

# OFFICIUM SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

The Officium Special Situations Fund returned  $-2.11\%$  for April, due to falls in the value of its larger investments. The Fund's largest investment, Resolute Mining Limited, with a weighting of nearly 50% of the Fund's assets under management fell towards the end of the month, impacted by a fall in the gold price to US\$869.95 per ounce. However the company's latest quarterly report showed positive signs as mining at the Syama gold mine has commenced, with actual gold production expected to start in the September quarter.

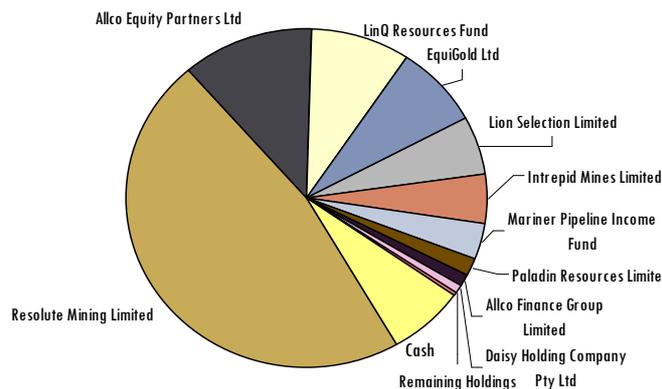
In late March Equigold Limited announced its intention to merge with Lihir Gold Limited (ASX Code: LGL), with Equigold shareholders to receive 33 LGL shares for every 25 Equigold Limited shares they own, valuing Equigold shares at approximately \$5.33. The merger will create a diversified gold producing company with quality assets in Papua New Guinea, West Africa and Australia. The merged company will produce in excess of 1.2 million ounces of gold a year, and with a combined market capitalisation of around \$9 billion it will be one of the largest gold producing companies in the world.

The Daisy Holding Company continues to perform well and has increased its retail visibility with BWS, Dan Murphy's and 1st Choice Liquor now selling its boutique beer.

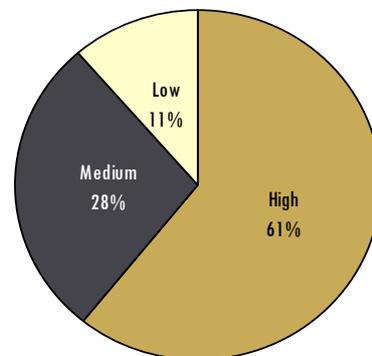
The Officium Special Situations Fund received income from both Equigold Limited and Mariner Pipeline Income Fund in April, paying 4 cents and 5.37 cents, respectively. The Fund also accrued a small dividend of 0.5 cents from Goldlink IncomePlus Limited.

*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 47% of your funds in Resolute Mining Limited (RSG) at current share prices, i.e. as at 30 April 2008, \$1.90. Please be mindful of this when considering a new investment into the Officium Special Situations Fund or purchasing additional units in the Fund.*

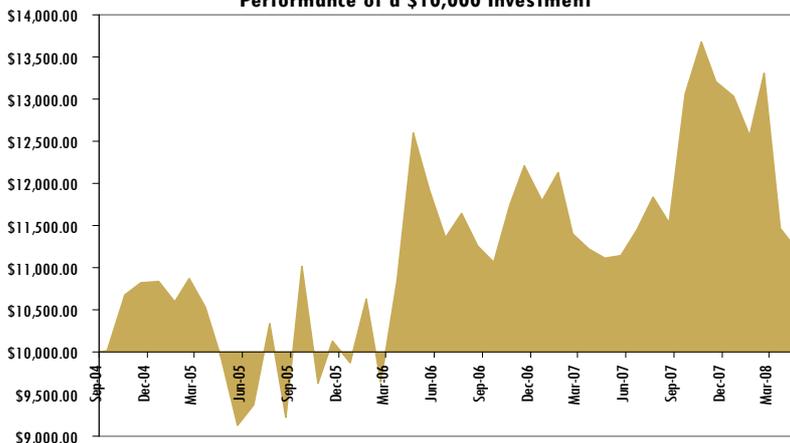
## OFFICIUM SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND PORTFOLIO



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Performance of a \$10,000 Investment



Performance Summary	Officium Special Situations Fund	UBS Bank Bill Index
Since Inception p.a. (6/9/04)	3.42%	n/a
1 Year	1.43%	7.10%
2 Years p.a.	-5.57%	6.71%
3 Years p.a.	4.54%	6.39%
1 Month	-2.11%	0.65%
Profitable Months	48.84%	100.00%
Distribution for quarter	\$0.0000	n/a
Fund Assets (million)	\$55.00	n/a
Application Unit Price	1.0616	n/a
Withdrawal Unit Price	1.0557	n/a
Net Asset Value Unit Price	1.0587	n/a

## OFFICIUM SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

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% of positive returns with any negative returns recouped before the performance fee applies

**Level of Risk** High

### Important Information

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### TOP TEN LARGEST PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Top Ten Holdings	% of Portfolio	Volatility*
Resolute Mining Limited	46.81%	High
Allco Equity Partners Ltd	12.09%	Medium
LinQ Resources Fund	8.96%	Medium
EquiGold Ltd	7.61%	Medium
Lion Selection Limited	5.51%	Medium
Intrepid Mines Limited	4.73%	High
Mariner Pipeline Income Fund	3.53%	Medium
Paladin Resources Limited	1.57%	High
Allco Finance Group Limited	1.14%	Medium
Daisy Holding Company Pty Ltd	0.91%	Low
Remaining Holdings	0.28%	Medium
Cash	6.87%	Medium
<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

