





BANKING | ASSET FINANCING | WEALTH MANAGEMENT

# Somers is a financial services investment company with high quality assets and minimal leverage.

#### **OVERVIEW OF SOMERS LIMITED**

- Somers Limited is a Bermuda Stock Exchange listed financial services investment holding company with interests primarily in Australia, Bermuda, and the UK
- Established in 2012 with Shareholders' Funds of approximately £282 million and minimal debt
- Somers is managed by ICM Limited, a Bermuda based global fund manager and corporate finance adviser which manages over US\$24 billion in funds, directly and indirectly, in a range of mandates
- Somers is a long term investor

#### LONG TERM TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN

- Somers' objective is to deliver superior shareholder total returns through either capital appreciation and/or income
- Aim to maximise value by holding a reasonably concentrated portfolio of investments
- Look to achieve synergistic benefits in terms of revenue and costs but do not look to merge investments
- Investments are in both listed and unlisted companies in a range of financial related sectors and markets
- Increased focus on fund and asset management businesses due to annuity style income and lower capital requirements

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

£282

**MILLION** 

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT DIRECTLY MANAGING OVER

£352.0

MILLION

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT INDIRECTLY MANAGING OVER

£17.8

BILLIO

CONCENTRATED PORTFOLIO INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA, BERMUDA AND UNITED KINGDOM



# **SELECTED INVESTMENTS**







**DISTRIBUTION AVAILABLE VIA** 

OF MORTGAGE **BROKERS DIRECT TO** 







AUS, NZ & PHILIPPINES







HIGH QUALITY **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS** 



**PAM AWARDS** 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL NICK TUCKER CEO LISTED 2023

**FUND MANAGER** OF THE YEAR 2022 AWARDS: **GLOBAL BOND &** MIXED INVESTMENT 20-60% SHARES



MEMBERS OF STAFF

MANAGEMENT AND **ADMINISTRATION** 

**FUNDS UNDER** 

3 BILLION





WAVERTON FUNDS IS A RANGE OF INVESTMENT VEHICLES INCLUDING

**EQUITY, FIXED INCOME** AND MULTI-ASSET FUNDS

# **PORTFOLIO**

	Company	Country of Domicile		Sector	<b>Gross Assets</b>
1	Waverton Investment Management Limited	UK	® ®[]	Wealth Management	40.0%
2	Resimac Group Limited	Australia	M	Financial Services	31.8%
3	ICM Mobility Group	UK	(((م)))	Technology Company	14.3%
4	AK Jensen Group	Bermuda	* <u>®</u> A A	Brokerage Company	3.1%
5	Thorn Group Limited	Australia	M	Financial Services	3.1%
6	AssetCo	UK		Asset Management	1.3%
7	Aura Group	Australia	9 9 1	Wealth Management	1.3%
8	Terra Firma Capital Corporation	Canada	9 9 1	Financial Services	1.1%
9	Mana Capital Limited	New Zealand	9 9 1	Financial Services	1.0%
10	BNK Banking Corporation	Australia	M	Banking	0.5%



# MACRO TRENDS AFFECTING FINANCIAL SERVICES

₹ <u>`</u>	DIGITISATION & AUTOMATION	<ul> <li>Continued disruption by fintechs, digitalisation, automation, blockchain and artificial intelligence, both internally (replacement of staff, digitisation of business processes and workflows) and externally (move to robo-advice or underwriting, automated data driven decision making, smart contracts, etc)</li> <li>Decreasing customer loyalty promotes the commoditisation of finance and requires new approaches to customer / user experience, with a focus on reducing friction and lead times and improving transparency and instant engagement</li> <li>Significant move towards e-commerce and mobile in an environment of demonetisation, smartphone penetration and screen-time of 4+ hours a day in developed and emerging nations</li> </ul>
	FINTECH	<ul> <li>Fintechs are expanding rapidly as consumers demand cheaper, efficient service with more choice. Multiple value chains continually being aggregated across banking, wealth management and insurance</li> <li>Millennial engagement and the drive to maintain relevance against other daily-user platforms have driven growth in new platforms focused on social, mobile, hyperlocal, and predictive personalisation</li> <li>Evolution of payments and the advent of blockchain / distributed ledger and cryptocurrency will change the financial services landscape long term</li> <li>Industry facing increasing threats from challenger firms working on technology enabled products which disintermediate traditional distribution and go direct to customer</li> </ul>
(3)	MONETARY POLICY	<ul> <li>Adapting to and operating in a new era of higher interest rates and quantitative tightening</li> <li>Financial institutions and investors can now generate a return on their fixed income portfolio for the first time in years leading to an alternative asset class than just equities</li> <li>As Central Banks around the world raise interest rates companies need to plan for potential recession as Central Banks aim to reduce inflation</li> </ul>
<b>E</b> 5	GEO-POLITICAL TENSIONS	<ul> <li>The war between Russia and Ukraine has had significant impacts on both inflation and the global supply chain</li> <li>Trade tensions between the US and China continue to have long-term impact on the global economy which is exacerbated by China's approach to Covid-19</li> <li>Investment decisions must now consider global uncertainty, and in particular the impact that geo-political issues have on markets such as foreign exchange</li> </ul>
@@ ( <b>@</b> ) @ <b></b>	ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE	<ul> <li>Climate change is now an accepted reality with governments and intergovernmental organisations having initiatives in place targeting reductions in the impact of manmade emissions</li> <li>Changing work dynamics include an increased focus on diversity of labour, development of the platform economy, continued investment in AI, and ongoing impacts from Covid-19</li> <li>The rise of social media and information exchange have elevated the importance of transparency. Opaque business practices face growing scrutiny</li> <li>Effective governance remains fundamental to long-term investment performance. Corporates with strong governance are consistently demonstrating their ability to navigate economic uncertainty</li> </ul>
	CYBERSECURITY	<ul> <li>Sophistication and frequency of cyber-attacks in the spotlight, with companies spending larger parts of total budget on protection from wide scale privacy and data breaches. Digital enablement has necessitated a move to the cloud</li> <li>Reputational risk becoming as important as financial risk in an era of increased transparency and decreased trust. Companies are unable to control dissemination of content, customer backlash in social and online communities, with social sentiment often mirroring share price</li> <li>Increase in cyber crime penalties and biometric protocols</li> </ul>
<u></u>	REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE	<ul> <li>Financial institutions are stronger than they were due to increased capital requirements but have more constrained lending policies</li> <li>Increased global focus on regulation following the 2008 financial crisis e.g. MiFID II, GDPR, Basel III shaping technology driven customer interaction, particularly around consent, KYC, identity and AML</li> <li>Stronger regulation of established institutions, contrasted by incentives and policies encouraging smaller, newer companies to compete and grow</li> </ul>





## ICM incorporates ESG factors into the investment process in three key ways:

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### UNDERSTANDING

In-depth analysis of the key issues that face potential and current holdings, as well as a deep understanding of the industry in which they operate.

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#### **INTEGRATION**

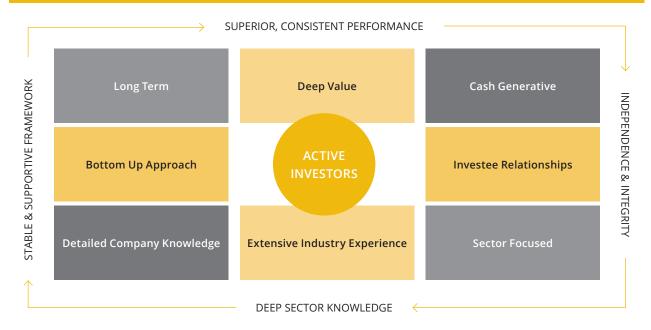
Incorporate the output of the 'Understanding' component detailed above into the full company analysis to ensure a clear and complete picture of the investment opportunity is obtained.

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### **ENGAGEMENT**

Engage with investee companies on the key issues on a regular basis, both virtually and on location, where possible, to discuss and identify any gaps in their ESG policy to further develop and improve their ESG disclosure and implementation.

# We seek out and make compelling investments



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