# **ASX:NCC**

## NAOS EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES COMPANY LIMITED

ABN 58 161 106 510

NCC GENERALLY INVESTS IN MICRO-CAP INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES WITH A MARKET CAP OF <\$250M

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#### MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT AND NTA UPDATE AS AT 30 APRIL 2019

#### NET TANGIBLE ASSET VALUE BREAKDOWN

PRE TAX NTA	POST TAX & PRE UNREALISED GAINS TAX NTA	POST TAX NTA	SHARE PRICE	PREMIUM/ (DISCOUNT) TO NTA (PRE TAX)	FULLY FRANKED DIVIDEND YIELD
\$1.03	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.02	(0.97%)	7.11%

#### MARKET INSIGHT INVESTMENT BELIEFS

For the month of April, the Investment Portfolio returned -3.54%, underperforming the benchmark S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index (XSOAI) which increased by +4.11%. This brings the inception return over the past 6 years and 2 months to +11.57% p.a. or +96.49% in nominal terms, outperforming the XSOAI which has increased by +6.43% p.a. or +46.87% over the same period. Since inception NCC has now distributed 39.25 cents in fully franked dividends or 55.89 cents in gross terms.

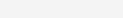
The portfolio underperformance was driven mainly by its exposure to micro-cap sized companies operating in industrial businesses. To highlight the significant dispersion in performance across the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaires Index (ASX: XSO) the top 5 monthly performers by index points were Afterpay (ASX: APT), Appen (ASX: APX), Webjet (ASX: WEB), Breville (ASX: BRG) and Nearmap (ASX: NEA). Three of these can be considered technology businesses, of which two are not yet profitable. Looking at the best performing companies by share price movement the top 5 monthly performers were Kogan (ASX: KGN), Eclipx (ASX: ECX) Megaport (ASX: MP1), Pro Medicus (ASX: PME) and PolyNovo (ASX: PNV). Again, four of these five businesses are high growth technology businesses and the other, Eclipx, is a financial services business which has encountered several execution issues resulting in its share price falling over -75% in 12 months, even after accounting for last month's gains. Overlaying this, the micro-cap sector has significantly underperformed over the last 12 months with the S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Index (ASX: XEC) underperforming the S&P/ASX All Ordinaires Index (ASX: XAO) by 12.2% over the past 12 months as investors continue to crowd into large and liquid investments.

In NCC stock specific news there were two recent key events. Firstly, Wingara Ag (ASX: WNR) released its unaudited results for FY19, with EBITDA increasing to \$4.8m compared to the previous year EBITDA of \$1.1m. Once the audited results are released in May we would expect the market to gain more clarity about cash flow generation of the business and the earnings potential of the new Raywood facility, commissioned late in FY19. Secondly, Big River Industries (ASX: BRI) announced two significant acquisitions, both in the building materials distribution space. The first of these is a distribution business in Perth together with a small frame and truss plant. The business has been in operation for almost 20 years and has a long history of earnings growth. The second and much larger of the two acquisitions is based in New Zealand and distributes specialist plywood and architectural panel products. This acquisition was completed on an EBITDA multiple (4-year average) of 5 times which we believe is very sound for a business that has demonstrated consistent growth since its establishment in 1992 and has no exposure to the New Zealand residential market. Post these acquisitions almost 90% of BRI's EBITDA will be attributable to their distribution division, where we believe significant potential exists for further growth in a large addressable market.

#### INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

1 MONTH		1 YEAR	3 YEARS (P.A.)	5 YEARS (P.A.)	6 YEARS (P.A.)	INCEPTION (P.A.)	INCEPTION (NOM.)	
NCC Investment Portfolio Performance*	-3.54%	-12.71%	+4.97%	+6.50%	+10.67%	+11.57%	+96.49%	
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	+4.11%	+7.18%	+11.80%	+9.11%	+7.91%	+6.43%	+46.87%	
Performance Relative to Benchmark	-7.65%	-19.89%	-6.83%	-2.61%	+2.76%	+5.14%	+49.62%	

\*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. Returns compounded for periods greater than 12 months.















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PURE EXPOSURE TO INDUSTRIALS



ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)



MANAGEMENT ALIGNMENT



#### FULLY FRANKED DIVIDEND PROFILE (CENTS PER SHARE)

NCC aims to deliver shareholders a sustainable growing stream of fully franked dividends.



#### STOCK CONTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

The table below lists the top 5 positive stock contributors to the investment portfolio since inception.

TOP 5 POSITIVE CONTRIBUTORS	CONTRIBUTION TO RETURN (%NAV)			
BSA Limited (ASX: BSA)	20.85%			
Calliden Group Limited (ASX: CIX)	13.79%			
Capitol Health Limited (ASX: CAJ)	13.40%			
Consolidated Operations Group Limited (ASX: COG)	10.26%			
Careers Multilist Limited (ASX: CGR)	9.63%			

#### KEY METRICS - SUMMARY DATA

Weighted Average Market Capitalisation of the Investments	\$78.4 million
Number of Holdings	10 Long Positions
Cash Weighting	3.45%
Standard Deviation of Returns (NCC)	11.27%
Standard Deviation of Returns (XSOAI)	13.37%
Downside Deviation (NCC)	5.51%
Downside Deviation (XSOAI)	7.38%
Percentage of Positive Months (NCC)	64%
Percentage of Positive Months (XSOAI)	57%
Shares on Issue	59,905,339
NCC Directors Shareholding (Ordinary Shares)	4,122,539

#### INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE MONTHLY RETURNS\*

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
FY19	-2.42%	+3.94%	+2.88%	-6.09%	-6.12%	-2.92%	-0.24%	+4.96%	-1.80%	-3.54%		
FY18	+3.43%	+4.94%	-1.24%	+2.32%	+2.39%	+0.14%	-0.77%	-1.52%	+0.43%	-1.49%	-1.89%	+0.44%
FY17	+4.63%	+6.48%	+3.65%	-0.49%	-0.45%	+1.92%	+0.08%	-1.93%	+0.82%	-3.69%	+0.70%	+0.44%
FY16	+2.28%	-5.77%	+0.86%	+3.72%	+1.10%	+4.56%	-3.26%	+4.96%	+1.57%	+4.67%	+5.31%	+2.97%
FY15	+2.30%	+3.58%	-1.51%	-2.39%	+0.58%	+0.46%	+0.58%	+2.81%	-2.59%	-0.18%	+2.37%	-4.27%
FY14	+9.19%	+7.64%	+2.80%	+5.11%	-4.84%	-3.57%	+4.76%	+3.87%	+2.91%	-0.70%	+0.85%	+0.67%
FY13								+0.03%	+3.81%	+3.03%	+4.48%	-0.99%

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