



Affluence LIC FundFund Report - December 2020

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Fund Commentary

The Affluence LIC Fund rounded out 2020 well, increasing by 1.7% compared to the ASX200 Index, which rose 1.2%. Since the Fund commenced in 2016, returns have averaged 12.8% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 7.5% per annum. The Fund has outperformed the ASX200 Index over all periods, with significantly lower volatility than the Index.

Our best performing LICs this month were Platinum Capital Limited (up 7%), Tribeca Global Natural Resources Limited (up 9%), and CD Private Equity Fund I (up 22%). The largest negative contributor was our Index put options.

The overall discount to NTA for the Fund portfolio at the end of the month was approximately 15.7% (previous month 16.4%). At the end of December, the Fund held investments in 19 LICs representing 85% of the Fund and 15% in cash.

For the 2020 calendar year, we are very happy to report that the Affluence LIC Fund returned 20.2%. The mere suggestion of this outcome in March would have had us fall off our chairs in disbelief. The ASX200 Index returned 1.4%, which in itself is an amazing result given the year it was. The vast majority of our outperformance came in February and March during the downturn, where we managed to limit damage to the Funds capital from the worst of the crisis. What followed was world governments and central

banks adopting a "whatever it takes" mindset to support their economies, in a massive display of economic support. While this has been successful in the short term, no one knows the long term consequences of this debt binge.

We start 2021 more cautious than ever. It is one thing for the Australian equity market to break even for the year. However, the S&P500, the premier US equities index, returned a staggering 18.4% for 2020. We believed that the US market was expensive when it started 2020, and yet even through the economic destruction that occurred during the year it still went up almost 20%. We understand the bull case for equity markets from here. But it appears eerily similar to 1999/2000. The Covid-19 vaccination program is rolling out worldwide, but it is obvious looking at the US and Europe that they are in the worst position they have been in since the pandemic started. It seems markets don't care how bad it gets.

It is likely we will position the portfolio more conservatively in the short term, through higher cash and hedging levels. If markets continue to rise, we will likely generate positive returns, just a little lower than they would have been. However, if a major correction does occur, we will be much better prepared for it.

If you would like to know more about 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.

The Fund is open to all investors. Applications are accepted monthly, and the minimum initial investment amount is \$20,000. The cut-off for applications is the last business day of the month, with units issued effective the first day of the following month. Click the "Invest Now" button on our website to apply online or to download application forms.

Fund Performance

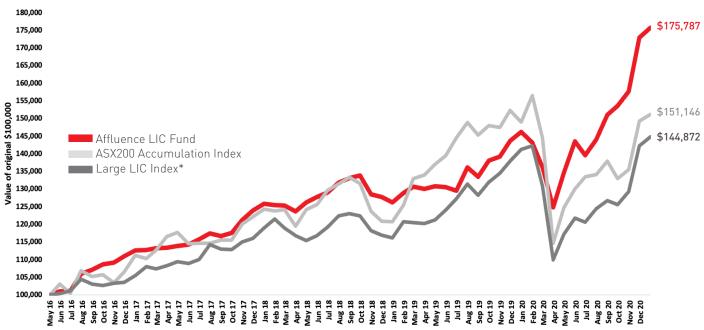
To 31 December 2020	1 Month	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	1.2%	12.0%	9.5%	8.7%	8.4%	7.5%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	0.5%	8.2%	8.5%	3.1%	3.4%	5.3%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	1.7%	20.2%	18.0%	11.8%	11.8%	12.8%	9.8%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	1.2%	1.4%	11.9%	6.7%	8.0%	9.3%	15.1%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	0.5%	18.8%	6.1%	5.1%	3.8%	3.5%	

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. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Fund Monthly Return History

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2017					1.00/	0.10/	/ 00/	1 10/	4 (0)	0.50/	1 /0/	4 50/	12 /0/
2016					1.0%	0.1%	4.9%	1.1%	1.4%	0.5%	1.6%	1.5%	12.6%
2017	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	1.3%	1.4%	-0.6%	0.7%	3.2%	2.2%	1.6%	11.8%
2018	-0.4%	-0.1%	-1.3%	2.1%	1.2%	1.1%	2.1%	1.0%	0.6%	-4.0%	-0.5%	-1.2%	0.3%
2019	2.1%	1.4%	-0.5%	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.8%	5.1%	-1.9%	3.4%	0.8%	3.2%	1.7%	15.8%
2020	-2.0%	-5.0%	-8.3%	7.9%	6.6%	-2.7%	3.2%	4.8%	1.7%	2.7%	9.7%	1.7%	20.2%
	Strongest Month Positive Month		Stable Month		Negative Month		Weakest Month						

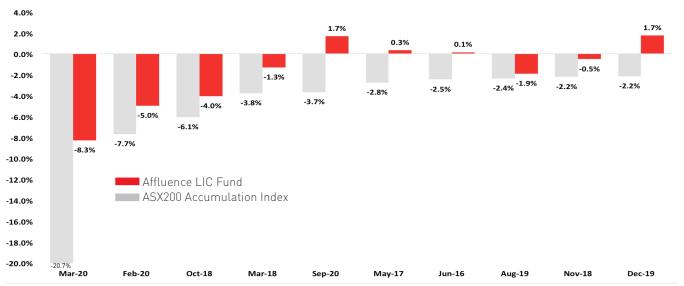
Return on \$100,000 Investment



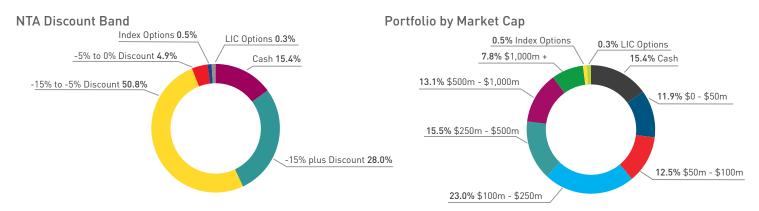
^{*} The Large LIC Index is calculated from the equal weighted returns of the three largest LICs (AFIC, ARG and MLT).

Fund Performance in ASX 200 Worst Months

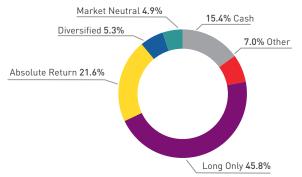
The below shows the 10 largest monthly falls in the ASX200 Accumulation Index since the Fund commenced, and the performance of the Affluence LIC Fund for that month. The Fund has outperformed the Index in all 10 of the worst months, and delivered positive returns in 4 of them.



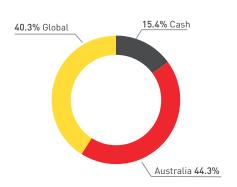
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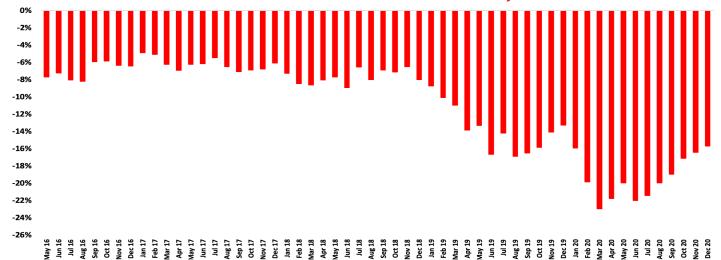




Geographic Exposure



Affluence LIC Fund Portfolio - Discount to NTA History



Five Largest Investments

L1 Long Short Fund (LSF)

Platinum Capital (PMC)

WAM Alternative Assets (WMA)

Sandon Capital Investment Limited (SNC)

Spheria Emerging Companies Limited (SEC)

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	\$11.5m				
Entry Price	\$1.2761				
Exit Price	\$1.2735				
Annual Distributions	5.70cpu				
Distribution Yield	4.5% 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 the 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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