# ASX:NSC FY20 HALF YEAR RESULTS

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## NAOS Small Cap Opportunities Company Limited Announces FY20 Half Year Results and Declares Quarterly Fully Franked Interim Dividend

The Board of NAOS Small Cap Opportunities Company Limited (ASX: NSC) (Company) is pleased to announce that it has declared a fully franked quarterly dividend of 1.00 cent per share, bringing total dividends since inception to 11.50 cents per share. The Company also announced its half year result for the six-month period to 31 December 2019, reporting an after-tax profit of \$18.1 million.

### INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE MONTHLY RETURNS\*

														FY Total
		JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Return
FY19 -0.60% +4.07% -1.34% -7.61% -3.04% -3.21% +4.16% -3.88% +1.14% +0.69% -5.17% +1.33% -13	FY20	-0.18%	+12.91%	+8.10%	+0.17%	-1.80%	-0.57%	+2.50%						+22.14%
	FY19	-0.60%	+4.07%	-1.34%	-7.61%	-3.04%	-3.21%	+4.16%	-3.88%	+1.14%	+0.69%	-5.17%	+1.33%	-13.29%
FY18 +1.11% -0.93% -0.57% +0.25% -3.35% -1.16% +1.24% -3	FY18						+1.11%	-0.93%	-0.57%	+0.25%	-3.35%	-1.16%	+1.24%	-3.44%

franking credits received by shareholders. Inception date is 1 December 2017. ^ Dividend yield as at 31 January 2020.

For the half year, the NSC investment portfolio produced a positive return of +19.16% while the benchmark S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index (XSOAI) returned +3.89% over the same period. The strong 1H FY20 result was a solid outcome and importantly this return was generated by investments that have been acquired over the past 24 months with their respective financial results delivering the growth we had anticipated when establishing these positions. It is the view of the Investment Manager that many of these businesses are only beginning to unlock their earnings potential and there remains significant potential valuation upside across the portfolio over the longer term. The Company remains focused on protecting investor capital whilst providing long-term capital growth above the relative benchmark index. For the half year ended 31 December 2019 NSC provided a total shareholder return of +36.49%, not including the benefit of franking credits received by shareholders

#### SHARE BUYBACK

The share buyback continued throughout 1H FY20 and remains active, over 8.9 million shares, or more than 5% of shares on issue, have been bought back on market since the buyback commenced in April 2019. This has been significantly accretive for shareholders given the strong investment portfolio return over this time.

#### FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (cents per share)

It is the Board's aim to continue to be mindful of providing shareholders with a sustainable stream of growing fully franked dividends over the long term. The Company's profit reserve as at 31 December 2019 is 16.5 cents per share.



Shareholders can elect to participate in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP). To participate in the DRP investors will need to submit their DRP election by 5:00pm Wednesday, 03 March 2020 to Boardroom Pty Limited, either online at www.investorserve.com.au or by email to enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to providing an update at the upcoming March/April NAOS National Investor Roadshow, shareholders and guests are invited to register for the event on our website, www.naos.com.au/roadshow.

#### **KEY METRICS**

FY20 Portfolio Performance YTD\* +22.14%

Fully Franked Dividend Yield<sup>^</sup> 580%

Franking

Cumulative Fully Franked Dividends 11.5 cps

#### **DIVIDEND DATES**

Ex-Dividend Date 28 February 2020

> Record Date 02 March 2020

Last Date for DRP Election 03 March 2020

> Payment Date 18 March 2020

#### **ENQUIRIES**

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