

Affluence LIC Fund Fund Report - July 2019

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Fund Commentary

The Affluence LIC Fund had its best month ever in July, increasing by 5.1% while the ASX 200 Index increased 2.9%. Returns since inception for the Fund are 10.0% per annum. These returns have been delivered with approximately half of the volatility of the ASX 200 Index.

The Fund's biggest positive contributors in July were NGE Capital (NGE) up 36%, WAM Leaders (WLE) up 7%, Ryder Capital (RYD) up 12% and Antipodes Global Investment (APL) up 6%. Pleasingly, there were no material negative detractors for the month. The uplift in share prices came through a combination of increasing NTA's and a reduction in the overall discount to NTA. Discounts to NTA remain very attractive and set the Fund up well for the medium term.

After a very frustrating six months, the LIC market started to catch a bid in July. It was evident from the first trading day of the new financial year that the attitude to the sector had changed. The discounts to NTA for the large LICs (AFI, ARG and MLT) decreased in July by 1.0%, from a 3.8% discount to a 2.8% discount. However, the real opportunity in the sector remains in the medium to small end of the market, where

the Affluence LIC Fund holdings are concentrated. The average discount to NTA for the Affluence LIC fund portfolio remains above 15%. This level of discount has started to attract activist investors and increasing pressure from many existing investors. This, in turn, is putting pressure on selected LICs to take more decisive action to reduce the NTA discounts. We believe this trend will become more prominent in the coming months, and the Fund is well placed to benefit if that occurs.

At the end of July, the Fund held investments in 33 LICs representing 98% of the Fund and 2% in cash. We realised some holdings early in August and cash is back above 5% as we write. We believe the Fund remains well positioned to withstand most market conditions. If you'd like further details of the investment portfolio, including our top holdings and weightings, visit the Affluence LIC Fund page at https:// affluencefunds.com.au/alf/ or the Members area of our website. You must be registered as an Affluence Member to view the portfolio.

Effective 8 August, the Fund is open to all investors with a minimum investment amount of \$20,000. The cut-off for applications is the

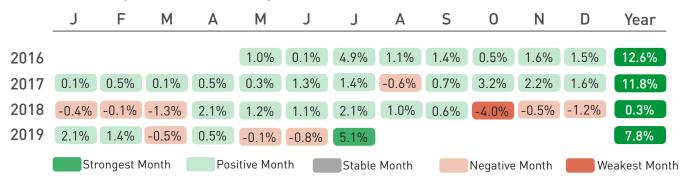
last day of the month, with units issued effective the first day of the following month.

Fund Performance

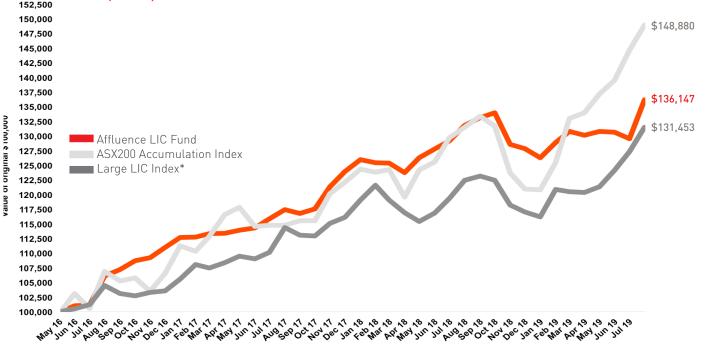
| To 31 July 2019 | 1 Month | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | Inception | Volatility |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Affluence LIC Fund | 5.1% | 3.3% | 7.7% | 8.7% | 10.0% | 5.5% |
| ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI) | 2.9% | 13.3% | 13.9% | 11.7% | 13.0% | 9.2% |
| Performance compared to ASX200AI | 2.2% | (10.0%) | (6.2%) | (3.0%) | (3.0%) | |

Total returns are net of fees and costs (excluding buy-sell spread) using the mid prices and assume the reinvestment of distributions. Returns of more than 1 year are annualised. Inception date is 3 May 2016.

Fund Monthly Return History

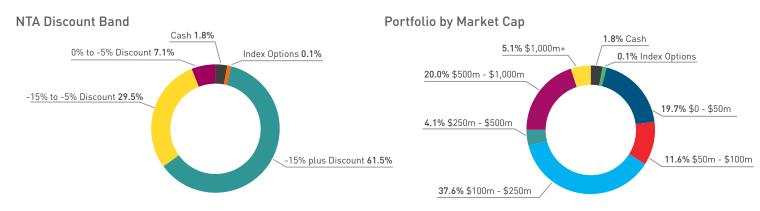


Return on \$100,000 Investment

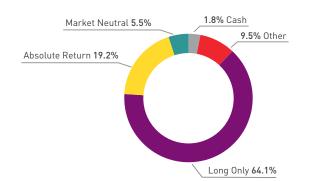


^{*} The Large LIC Index is calculated from the equal weighted returns of the three largest LICs (AFIC, ARG and MLT).

Portfolio Summary



Equities Strategy



Largest Investments

L1 Long Short Fund (LSF)

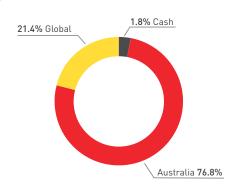
WAM Leaders (WLE)

Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund (BAF)

Antipodes Global Investment Company (APL)

Spheria Emerging Companies Limited (SEC)

Geographic Exposure



Want to know more about Listed Investment Companies (LICs)?

Download our free guide to LICs by clicking <u>here</u>.

What Makes This Fund Different

| Traditional Fund Managers | Affluence - Invest Differently | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Follow The Herd: Traditional managers are too scared to fail, so they don't succeed. Most don't outperform the index. | Actively Pursue Out-performance: From our fee structure alignment to our investment methodology, our strategy targets positive returns and low volatility. | | | |
| Restricted Product Selection: Commonly places clients into their own managed funds or choose from a restricted list of 'approved' funds. | Best Of Breed: We will seek the best LICs, and combine them in a way which cushions against market corrections. | | | |
| Traditional Asset Classes: Manage large amounts in traditional asset classes (e.g. ASX200 equities), which minimises chances of excess performance. | Unique Strategies: We prefer managers who operate in specialised markets with less funds under management and a competitive advantage. | | | |
| High, Fixed Fees: Take fees regardless of performance. | No Fixed Fees: Our fees are 100% performance based. | | | |

Key Statistics

| Investment Class | Listed Investment Companies |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Minimum Investment | \$20,000 |
| Suggested Timeframe | At least 5 years |
| Benchmark Returns | ASX200 Accumulation Index |
| Fund Value | \$6.2m |
| Entry Price | \$1.1254 |
| Exit Price | \$1.1232 |
| Annual Distributions | 5.70cpu |
| Distribution Yield | 5.1% p.a. |
| Distribution Frequency | Quarterly |
| Applications | Monthly |
| Withdrawals | Monthly |
| Management Fees | Nil |
| Performance Fee | 12.5% of positive performance |
| Buy/Sell Spread | 0.10%/0.10% |

Investment Strategy

The Fund provides access to a diversified investment portfolio of ASX Listed Investment Companies as selected by Affluence. We aim to outperform the ASX 200 Accumulation Index over rolling 3 year periods and to deliver these returns with less volatility than the Index.

The Fund aims to invest in LICs that meet one or more of following criteria; Alpha Generators – LICs that can outperform the market, Discount Capture – LICs trading at an attractive discounts to NTA, or Event Driven – special situations such as IPOs, capital raisings and other corporate activities.

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