



# **Affluence LIC Fund**

Fund Report - November 2021

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#### **Fund Commentary**

The Affluence LIC Fund decreased by 0.9% in November, ending a 16 month run of positive returns. The ASX200 Index fell 0.5%. Since the Fund commenced over 5 years ago, returns have averaged 13.9% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 7.5% 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 Platinum Capital (PMC) and Thorney Opportunities (TOP). Our negative contributors were more significant, and included NGE Capital (NGE). VGI Partners Global (VG1) and WAM Global (WGB). There were a few notable changes to the portfolio in November. We received WAM Global (WGB) shares in exchange for our Templeton Global Growth (TGG) after the merger at the end of October. We accepted WAM Capital (WAM) shares in exchange for our PM Capital Asia (PAF) shares as part of WAM's attempted takeover of PAF. We also added to our positions in the VGI Partners LICs (VG1 and VG8) after fiery AGMs where investors continue to demand the manager and board rectify the large ongoing discounts to NTA. We also initiated a new position in the Absolute Equity Performance Fund (AEG) after the AGM, when the board suffered a second strike on the remuneration report and a spill motion was carried. We believe it is likely that structural changes will

need to be made to AEG to satisfy disgruntled shareholders.

Australian and global markets continued to be volatile in November, as worries over rising inflation, increasing interest rates and the new omicron variant whipsawed investors.

The overall discount to NTA for the Fund portfolio at the end of the month increased to approximately 14%, compared to the 12% discount at the end of October. It does feel like the LIC sector has become a little softer than it has been in recent months, with fewer buyers and larger discounts. While this does impact short term performance, it does allow us to recycle capital into better opportunities.

At the end of November, the Fund held investments in 28 LICs representing 78% of the Fund, 5% in portfolio hedges and 17% 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.

As a reminder to investors, the Fund registrar changed in October from Boardroom to Registry Direct. All of our investors should by now have received an email with an invitation to setup a Registry Direct account.

If you have not received this email, please contact us.

The Fund is currently closed to new investors. For existing Affluence 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**

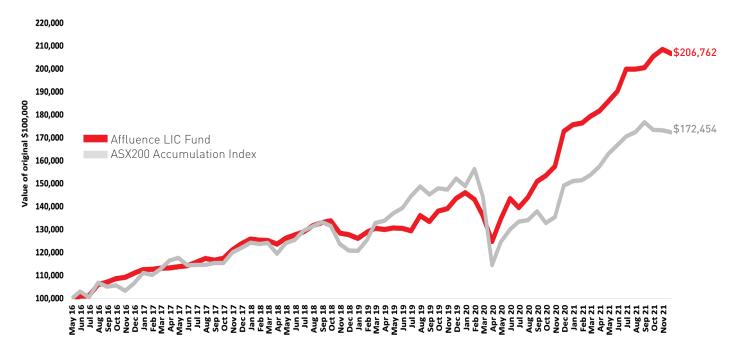
To 30 November 2021	1 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	0.0%	8.3%	9.1%	8.2%	7.5%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	(0.9%)	11.3%	8.3%	5.1%	6.4%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	(0.9%)	19.6%	17.4%	13.3%	13.9%	9.2%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	(0.5%)	15.5%	12.6%	10.1%	10.3%	13.9%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	(0.4%)	4.1%	4.8%	3.2%	3.6%	

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

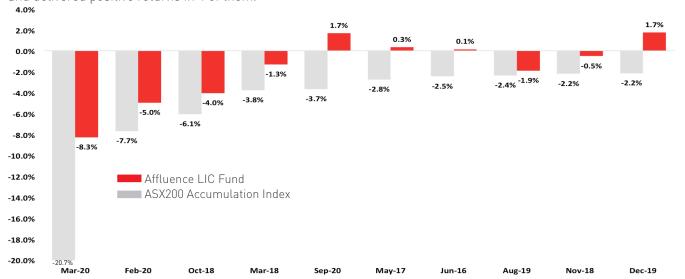
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2016					1.0%	0.1%	4.9%	1.1%	1.4%	0.5%	1.6%	1.5%	12.6%
2017	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	1.3%	1.4%	-0.6%	0.7%	3.2%	2.2%	1.6%	11.8%
2018	-0.4%	-0.1%	-1.3%	2.1%	1.2%	1.1%	2.1%	1.0%	0.6%	-4.0%	-0.5%	-1.2%	0.3%
2019	2.1%	1.4%	-0.5%	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.8%	5.1%	-1.9%	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%		17.6%
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## Return on \$100,000 Investment



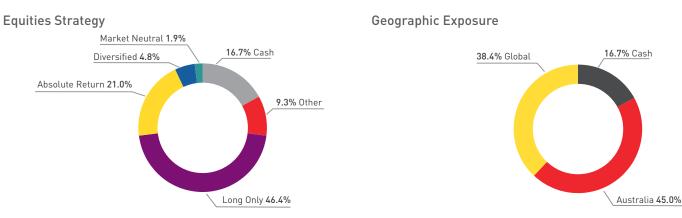
#### Fund Performance in ASX 200 Worst Months

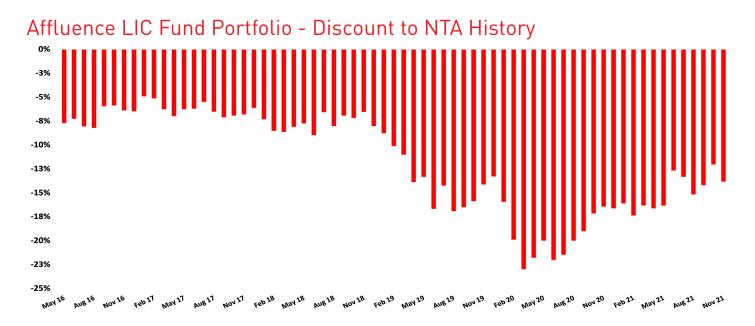
The below shows the 10 largest monthly falls in the ASX200 Accumulation Index since the Fund commenced, and the performance of the Affluence LIC Fund for that month. The Fund has outperformed the Index in all 10 of the worst months, and delivered positive returns in 4 of them.



## Portfolio Summary







# Five Largest Investments

Platinum Capital (PMC)

Tribeca Natural Resources Limited (TGF)

Sandon Capital Investments Limited (SNC)

Thorney Opportunities Limited (TOP)

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.	<b>Best Of Breed:</b> We will seek the best LICs, and combine them in a way which cushions against market corrections.
<b>Traditional Asset Classes:</b> Manage large amounts in traditional asset classes (e.g. ASX200 equities), which minimises chances of excess performance.	<b>Unique Strategies:</b> 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.	<b>No Fixed Fees:</b> 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	\$19.0m				
Entry Price	\$1.4130				
Exit Price	\$1.4102				
Annual Distributions	7.00cpu				
Distribution Yield	5.0% 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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