

## Siberian Investment Co.

In sympathy with other markets, both emerging and developed, Russia had a strong start to the year. The striking feature peculiar to Russia is the abundance of domestic liquidity caused by a continuing high oil price and the strength of the ruble. This liquidity found its way into the second and third tiers of the market. Low valuations combined with increasing corporate activity (consolidations, improving transparency etc.) make this area of the market most attractive. Particularly favourable have been the fixed line telecoms of which the Fund owns three (Urals, Siberian and Far East). Second tier metals and utilities also chalked up impressive gains on cheap valuations and restructuring prospects. The lack of liquidity in many of these stocks is a benefit to a fund of Sibinco's size but also means volatility can be high. The long term story for many of these assets is bright but risks are not to be underestimated. Our beleif is that President Putin will continue as decision maker and with his reform process, if this reverses then the current investment rationale will need to be revisted. Clear guidance on this is approaching with presidential elections looming and the shape of any government reshuffle should be telling. The Yukos debacle is still unresolved and unerving for all investors in the market. Although the stock now trades at \$10, down from \$16, and is cheap the future is very uncertain. The Fund's BP/TNK affiliated companies should continue to perform well as the parent companies consolidation terms are nearing public disclosure. The broader market was held back this month by Yukos weakness.

Top 10 Holdings						
Company %	% NAV	Company %	NAV			
Sibneft ADR	7.5	Surgutneftegas ADR & ADR Pref Share	s 5.3			
Vostok Nafta	7.0	Novy Noft	4.6			
GMK Norilsk Nickel ADR	6.3	Nizhny Tagil Metal	4.6			
Unified Energy Systems (GDRs & Pref) Shar	es 6.0	Sberbank	4.3			
Lukoil ADR	5.4	Transneft Pref	4.2			
			55.2%			

Siberian Investment Co. Performance				Sector Breakdown	
I C Fund	RTS Indox	Micropal Russian Universe	Sector	% NAV	
			Oil & Gas	43.8	
33.6	23.0	19.6	Energy	19.9	
			Telecommunications	, 14.7	
97.4	75.7 75.7	87.7	Metals	15.3	
162.1	115.4	110.0	Banking	4.3	
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			Engineering	4.0	
			Shipping	1.1	
132.2 123.1	85.2	94.2 85.5	Consumer	0.7	
Micropal Ranking in Russia closed & open-ended funds			Chemicals	0.7	
Last 6 Last 1 Last 2	Last 3 Last 4	Last 5 Last 6 Since	Funds	0.5	
0	0	,	Cash	-5.0	
5 18 2 36 35 31	3 5 31 31	16 6 4 25 17 14	Total	100.0	
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#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The principal investment objective of the Fund is to provide Shareholders with long-term capital appreciation through investment primarily in a diversified portfolio of traded securities of Russian companies whose principal business activities are in the regions of the Russian Federation located east of the Ural Mountains.

#### LLOYD GEORGE MANAGEMENT

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#### **EDWARD ROBERTSON - FUND MANAGER**

Prior to joining Lloyd George Management, Edward Robertson moved to Hong Kong in 1992, where he lived for five years working for the South China Morning Post and subsequently for Cazenove & Co. and Nava Standard Chartered Securities where he was responsible for Sales of South East Asian securities to institutional clients. In 1999, he joined Lloyd George Management where he runs the Siberian Fund and covers the EMEA region.

### General information

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**Inception date:** February 1997

Open ended fund: Since December 2003

Dealing day: Weekly, on a Monday

Minimum subscription: US\$200,000

**Investment manager fee:** 1.5%

**Annual performance fee:** 10% with 15% hurdle rate

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