Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund - December 2018 quarterly report

The Fund's performance (Founder units, net of fees) and those of the Australian All Ordinaries Accumulation Index and the MSCI World Equities Index, are as follow:

		All	MSCI
To 31 December 2018	STAR	Ords	(\$A)
1 quarter	-5.5%	-9.0%	-11.2%
1 year	12.8%	-3.5%	-1.0%
3 years (%p.a.)	22.5%	6.6%	7.5%
5 years (%p.a.)	25.2%	5.7%	9.0%
7 years (%p.a.)	24.2%	9.4%	14.2%
10 years (%p.a.)	24.2%	9.1%	9.7%
Since inception on 1 Nov 2003 (%p.a.)	15.6%	8.2%	6.9%

Our losses were mostly due to three holdings. The worst was technology start-up, **OneMarket** (4.5% of the Fund) which fell 47% for no apparent new reason. It trades for less than 40% of its net cash per share. **Karoon Energy**, another company whose cash is much greater than its share price (2.6% of the Fund) fell 24%, partly because of the weak oil price.

AIMS Property Securities Fund or APW, (8% of the Fund) fell 10% after we lost a vote to wind up the fund. We devoted substantial effort and expense to persuade unitholders to support our proposal. 38% voted for the wind-up and 44% voted against. APW effectively owns 10% of itself, a stake which is used to entrench management who own a further 32% and voted against our resolution. Thus, excluding management, we won the independent vote by 38% to 2%. APW trades at a discount to estimated wind-up value of over 35% and the case to improve or wind up APW remains strong.

We bought three new holdings during the quarter.

The Fund's net asset value was \$119.6m or \$2.6886 per Founder unit and \$10.59 per A Class unit (down 5.2%) at quarter end. 16% of the Fund was in cash, mostly in \$A. The Fund owned securities issued by 26 companies.

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