

# NAOS Emerging Opportunities Company (NCC)

NAOS

## MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT AND NTA UPDATE

February 2017

### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

#### 1. Genuine Exposure to Undervalued Emerging Companies

Regardless of market capitalisation and/or liquidity, NCC seeks to provide investors with exposure to high quality, undervalued emerging companies in a transparent and concentrated structure that has the competitive advantage of being a nimble closed ended fund with no liquidity constraints.

#### 2. Focus on Quality of Companies Not Quantity or Size of Companies

Our primary focus is on developing a deep understanding and appreciation of the companies in our portfolio. We believe the best way to achieve this is to focus on a select number (target 0-15) of high quality investment ideas. By developing a deep understanding of these companies we believe we are well positioned to capitalise on our 'long term information advantage' & 'liquidity advantage'.

#### 3. Focus on Meaningful Long Term Performance

We target an Internal Hurdle Rate of 20% p.a. over a rolling three-year period for all our investment holdings.

#### 4. Portfolio Constructed Utilising a Benchmark Unaware Approach

Being benchmark unaware means we are not forced holders of stocks with large benchmark weightings that we are not convinced are attractive investment propositions.

#### 5. Significant Alignment of Interests with Shareholders

NAOS & NCC employees/directors own >10 million NCC shares, providing shareholders with a significant alignment of interests.

### Net Tangible Asset Value Breakdown as at 28 February 2017

Pre Tax NTA:	\$1.36
Post Tax & Pre Unrealised Gains Tax NTA:	\$1.35
Post Tax NTA:	\$1.25
Share Price:	\$1.40

### Investment Portfolio Performance & Market Insight

February signalled the 4 year anniversary of NCC, a 4-year period that has seen the inception return of the Investment Portfolio total +20.49% p.a. The portfolio fell by -1.93% for the month, compared to the Benchmark Small Ordinaires Accumulation Index which increased by +1.31%. February is always a key month within the financial year as it heralds the half yearly reporting for the majority of listed companies. In terms of the holdings within the NCC portfolio, pleasingly there were no significantly negative results, though there were also no surprises on the positive side. Eneo Group Limited (ASX:EKG) and MNF Group Limited (ASX:MNF) provided the most positive market reaction in terms of share price during February.

The largest detractor for the month was Armidale Investment Group (ASX: AIK) which contributed just over -3% to the investment portfolio performance. The half year results for AIK were the first set of consolidated accounts released as an operating entity as opposed to as an investment entity. From a valuation perspective, this change in accounting policy has resulted in the difficult task of combining two months of consolidated entity accounting and four months of investment entity accounting to extrapolate meaningful annualised figures. Fortunately, this change in business structure and accounting policy is a one-off occurrence and going forward it will be much easier for the market to analyse and understand the earnings of the business as a consolidated entity.

As the share price of AIK had risen over 80% in the past year there was clearly an amount of eagerness in relation not only to the headline figures of these accounts but also the level of detail on the underlying business. The NAOS Investment Team believes that there were three key points that will set up this business for a considerable amount of growth over the next 2-3 years. Firstly, the disclosure that 10 new finance brokers joined the network over the half, a +10.63% total increase in one half alone; secondly, the combined net assets financed by the group increased by +15% over the 6-month period; and finally the leasing business, which wrote \$17 million of leases and made a profit of \$1 million, and is expected to ramp up significantly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half which should increase profits substantially. Overall, we remain very comfortable with our significant investment in AIK and we expect the business not only to grow significantly but also the wider investment community to gain a greater understanding of this business and the opportunity in front of it.

Finally, NAOS held our Bi-Annual Investor Roadshow across 5 capital cities. Pleasingly attendees were up significantly and we appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. We hope everyone found these events insightful and if you have any suggestions on how we could improve on these events please contact any member of the NAOS team.

	1 Month	1 Year	2 Years (p.a.)	3 Years (p.a.)	4 Years (p.a.)	Inception (p.a.)	Inception (nom.)
<b>NCC Investment Portfolio Performance*</b>	-1.93%	+31.94%	+16.63%	+14.53%	+20.49%	+20.47%	+110.83%
<b>S&amp;P/ASX Small Ordinaires Accumulation Index (XSOAI)</b>	+1.31%	+16.77%	+6.11%	+5.10%	+2.85%	+3.09%	+12.97%
<b>Outperformance Relative to Benchmark</b>	<b>-3.24%</b>	<b>+15.17%</b>	<b>+10.52%</b>	<b>+9.43%</b>	<b>+17.64%</b>	<b>+17.38%</b>	<b>+97.86%</b>

\*Investment Portfolio Performance is post all operating expenses, before fees, taxes and initial IPO and placement commissions. Performance has not been grossed up for franking credits received by shareholders. Since inception (p.a. and nom.) includes part performance for the month of February 2013.

**Positive Stock Contribution Analysis**  
 (Contribution is what has attributed to NCC's performance since inception)  
 (1 March 2013 to 28 February 2017)

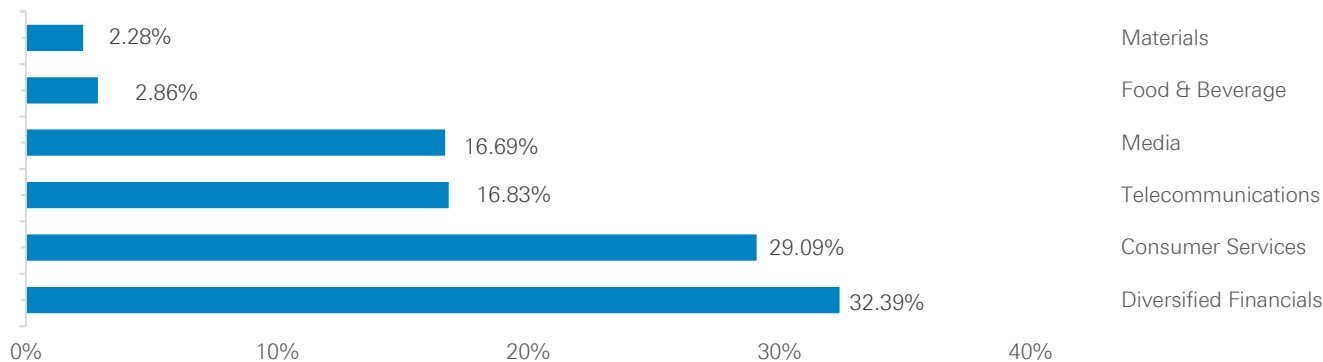
The table below lists the top positive contributors to NCC's total return since 1 March 2013. The purpose of the information is to illustrate that the performance the investment team derive over time is not simply from one or two positions but from a variety of positions, even with a highly concentrated portfolio of investments that is often 0 -15 securities at any one time. We will disclose securities in which the Company has a current substantial holding, or when we have exited the position. All of the below have **either been a long or short position** in the portfolio at some point in time.

Investment	Contribution to Return (%NAV)	Investment	Contribution to Return (%NAV)
BSA Limited	+25.02%	Village Roadshow	+8.08%
Armidale Investment Corp	+21.02%	Sirtex Medical Limited	+8.06%
Calliden Group	+15.34%	RHG Limited	+6.97%
Capitol Health Limited	+14.92%	MNF Limited	+6.26%
Lindsay Australia	+9.90%	Gage Roads Brewing	+6.12%
Tamawood Limited	+8.55%	AMA Group	+4.33%

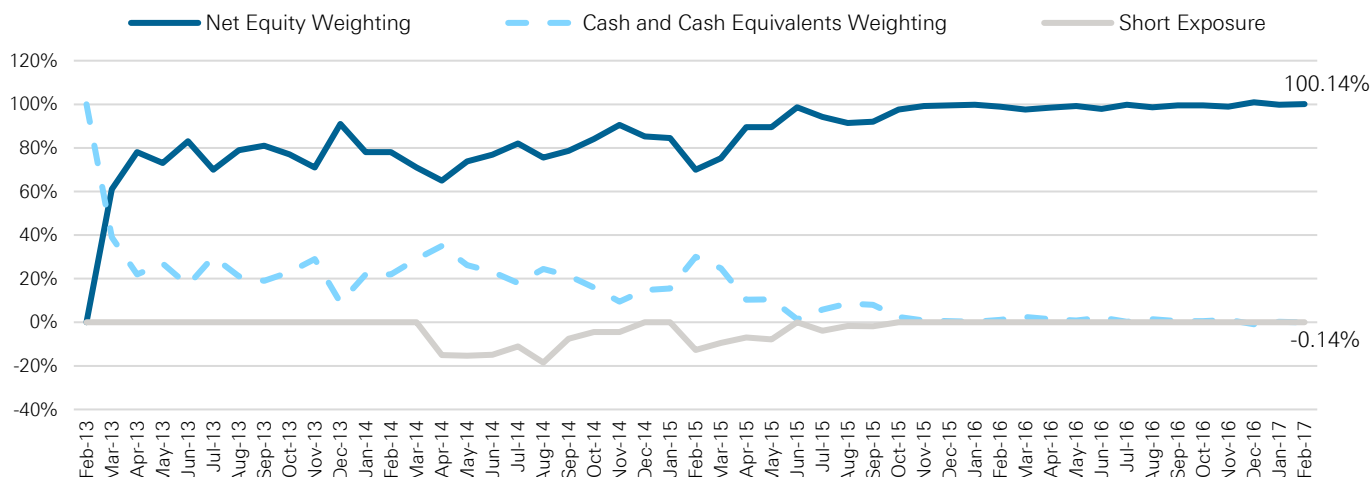
**Portfolio Positioning as at 28 February 2017**

As at February month end, the portfolio's net equity exposure was ~100.14% with a subsequent cash weighting of -0.14%. The core holdings in the portfolio did not change over the course of the month. As at month end, the portfolio was comprised of 9 long positions and no shorts. There were also no income instruments in the portfolio.

**Industry Exposure**



**Net Equity Exposure**



## Company Meetings

The NAOS investment philosophy is based around the belief that for an emerging company to succeed and generate strong returns for shareholders it must be led by a motivated, proven and experienced management team. This is why the NAOS Investment Team has direct contact with many listed and unlisted emerging companies across a wide range of industries. A selection of the companies we met with during the month of February is provided below.

- Big River Group (Unlisted)
- Royal Wolf (RWH AU)
- Enero Group (EGG AU)
- DWS Ltd (DWS AU)
- Contango Asset Management (CGA AU)
- XRF Ltd (XRF AU)
- Korvest Ltd (KOV AU)
- BSA Ltd (BSA AU)
- Centrepoint Alliance (CAF AU)
- Wingara Ag (WNR AU)
- MNF Group Ltd (MNF AU)
- CML Group Ltd (CGR AU)

## Portfolio Characteristics – Summary Data

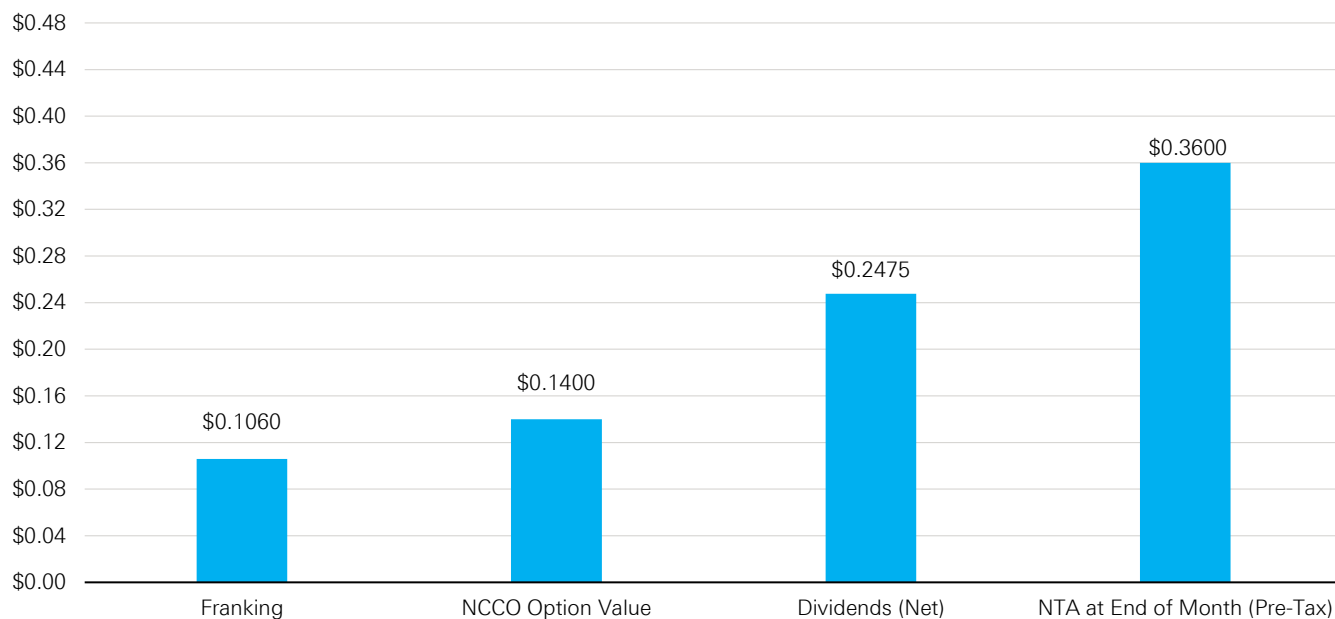
Below are a number of historical portfolio risk measures. Our aim in providing these metrics is to demonstrate to investors how NCC is placed from a risk adjusted basis to meet its objective, being to outperform the benchmark over the long term, and also to preserve investor's capital. A glossary of the terms used below and the method used for calculating them can be found on the last page of this report.

Portfolio Weighted Average Market Capitalisation	\$147.9 Million
Percentage of Positive Months (NCC)	71%
Percentage of Positive Months (XSOAI)	54%
Standard Deviation of Returns (NCC)	11.20%
Standard Deviation of Returns (XSOAI)	14.12%
Correlation of Returns to XSOAI	0.57
Sortino Ratio	3.03
Downside Deviation (NCC)	5.94%
Downside Deviation (XSOAI)	7.25%
Current Estimated Portfolio Beta (6 Month Historical)	0.32

## Capital Management – Summary Data as at 28 February 2017

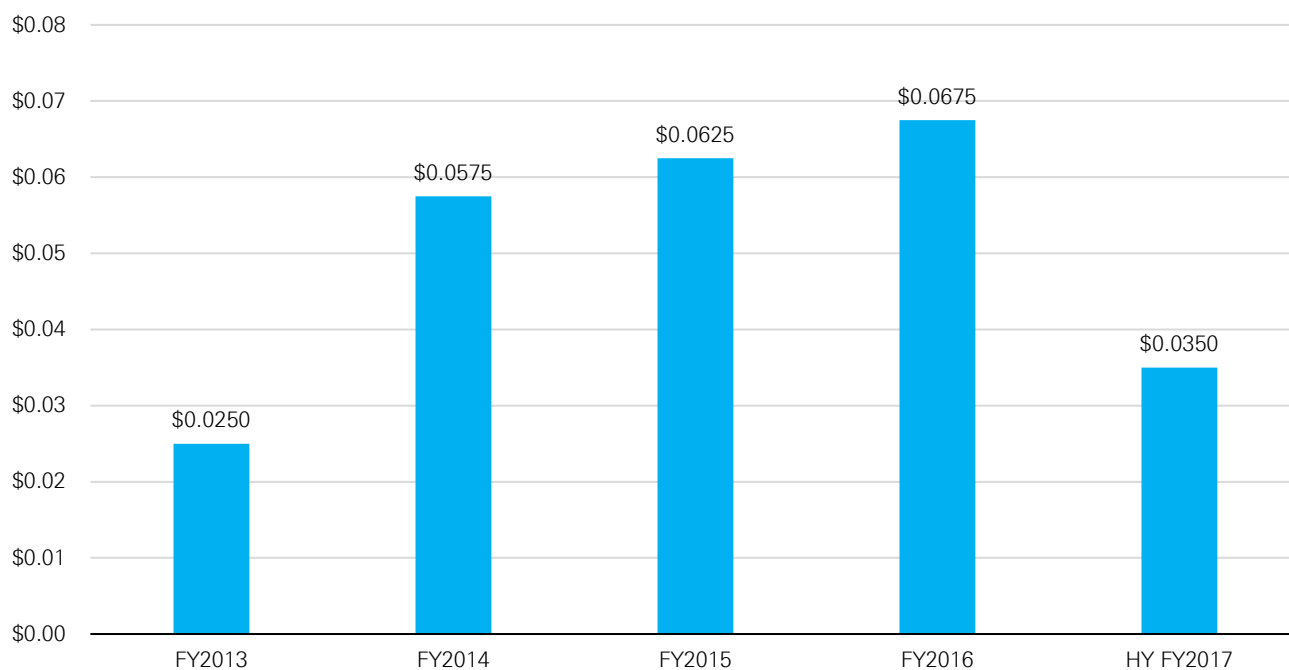
Share Price	\$1.40
Discount/(Premium) to NTA (Pre-Tax)	(2.94)%
Historical Fully Franked Dividend Yield	5.00%
Historical Gross Dividend Yield	7.14%
Shares on Issue	47,203,039
NCC Directors Shareholding (Ordinary Shares)	3,660,146

### Historical Shareholder Return Breakdown



\*Assumes an intrinsic NCCO value of \$0.14 cents per option at expiry (1 February 2015).

### Dividend Profile - Historical Fully Franked Dividends (Cents per Share)



## A Description of Statistical Terms/Glossary

**Portfolio Average Market Capitalisation** – The portfolio weight of each individual position multiplied by each company's respective market capitalisation.

**Standard Deviation of Returns** – A historical analysis of the volatility in monthly returns also known as historical volatility.

**Correlation of Returns** – A statistical measure of how two variables move in relation to each other. In this case the two variables are NCC and XSOAI. If the correlation is 1 then the two securities should have the same monthly returns and if the correlation is -1 and XSOAI had a return of -1.00% then NCC would be expected to have a return of +1.00%

**Sortino Ratio** – A modification of the Sharpe ratio that differentiates harmful volatility from general volatility by taking into account the standard deviation of negative asset returns, called downside deviation. A large Sortino Ratio may potentially indicate that there is a low probability of a large capital loss. Returns less than that of the benchmark (Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index - XSOAI) are classified as negative asset returns.

**Downside Deviation** - A measure of downside risk that focuses on returns that fall below a minimum threshold or minimum acceptable return (MAR). For our calculations, we use returns negative to zero for the calculation of portfolio downside deviation.

**Portfolio Beta** – A measure of the volatility, or systematic risk of a portfolio or security. A beta of 1 indicates a portfolio/security's price will move with the market. A beta of less than 1 indicated that a security/portfolio should be less volatile than the market.

**XSOAI** – Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

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