



Affluence LIC Fund

Fund Report - December 2021

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Fund Commentary

The Affluence LIC Fund increased by 1.7% in December, compared to the ASX200 Index which increased 2.7%. For the 2021 calendar year the Fund returned a very pleasing 19.6%. Since the Fund commenced over 5 years ago, returns have averaged 14.0% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 7.6% per annum. The Fund has outperformed the ASX200 Index over most time periods, with significantly lower volatility than the Index.

Our best performing LICs this month were the CD Private Equity Series (CD1, CD2 and CD3), NGE Capital (NGE) and Tribeca Global Natural Resources (TGF). The CD Private Equity Series were the standout performers, increasing 11%, 24% and 28%, respectively. The catalyst was the manager declaring large distributions from funds they had received from underlying investment sales. While this did not increase the value, investors substantially bid up the prices and reduced the discount to NTA. We took this opportunity to reduce our holding in all three as the NTA discounts became less attractive. Our negative contributors included Thorney Opportunities (TOP) and our index hedges.

We have further reduced our market exposure recently, through a combination of increased cash holdings and additional index hedges. As at 31 December the fund had cash holdings of almost 24% which is significant. This reflects our

caution towards markets. US equity markets are only a whisker away from all time highs, and Australia is within a couple of percent as well. On a number of metrics, US equity markets are the most expensive they have been since the 2000 dot com crash. As we have mentioned before, the main driver of the recent market run has been zero interest rates set by world central banks. However, it appears this is close to changing. Inflation in the US has been running well above their target range, and commentary from the US Fed suggests that they are now prepared to consider raising interest rates to fight it. Traditionally, raising interest rates has not been positive for equity markets.

We don't try and forecast what markets will do. However, given current conditions, we don't believe that the potential returns on offer are substantial enough compared to the risks to put more capital to work. We are always looking for new opportunities and have the capacity to take any that we find. If markets continue to rally upwards, it is likely that we will lag a rising market. However, in a sideways or falling market, we hope to do better.

At the end of December, the Fund held investments in 26 LICs representing 72% of the Fund, 5% in portfolio hedges and 24% in cash. The overall discount to NTA for the Fund portfolio at the end of the month was approximately 13.5%,

compared to the 14% discount at the end of November.

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 Affluence LIC Fund is currently only available to existing clients. If you hold an investment in any Affluence Fund, you can apply to invest in the Affluence LIC Fund. If you already have an investment in the Fund, you can continue to add to your investment. For existing Affluence clients, 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 download application forms.

Fund Performance

To 31 December 2021	1 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	1.2%	8.4%	9.1%	8.4%	7.6%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	0.5%	11.2%	9.4%	4.9%	6.4%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	1.7%	19.6%	18.5%	13.3%	14.0%	9.2%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	2.7%	17.2%	13.6%	9.8%	10.6%	13.8%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	(1.0%)	2.4%	4.9%	3.5%	3.4%	

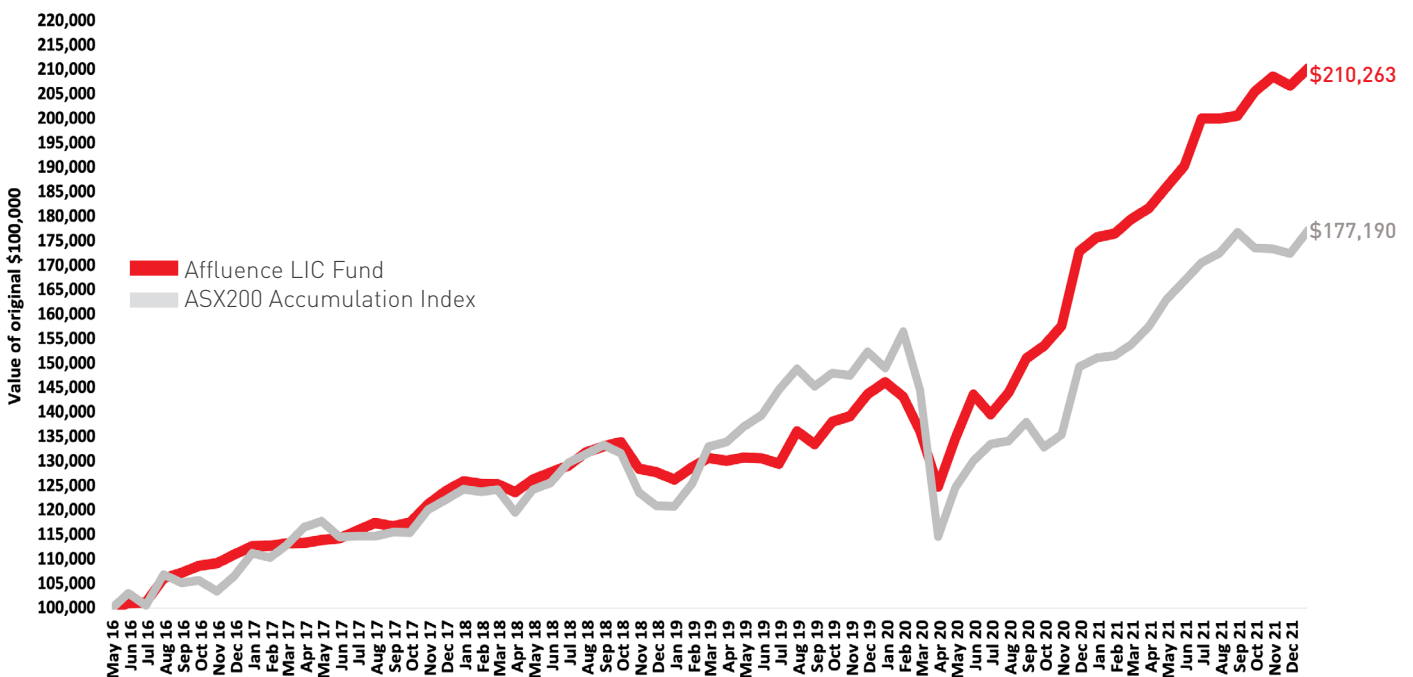
Total returns are net of fees and costs (excluding buy-sell spread) using the mid prices and assume the reinvestment of distributions. Returns of more than 1 year are annualised. Inception date is 3 May 2016. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Fund Monthly Return History

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Year
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%
2021	0.4%	1.7%	1.3%	2.3%	2.4%	5.1%	0.0%	0.3%	2.4%	1.5%	-0.9%	1.7%	19.6%

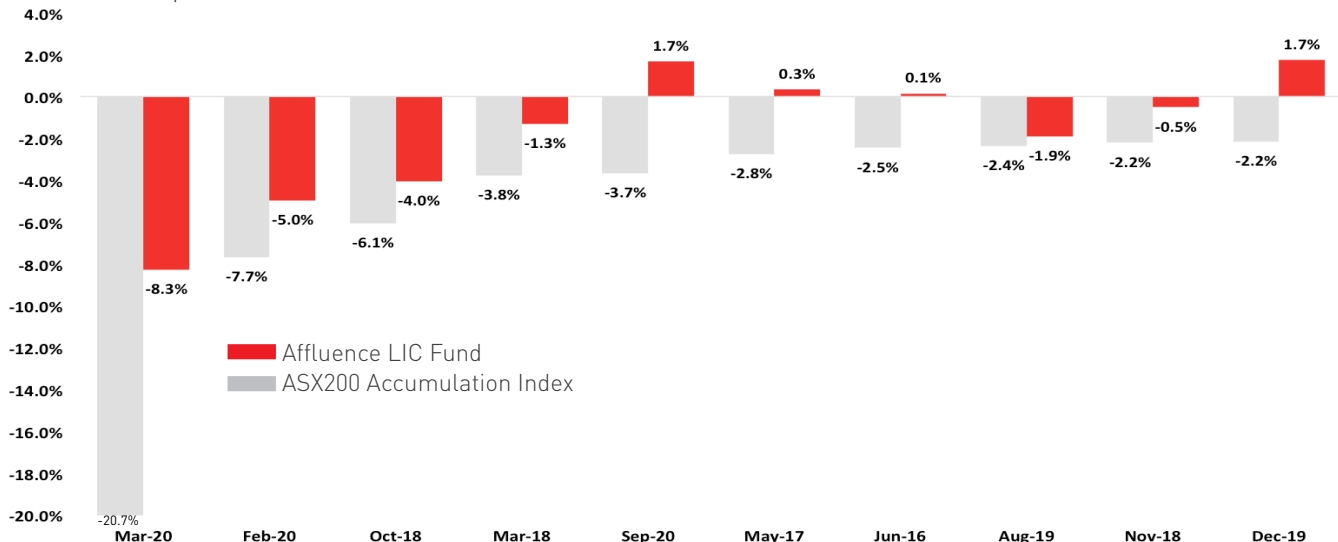
■ Strongest Month
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 ■ Stable Month
 ■ Negative Month
 ■ Weakest Month

Return on \$100,000 Investment



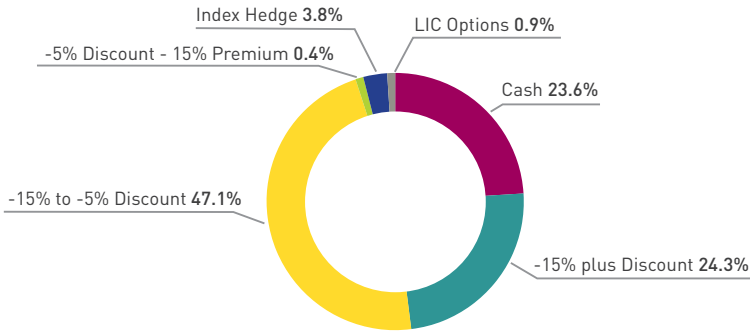
Fund Performance in ASX 200 Worst Months

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.

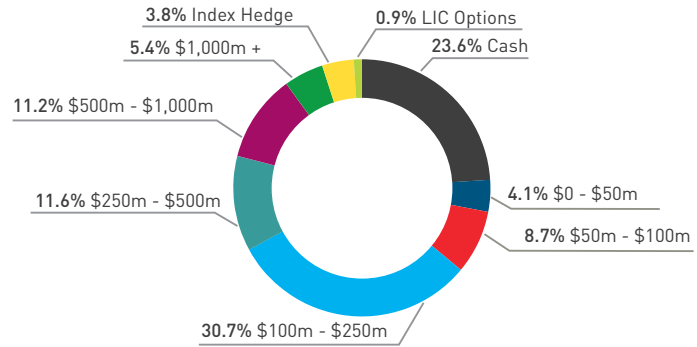


Portfolio Summary

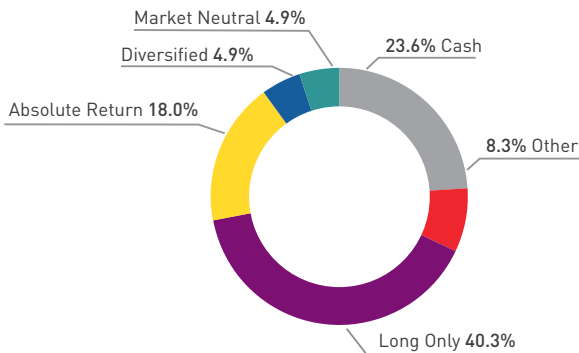
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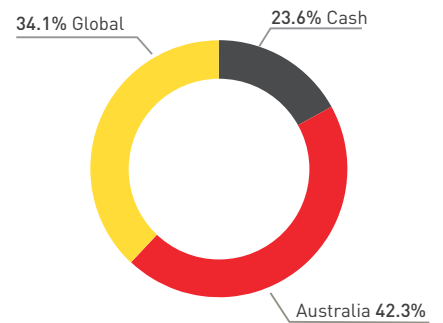
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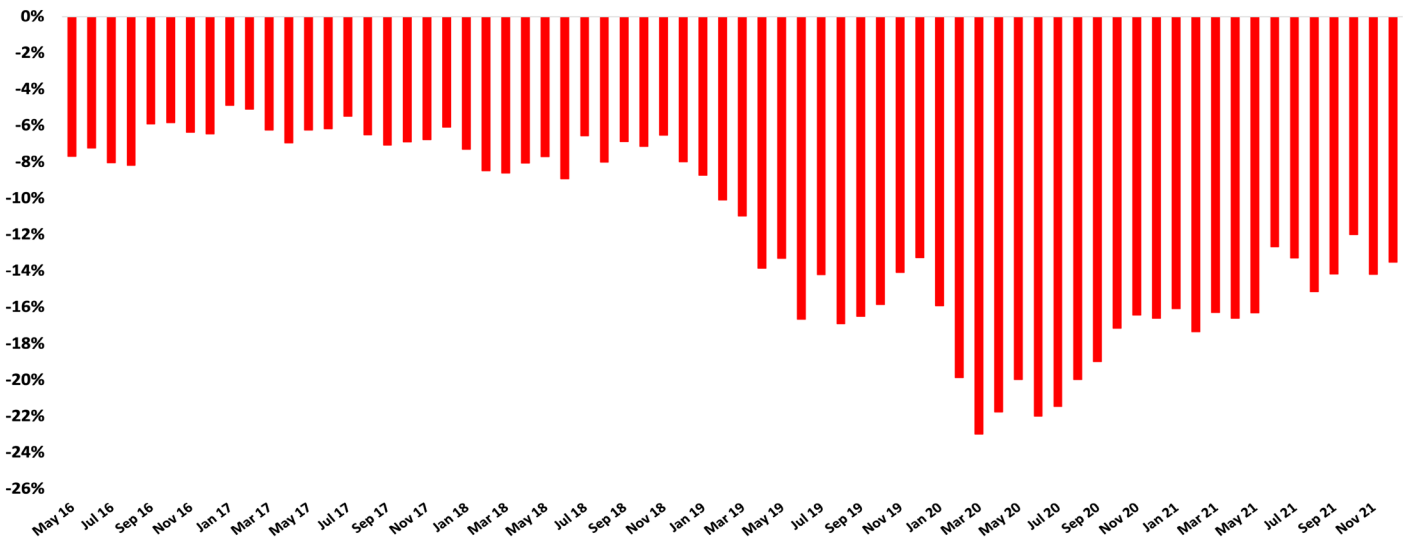
Equities Strategy



Geographic Exposure



Affluence LIC Fund Portfolio - Discount to NTA History



Five Largest Investments

Tribeca Natural Resources Limited (TGF)

Platinum Capital (PMC)

Sandon Capital Investments Limited (SNC)

WAM Global (WGB)

WAM Alternative Assets (WMA)

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

Download our free guide to LICs by clicking [here](#).

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	\$19.7m
Entry Price	\$1.4194
Exit Price	\$1.4166
Annual Distributions	7.00cpu
Distribution Yield	4.9% 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%

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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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