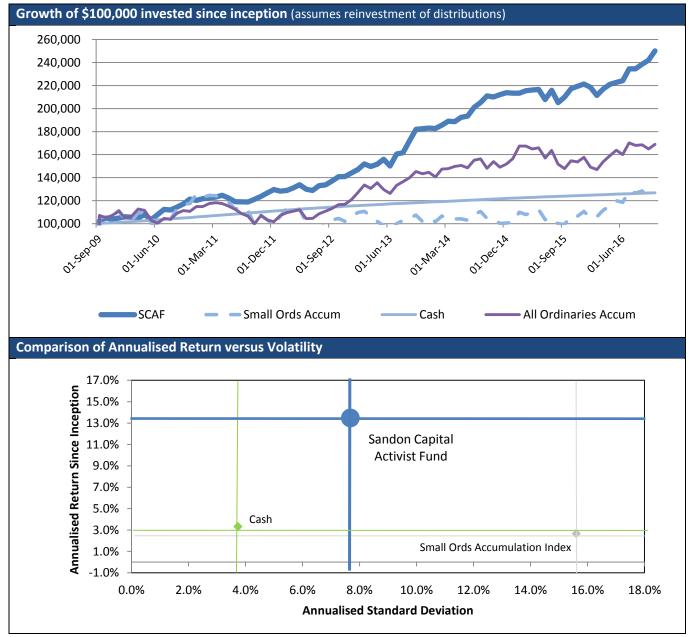
The objective of the Fund is to deliver returns to investors through a combination of capital growth and distributions. The Fund aims to achieve this objective by seeking to invest in opportunities that are considered by Sandon Capital to be trading below their intrinsic value and that offer the potential 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
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