

# FLAGSHIP INVESTMENTS LIMITED

SHAREHOLDERS' QUARTERLY REPORT

**DECEMBER 2013** 

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Long-term capital growth and income

#### **STRATEGY**

High-conviction portfolio of quality Australian listed equities from a research driven, bottom-up investment philosophy

#### **DIVIDEND INFORMATION**

AUD 0.030 at 12 April 2013 AUD 0.035 at 27 September 2013

#### **COUNTRIES WHERE LISTED**

Australian Securities Exchange: December 2000

#### STOCK EXCHANGE CODE

ASX: FSI

#### **RATINGS**

Independent Investment Research
 Recommended<sup>1</sup>

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# FLAGSHIP INVESTMENTS

#### **OVERVIEW**

Following the excellent returns in the September quarter, Flagship Investments' underlying portfolio slightly underperformed the market during the quarter. It returned 2.2% versus the All Ordinaries Index return of 2.6%. By comparison, the share price increased by 8.8% over the quarter.

UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (as at 31 December 2013)					
	Since Inception (May 1998)	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Portfolio^	12.4%	2.2%	29.9%	13.1%	17.5%
UBS Bank Bill Index	5.2%	0.6%	2.9%	3.9%	4.1%
ASX All Ordinaries	4.4%	2.6%	14.8%	3.4%	7.9%

Source: EC Pohl & Co Ptv Ltd

#### **INVESTMENT ACTIVITY**

During the December quarter, the entire holding in ALS Ltd, ANZ Bank and Wotif.com was sold from the portfolio. The cash that was generated was used to gain exposure to Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, Austbrokers, Bigair, Blue Sky and Energy Action. Corporate action taken by Macquarie and Brambles resulted in the receipt of shares in Sydney Airport and Recall Holdings respectively.

#### **OUTLOOK**

The Australian market continued its upward trend during the quarter, driven more by positive sentiment on world equity markets than by domestic issues. The All Ordinaries Index posted an improvement of 2.6% over the quarter with the Telecommunications sector posting a 5.9% increase followed closely by the Health Care sector and the Materials sector with 5.3% and 5.0% increases respectively. The AUD weakened against the USD at quarter-end dropping in value by 4.4%.

Global equity markets continued to rally in the final quarter of 2013 with the MSCI index significantly improving on last quarter's result, posting a 7.6% improvement on the back of many country indexes recording new highs. Steady improvement in the United States in areas such as employment, housing and manufacturing throughout 2013 allowed the U.S. Federal Reserve to announce a gradual withdrawal of its extraordinary stimulus measures, which have kept interest rates at historic lows and supported the economy since 2009. On December 18, stocks in the US surged after the Fed announced that in January 2014 it would begin tapering its asset purchases, indicating that it believed the economy was now on a firm footing. This quarter's performance of the US S&P 500 index was an increase of 9.9%. At quarter-close the index saw its best year since 1997. By comparison the Dow Jones Industrial Average enjoyed its biggest annual gain since 1995 with a respectable 9.6% improvement over the quarter. This quarter was a particularly impressive result as all ten US S&P 500 sectors recorded positive returns.

While we do not see any improvement in the P/E ratings from current levels, the short-term financial metrics for the companies in the portfolio, including organic sales growth, earnings and dividend growth, should provide the impetus for an improvement in valuations.

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS (as at 31 December 2013)

NAV (tax on realized gains only) – total NAV (tax on realized gains only) – per share Concentration of the Top 20 Holdings Stocks in the underlying portfolio \$40,936,591 170.0 cents 90.72% 30

#### **FUND MANAGER**

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#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Investments should outperform the risk-free rate
- The price one pays determines the ultimate long-term return
- High quality growth companies outperform over the longer term

### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

#### **INITIAL SCREENING PROCESS**

- ROE
- IPOs
- Revenue Growth Broker Ideas
- Interest cover
- Internal Ideas

# **FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS**

- Understanding the Business Model
- Sustainable Competitive Advantage
- Organic Growth Opportunities
- Assessing Management
- Assessing the Operating Environment

# **PORTFOLIO WEIGHTING**

- 3 Year Risk Adjusted Total Return
- Market Risk Analysis

# HIGH CONVICTION PORTFOLIO OF COMPANIES

This process is the basis for all our Australian equities investment decisions

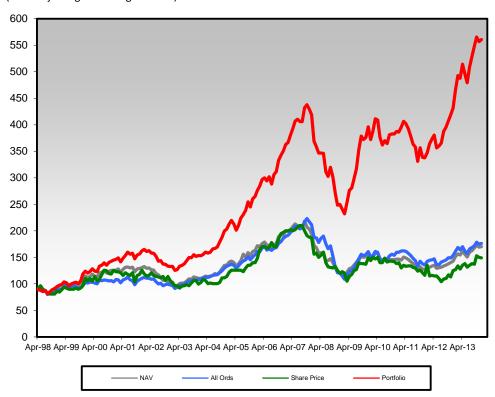


SECTOR BREAKDOWN (as at 31 December 2013)			
Financials	29.50%		
Consumer Discretionary	13.67%		
Industrials	13.05%		
Information Technology	10.91%		
Materials	10.83%		
Telecommunication Services	9.17%		
Consumer Staples	5.26%		
Energy	4.16%		
Health Care	1.80%		
Cash and Equivalent	1.66%		

TOP 5 STOCK HOLDINGS (as at 31 December 2013)			
SEEK	9.09%		
Telstra Corporation	8.20%		
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	8.08%		
Carsales.com	7.21%		
Rio Tinto	5.43%		

# SHARE PRICE (as at 31 December 2013)

(after adjusting for the rights issue)



# STRUCTURE AND TERMS

Dividend Reinvestment Plan	Dividend Reinvestment Plan is an optional way of reinvesting dividends in additional shares, free of brokerage, commission, stamp duty and other costs.		
Legal Domicile	Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Listed Investment Company (LIC)		
Fees	Management fee – Nil (The management fee comprises only a performance fee) Performance fee - 15% of the annual outperformance over the UBS Bank Bill Index		
MER	0.0%		
Reporting and Correspondence	Monthly Net Asset Value prices on www.flagshipinvestments.com.au and www.asx.com.au also quarterly reports, half-yearly and annual reports		
Auditor	BDO Audit Pty Ltd		
Registry	Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited		
Share price and NAV	www.flagshipinvestments.com.au and www.asx.com.au		

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