

# OFFICIUM SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

January was a turbulent month for share markets with global and domestic share markets falling, the Officium Special Situations Fund was also negative for the month, down 3.61%. With share prices falling, the Fund took the opportunity to top up two of its portfolio holdings at discounted prices:

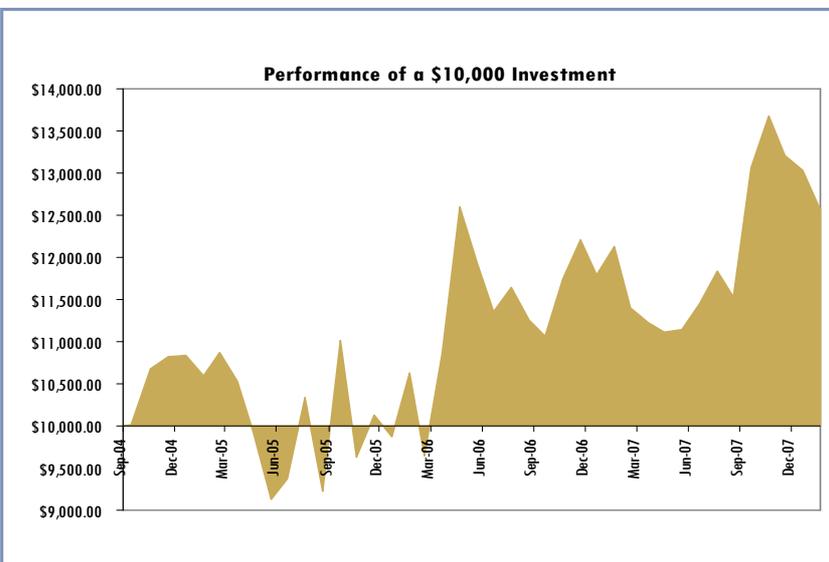
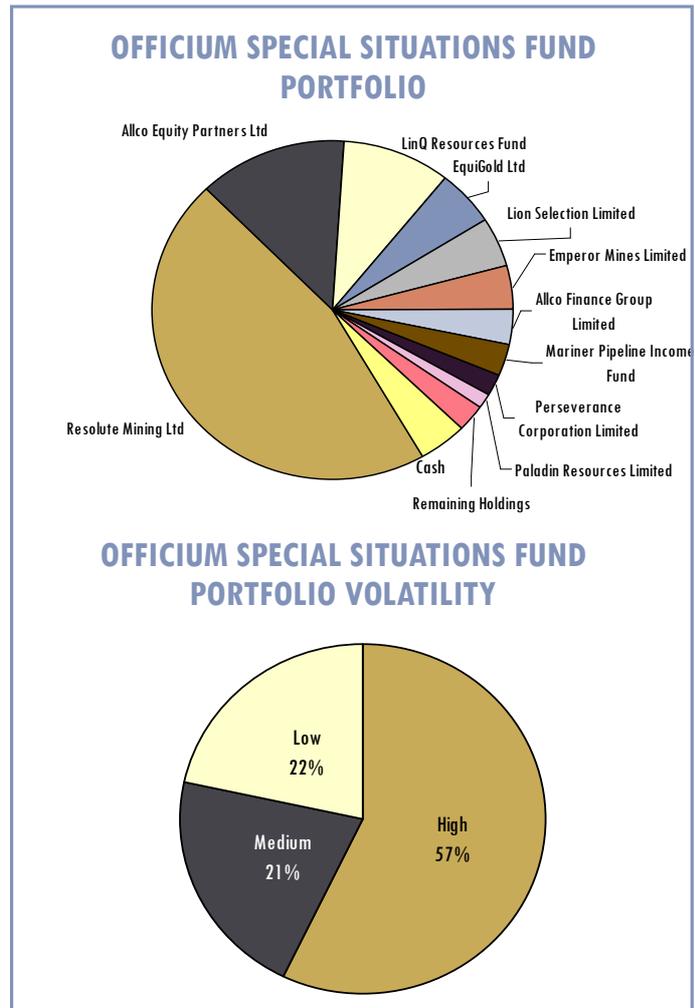
- Allco Equity Partners Limited 13.41%
- Allco Finance Group Limited 3.71%

In January, Resolute Mining Limited, the largest investment in the Fund at a weighting of 46.1%, reported that the feasibility study on the Syama project revealed the possibility of adding a further 100,000 ounces of production per annum, or an increase of approximately 50%, on the previous estimate of gold available, which is positive news for the project which is on track for completion towards the end of 2008. However overall production was down from the previous quarter and cash costs were up, as a lack of equipment at the Golden Pride project slowed production.

EquiGold Limited also reported a small drop in production and higher cash costs, however there have been some positive drilling and exploration results from their Ivory Coast investment. The Emperor Mines Limited merger is proceeding and the company recently reported some promising gold/silver prospects from one of their projects in Indonesia.

Mariner Pipeline Income Fund paid an income distribution of 5.42 cents per share in January and the Fund accrued an income distribution from Lion Selection Limited of 3 cents, to be paid in February.

*NOTE: Due to the high concentration of RSG in this Fund, any purchase of new units in the Officium Special Situations Fund is effectively equivalent to investing circa 46% of your funds in Resolute Mining Limited (RSG) at current share prices, i.e. as at 31 January 2008, \$2.15. Please be mindful of this when considering a new investment into the Officium Special Situations Fund or purchasing additional units in the Fund.*



Performance Summary	Officium Special Situations Fund	UBS Bank Bill Index
Since Inception p.a. (6/9/04)	6.82%	n/a
1 Year	3.21%	6.78%
2 Years p.a.	8.76%	6.44%
3 Years p.a.	5.72%	6.21%
1 Month	-3.61%	0.60%
Profitable Months	51.22%	100.00%
Distribution for quarter	\$0.0250	n/a
Fund Assets (million)	\$63.22	n/a
Application Unit Price	1.12210	n/a
Withdrawal Unit Price	1.11600	n/a
Net Asset Value Unit Price	1.11905	n/a

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With a concentrated investment portfolio seeking to maximise medium-term gains, the Officium Special Situations Fund focuses on investing in the most attractive opportunities rather than diversifying investments across asset classes. The Special Situations Fund offers investors a unique approach to investing in the Australian share market.

The investment team uses a screening model to identify attractive investment opportunities. It then assesses the opportunity using qualitative and quantitative analysis, with an overriding value-oriented and fundamentals-based research process. This is enhanced by research visits and interviews with potential companies and projects throughout Australia. Once the research process is complete, opinions on each nominated investment opportunity are formulated and debated by the team before any decisions are made on investment levels and position limits.

Officium Capital's real difference lies in its highly developed understanding and execution of its value investing approach: Preservation of capital and principled investment decisions that minimise risk to achieve positive gains for investors over the medium to long term.

In periods of exceptionally strong equity market returns, Officium funds can, and in fact likely will, under-perform against the more traditional equity funds. In such an environment many assets become overvalued and this is when the downside risk from a more traditional investment approach is greatest. Our value investing helps preserve investor's capital, through seeking to achieve positive returns in all market conditions.

During downturns and times of negative market sentiment, the value investing approach moves into its element. Value opportunities emerge throughout the investment landscape. It is in these times that the cash typically held in reserve while the market is over-heated becomes a ready resource to invest in well-managed companies with an underlying capital value worth far more than the share price reflects.

In times of recession, value investing remains a superior investment strategy although the funds adopt key defensive characteristics in order to preserve client capital. In such an environment, it is likely that other investment and asset classes will under perform, representing large-scale value opportunities from which the largest gains are made during the next growth phase in the market. Investment and asset classes will under-perform, representing large-scale value opportunities from which the largest gains are made during the next growth phase in the market.

### ABOUT THE FUND

The Officium Special Situations Fund is a unique Fund that seeks to uncover value in securities not well understood by the mainstream investment community. To take advantage of these misunderstandings, the Fund invests in a concentrated portfolio of Australian securities and financial products that are undervalued at the time of acquisition.

Managed by Officium's Chief Investment Officer, David Guy, investments made by the 'Special Sits' Fund are uncovered through a methodical and comprehensive process of analysis. The Fund invests into areas of the market overlooked or disregarded by other investors, including "fallen angels" (formerly well-regarded companies which have fallen on hard times), complicated securities, and under-researched or unfashionable securities or sectors.

The objective of the Fund is to provide positive returns over the long term (five years plus) by realising the value of a stock once it is better understood by, or back in favour with, the market. Both the concentrated and misunderstood nature of the Fund's intended investments means it is likely that the Fund will be very volatile and produce its returns independent of broader asset markets.

### FUND FACTS

**Composition** Australian shares and investments  
**Fund Start Date** 6 September 2004  
**Investment Timeframe** 5 years  
**Withdrawals** Weekly  
**Distributions** Quarterly  
**Minimum Investment** \$10,000  
**APIR Code** WPC003AU  
**ARSN** 110 619 488  
**Unit Prices** Weekly  
**Applications** Weekly  
**MER** 0.25625% p.a.  
**Buy-sell spread** 0.275%/0.275%  
**Performance Fee** 20.5% p.a. of positive returns with any negative returns recouped before the performance fee applies  
**Level of Risk** High

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### TOP TEN LARGEST PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Top Ten Holdings	% of Portfolio	Volatility*
Resolute Mining Ltd	46.10%	High
Allco Equity Partners Ltd	13.41%	Low
LinQ Resources Fund	9.61%	Medium
EquiGold Ltd	5.35%	Medium
Lion Selection Limited	4.62%	Medium
Emperor Mines Limited	4.30%	High
Allco Finance Group Limited	3.17%	Medium
Mariner Pipeline Income Fund	3.08%	Low
Perseverance Corporation Limited	2.11%	Medium
Paladin Resources Limited	1.42%	High
Remaining Holdings	2.43%	Medium
Cash	4.41%	Low
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	

**Expected Capital Movement from Volatility\***  
 High:  $\pm 15\%+$  p.a.  
 Medium:  $\pm 5$  to  $15\%$  p.a.  
 Low:  $\pm 0$  to  $5\%$  p.a.

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS

