# **Affluence Investment Fund**

Fund Report & Overview - April 2023

# **Fund Features**

Access to 20+ Underlying Managers
Monthly Distributions
Performance Fee only
Exceptionally Diversified Portfolio



# **Key Statistics**

Investment Class	Multi-Asset					
Minimum Investment	\$20,000					
Suggested Timeframe	At least 3 years					
Target Returns	Inflation + 5%					
Fund Size	\$47.0m					
Annual Distributions	5.85 cpu					
Distribution Yield	5.2% p.a.					
Distribution Froquency	Monthly					
Distribution Frequency	Monthly					
Applications	Monthly					
Applications	Monthly					
Applications Withdrawals	Monthly Monthly					
Applications Withdrawals Management Fees	Monthly Monthly Nil 12.5% of positive					
Applications Withdrawals Management Fees Performance Fee	Monthly Monthly Nil 12.5% of positive performance					

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund targets a minimum annualised return of inflation plus 5% over rolling three year periods.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund holds a diversified portfolio and can invest across all asset classes. The portfolio includes over 20 different underlying managers and other investments selected by Affluence. The strategy seeks a balance between maximising returns, delivering regular income and lowering volatility.

# Why Use The Fund?

#### Portfolio Use

The Fund is designed to be used as a **Core** or **Satellite** Component of an investment portfolio for those investors seeking **Capital Growth and Income Distributions** with a **Medium** or longer investment timeframe, at least a **Medium** risk/return profile and needing access to capital **Monthly** or less often.

#### Access to Differentiated Strategies

The Fund provides access to a wide range of different investment strategies, through boutique investment managers.

#### Access to Closed and Wholesale Funds

A significant number of funds in the portfolio are only available to wholesale investors, or closed to new investors.

# Performance Since Inception (November 2014)

Total Returns	Distributions
7.9%	6.5%
per annum	per annum

# **Platform Availability**

HUB24	Netwealth	Powerwrap	Mason Stevens	One Answer (NZ Advisers)

### **Fund Performance**

To 30 April 2023	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Inception
Distributions	1.3%	5.9%	6.8%	6.4%	6.3%	6.5%
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	0.0%	(1.7%)	4.2%	0.5%	1.4%	1.4%
Affluence Investment Fund Total Return	1.3%	4.2%	11.0%	6.9%	7.7%	7.9%
Benchmark - Inflation + 5%	2.6%	12.4%	10.1%	8.7%	8.3%	7.9%
Performance against Benchmark	(1.3%)	(8.2%)	0.9%	(1.8%)	(0.6%)	0.0%

#### Fund Monthly Return History

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2014												1.7%	N/A
2015	0.3%	0.4%	1.1%	0.6%	0.9%	-0.1%	1.0%	-0.5%	2.5%	0.7%	-0.6%	1.7%	8.4%
2016	-0.7%	-0.2%	1.2%	1.9%	1.9%	0.7%	3.0%	1.1%	0.6%	-0.4%	0.2%	1.1%	10.7%
2017	0.3%	1.2%	0.6%	0.5%	0.1%	1.1%	0.7%	0.1%	1.1%	2.5%	1.6%	1.3%	11.6%
2018	0.1%	-0.6%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%	0.8%	0.1%	-3.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-2.0%
2019	1.4%	1.6%	0.4%	1.5%	-0.6%	0.8%	2.4%	-0.3%	1.4%	0.5%	1.4%	1.1%	12.3%
2020	-0.2%	-2.7%	-8.7%	4.4%	4.1%	-0.4%	2.2%	2.3%	0.3%	1.2%	5.9%	1.8%	9.8%
2021	0.0%	0.6%	0.9%	2.2%	1.9%	2.7%	0.2%	1.2%	1.2%	0.8%	0.0%	1.0%	13.2%
2022	-1.0%	-1.6%	0.4%	0.1%	-1.0%	-2.9%	2.2%	0.8%	-2.1%	2.2%	3.1%	-0.3%	-0.6%
2023	1.3%	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%									2.6%
Strongest Month Positive Month Stable Month Negative Month Weakest Month							st Month						

#### **Fund Commentary**

The Affluence Investment Fund increased by 1.1% in April, with the ASX 200 Index increasing 1.8%. Since commencing over seven years ago in December 2014, the Fund has returned 7.9 % per annum, including 6.5% per annum monthly distributions to investors. This is in line with our target of inflation plus 5% (7.9%) per annum.

Our largest positive contributors in April included the Terra Capital Natural Resources Fund, the Bronte Capital Amalthea Fund and the EGP Concentrated Value Fund. The largest detractors were our index hedges.

Australian and global equity markets increased in April. At the start of May the Australian RBA, US Federal Reserve and EU Central Bank all increased interest rates by a further 0.25% as part of their fight against continued high inflation. In Australia and the US labour markets continue to be very strong, with unemployment rates hovering at extreme lows. In general, consumers and households are continuing to spend and support the economy, with limited signs of economic stress even after such aggressive interest rate increases. We continue to be cautious as we are conscious that monetary policy operates with a lag and still expect economic conditions to deteriorate eventually.

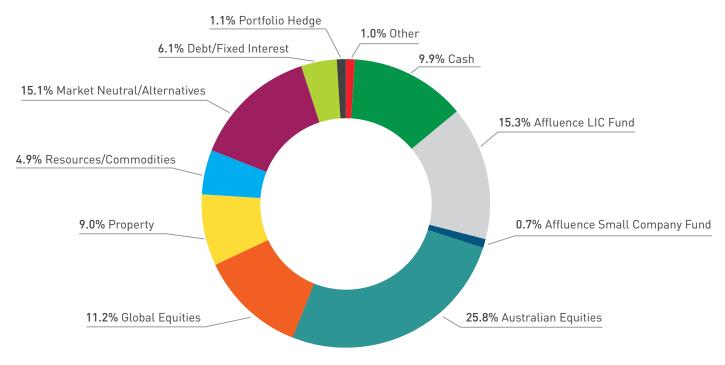
We added a new fund to the portfolio in April, the Fortlake Sigma Opportunity Fund. The Fund operates a long short strategy in the fixed income asset class with a target total return of RBA plus 7-10% over rolling 3 year periods. They are quite different to most fixed income managers in that they operate across all 'silos' of the fixed interest universe, rather than specialising on just one sector (eg. Credit, bonds, etc). They have a relatively short performance track record, however performance and downside protection to date has been very impressive. We have started with a reasonably modest portfolio allocation as they increase their track record.

At month end, 63% of the portfolio was invested in unlisted funds, 15% in the Affluence LIC Fund, 1% in the Affluence Small Company Fund, 10% in listed investments, 1% in portfolio hedges and 10% in cash. If you would like to know more about the investment portfolio, including our top holdings and weightings, visit the Affluence Investment Fund page at https:// affluencefunds.com.au/aif/ or the Members area of our website. You must be registered as an Affluence Member to view the portfolio.

If you would like to invest with us and get access to a diverse range of Australia's fund managers, including over 20 unlisted funds as well as more than 20 LIC's and other listed entities, visit the fund page on our website. There, you can get information on the Fund, apply online or download the application pack. If you'd like to add to your existing investment in the Fund, you can either complete the one-page form available on our website or use the online facility.

The cut-off for applications this month is 25th May. Units will be issued effective 1st June.

# **Portfolio Summary**



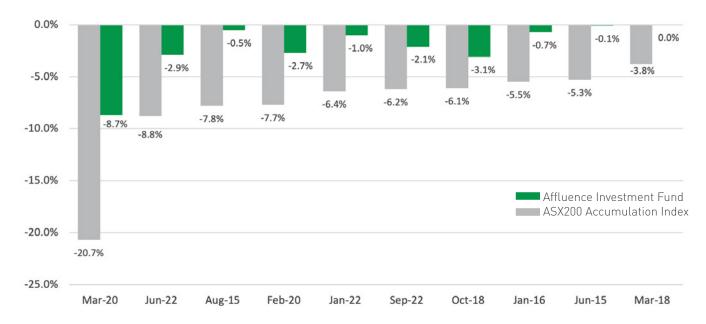
Investments are categorised based on their dominant underlying asset class/strategy (e.g. some Australian equity funds may include some global holdings. Australian Equities and Global Equities comprise both long only and long/short strategies.

### **Ten Largest Investments**

Affluence LIC Fund	Ellerston GEMS
Bronte Capital Amalthea Fund	Merricks Partners Fund
Totus Capital Alpha Fund	Cromwell Phoenix Opportunities Fund
Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund	CI Brunswick Fund
Arnott Opportunities Trust	Terra Capital Natural Resources Fund

# Fund Performance in Falling Markets

The graph below shows the 10 largest monthly falls in the ASX200 Accumulation Index since the Fund commenced, and the performance of the Fund for that same month. The Fund has outperformed the Index in all 10 of the worst months.



#### Is the Fund right for you?

We created the Affluence Investment Fund as a vehicle in which we could invest the majority of our wealth for the long term. The Fund is diversified by asset class, investment strategy, manager and geography.

It is managed with the mindset of a family office or endowment fund. It seeks to achieve above average medium and long-term returns while paying monthly distributions and taking below average levels of risk.

We believe that to achieve better than average returns, you need to invest differently. We believe that value investing works best in the long run. We believe that being aware of long-term cycles can significantly improve performance. And we believe that success requires a long term focus, which in turn requires patience and discipline.

If you share those beliefs, the Fund may be suitable for you.

#### Does it suit your portfolio?

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The Fund has achieved its returns with lower volatility than the Australian share market, and has historically outperformed the ASX200 when markets fall significantly.

As with all investments, the Fund is subject to risks. The value of an investment will go up and down over time, the Fund's returns will vary, future returns may differ from past returns, and returns are not guaranteed. This means that there is always the chance that you could lose money on an investment in the Fund.

#### Why invest with Affluence?

We pride ourselves on the quality of our products and alignment with investors.

We were the first investors in each of our funds. A significant proportion of our own and extended families wealth is invested in Affluence funds.

We charge no fixed management fee for any of our funds. Instead, we charge a performance fee of 12.5% of positive returns. This encourages us to focus on generating strong returns, while managing risk and limiting losses. If our investors do well, we will do well.

We believe managing less money than average provides us with significant advantages. So we don't aim to be the biggest manager. We do aim to be one of the best. We are proud of our performance record to date.

#### **Portfolio Managers**



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