

Affluence LIC Fund Fund Report - July 2020

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Fund Commentary

The Affluence LIC Fund had a strong month and increased by 3.2% in July, outperforming the ASX200 Index which increased 0.5%. Returns since inception for the Fund have averaged 9.0% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 7.4% per annum. The Fund has outperformed the ASX200 Index over all time periods, and these returns have been delivered with significantly lower volatility than the Index

The portfolio performed well in July. Our best performing LICs this month was Future Generation Global Investment Company (up 6%), the Future Generations Investment Company (up 6%), and WAM Leaders (up 9%). The biggest detractors were Sandon Capital, Cordish Dixon PE I and Antipodes Global.

The overall discount to NTA for the Fund portfolio at the end of the month was approximately 21% (previous month 22%). While some individual LICs have partly rerated. the overall sector discount to NTA remains depressed. We have taken our opportunities to trade out of those LICs which have rerated, and redeploy the capital into those LICs where the discounts continue to widen. We believe that the current level of discounts to NTA is unsustainable. Some LIC boards and managers are taking pro-active steps to try and close the gap, however sooner or later investors will take their own action and demand change. This is likely to be unpleasant for some managers, however if

a manager has underperformed over the medium to long term, and investors can't exit at close to NTA, then there are few other options.

One of our largest holdings is in the Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund (BAF). During July the board announced that documents have been signed to begin the transfer of the management rights to Wilson Asset Management (WAM). While the share price did not significantly rerate on this news, when the transaction is complete we are confident that WAM will be able to significantly reduce the discount to NTA. Another of our corporate event holdings is Monash Absolute Investment Company (MA1). The company gave an update in July that they are targeting to complete the transition to an exchange traded managed fund by the end of this year. This will allow investors to redeem at NTA, compared to the current 13% discount it is currently trading at.

At the end of July, the Fund held investments in 25 LICs representing 89% of the Fund and 11% in cash. 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 with a minimum investment

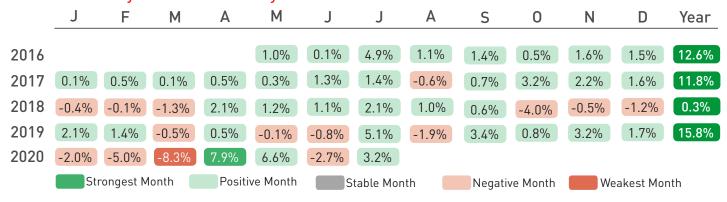
amount of \$20,000. The cut-off for applications is the last business day of the month, with units issued effective the first day of the following month.

Fund Performance

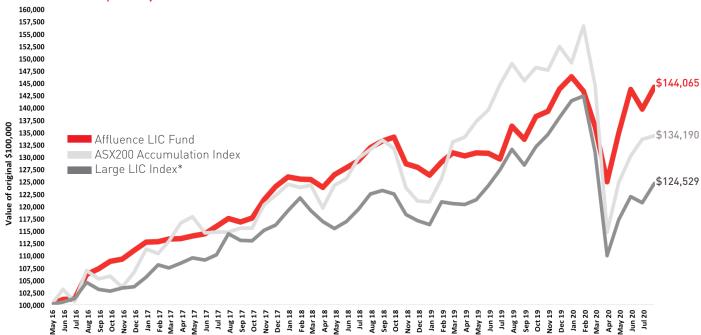
To 31 July 2020	1 Month	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	0.0%	10.6%	8.5%	8.4%	7.6%	7.4%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	3.2%	(4.8%)	(3.9%)	(1.3%)	0.4%	1.6%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	3.2%	5.8%	4.6%	7. 1%	8.0%	9.0%	9.1%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	0.5%	(9.9%)	1.0%	5.4%	5.9%	7.2%	14.9%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	2.7%	15.7%	3.6%	1.7%	2.1%	1.8%	

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



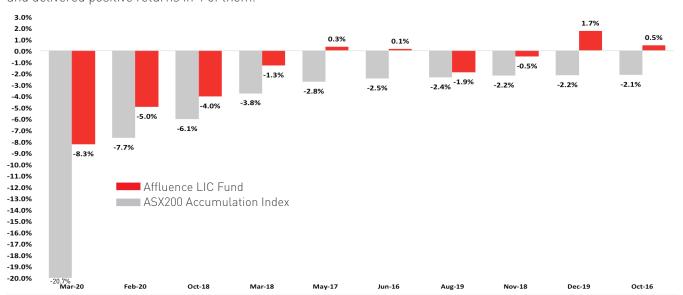
Return on \$100,000 Investment



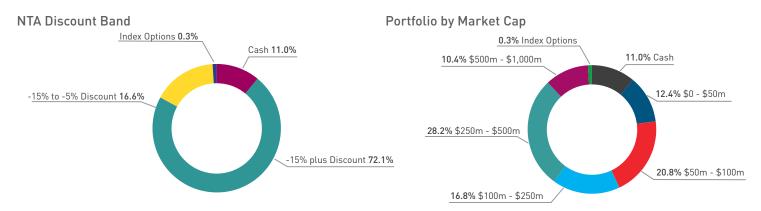
^{*} The Large LIC Index is calculated from the equal weighted returns of the three largest LICs (AFIC, ARG and MLT).

Fund Performance in ASX 200 Worst Months

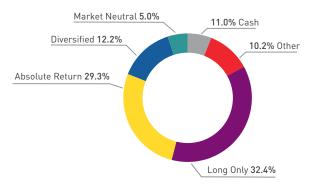
The below shows the 10 largest monthly falls in the ASX200 Accumulation Index since the Fund commenced, and the performance of the Affluence LIC Fund for that month. The Fund has outperformed the Index in all 10 of the worst months, and delivered positive returns in 4 of them.



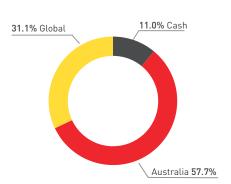
Portfolio Summary



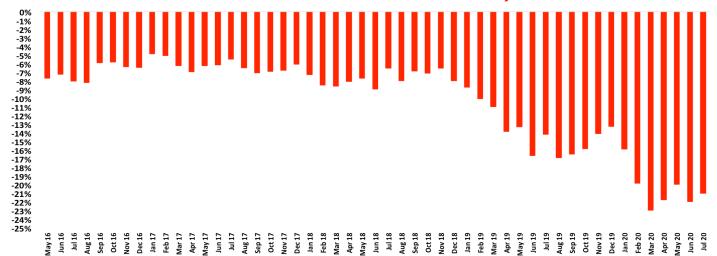




Geographic Exposure



Affluence LIC Fund Portfolio - Discount to NTA History



Five Largest Investments

Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund (BAF)

Future Generation Global Fund (FGG)

L1 Long Short Fund (LSF)

Future Generation Investment Fund (FGX)

Australian Leaders Fund (ALF)

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	\$9.8m			
Entry Price	\$1.0709			
Exit Price	\$1.0688			
Annual Distributions	5.70cpu			
Distribution Yield	5.3% 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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