

## **Fortlake Sigma Opportunities Fund**

## Monthly Fact Sheet—November 2024

Portfolio Running Yield currently stands at 6.08%. Oneyear returns remain strong at 6.81% (net) and YTD 9.66% (net), and since inception the strategy's performance has maintained a solid 10.15% (net) return.

Over the month the Fund benefited from the prior months' hedging activities, we expect this benefit to keep flowing through for some time. Fund correlations are currently set at close to 0 relative to credit and equity. Given the strategies employed we believe that these correlations will remain independent of most asset classes in the months ahead. The US election induced significant interest rate opportunities due to the reflation fear of Trump, the Fund locked down some of these opportunities and we expect to see this benefit coming through in time.

We remain neutral credit beta, meaning a widening in credit spreads is unlikely to have any significant impact or performance albeit we have active tilts within the credit complex, our preference is still to remain actively seeking out defaults in the high yield space. Interest rates are an active area for the Fund, as we continue to see significant cross market opportunities between Europe and the US. Whilst volatility has come down this month we expect to see some defensive strategies taking the lead for performance in the months ahead. The Fund remains very active on low beta defensive strategies and has a preference to leverage these strategies rather than build positions in high beta areas of the credit markets.

Over the month the Fund benefitted from 1 default, Intrum AB (in Europe) - we expect to see the outcome of this process play out in December as the default auction takes place. There are signs of approximately ~3 more defaults over the next 3 months as the critical holiday period will determine whether many of these distressed names seek an insolvency solution to clear higher debt loads.

| Portfolio Snapshot at 30 November 2024 |       |
|--|-------|
| Portfolio Running Yield (Gross)        | 6.08% |
| Average Credit Quality                 | BBB+  |
| Weighted Average Years to Maturity     | 2.08  |
| Total Number of Exposures              | 563   |
| Total Country Exposures                | 35    |

## Portfolio Returns to 30 November 2024

|                        | Gross           | Net  | Benchmark*  | Excess Return (net)   |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|---|---|
| 1M                     | 0.98%           | 0.89%  | 0.36%   | 0.52%   |
| 3M                     | -1.49%          | -1.78%   | 1.11%   | -2.89%  |
| YTD                    | 12.76%          | 9.66%  | 4.02%   | 5.65%   |
| 1Y                     | 9.89%           | 6.81%  | 4.52%   | 2.29%   |
| 2Y p.a.                | 12.50%          | 9.72%  | 4.21%   | 5.51%   |
| 3Y p.a.                | 10.79%          | 8.32%  | 3.14%   | 5.17%   |
| Since Inception p.a.** | 12.76%          | 10.15%   | 2.40%   | 7.75%   |
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\*RBA Cash Rate Target. \*\*Fund inception: 18-Dec-2020

| Fund Statistics at 31 November 2024  |        |
|--|--------|
|  |        |
| Since Inception*   |        |
| Best Month Since Inception   | 6.20%  |
| Worst Month Since Inception  | -2.93% |
| % Positive Months Since Inception  | 72.34% |
| *Fund inception: 18-Dec-2020. Past performance is not an indicator of future |        |

performance and fees or costs may change in future years.

Fund attribution over the month was defined by Default Arb (+28.4 bps), Corporate Hedges (+101.2 bps), Corporate/Gov Bonds (+3.2 bps), Inflation (Obps) and Duration/Curve (-34.6 bps) contributing to overall (gross) return.

## **Fund Facts**

Investment Return Objective: RBA Cash Rate Target + 7% - 10% p.a.

Fund Managed by Fund Type Fund issued by **Responsible Trustee Fund Inception** Minimum Investment \$100,000

Fortlake Asset Management Limited Management Fee Wholesale Australian Unit Trust Colonial First State Investments Ltd Responsible Entity Fee Colonial First State Investments Ltd and Indirect Costs 18-Dec-20

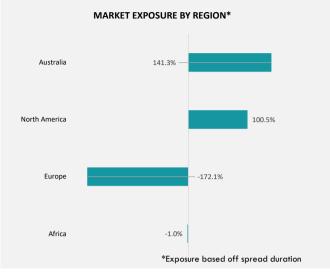
Performance Fee Buy/Sell Spread **Distribution Frequency** Liquidity

0.9225% p.a. including GST 20.5% including GST over 6% of net returns 0.49% p.a. including GST

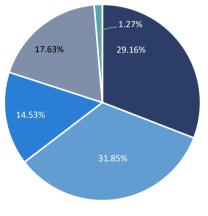
0/0.15% Quarterly Daily







CREDIT RATING



• A- • BBB+ • BBB = BBB- • BB+

FSOF - Correlation Analysis - 30/11/2024 Fixed Income Equities Ausbond Credit 0+ Index MSCI World Equity Index -0.04 0.14 AusBond Government Index S&P 500 -0.04 0.12 AusBond Composite Index ASX 200 Index -0.04 0.03 Australian 10-year Governemnt Bond -0.13 Australian 3-year Governemnt Bond 0.04

**INVESTMENT GROWTH OF \$10,000\*** 



| November 2024 (1 month) Return Analysis |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| FSOF (gross returns)                    | 0.98%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ausbond Credit 0+ Index                 | 1.44%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AusBond Government Index                | 0.61%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AusBond Composite Bond Index            | 0.74%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian 10-year Government Bond      | -0.23% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australian 3-year Government Bond       | -0.16% |  |  |  |  |  |
| MSCI World Equity Index                 | 6.68%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| S&P 500                                 | 9.24%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ASX 200 Index                           | 4.25%  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Fortlake Sigma Opportunities Fund Performance (net returns) |        |       |       |        |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |       |
|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|   | JAN    | FEB   | MAR   | APR    | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG    | SEP    | ост    | NOV    | DEC    | Year  |
| 2024  | 3.34%  | 2.40% | 3.97% | -1.20% | 1.57% | 2.36% | 0.40% | -1.60% | 0.40%  | -3.03% | 0.89%  |        | 9.66% |
| 2023  | 2.15%  | 0.74% | 0.08% | 1.68%  | 1.35% | 0.64% | 1.10% | 2.71%  | -0.18% | -1.42% | -0.24% | -2.61% | 6.03% |
| 2022  | -0.65% | 0.50% | 0.26% | -1.47% | 1.53% | 0.42% | 0.27% | -0.56% | 0.54%  | 5.49%  | -1.49% | 3.52%  | 8.42% |
| 2021  | -1.80% | 2.14% | 1.67% | 1.08%  | 2.14% | 0.87% | 0.57% | 1.20%  | 0.34%  | 0.50%  | -0.40% | 0.79%  | 9.41% |
| 2020  |        |       |       |        |       |       |       |        |        |        |        | 6.20%  | 6.20% |

Source: Morningstar

All data as at 30 November 2024 unless otherwise stated. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance & fees or costs may change in future years. \*Hypothetical performance assumes net returns and reinvestment of all distributions since inception. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance & fees or costs may change in future years.



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