# Affluence LIC Fund

Fund Report & Overview - November 2022

### **Fund Features**

	Fund has outperformed ASX 200 Index	
	Quarterly Distributions	
<b>Ø</b>	Performance Fee only	
<b>Ø</b>	Unique Discount Capture Strategy	

## **Key Statistics**

Investment Class	LIC's				
Minimum Investment	\$20,000				
Suggested Timeframe	At least 5 years				
Target Returns	ASX 200 Index				
Fund Size	\$21.5m				
Annual Distributions	7.00 cpu				
Distribution Yield	5.5% p.a.				
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly				
Applications	Monthly				
Withdrawals	Monthly				
Management Fees	Nil				
Performance Fee	12.5% of positive performance				
Entry/Exit Price	\$1.2824 / \$1.2798				
Buy/Sell Spread	0.10% / 0.10%				
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# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to outperform the ASX 200 Accumulation Index over rolling 3 year periods and to deliver these returns with less volatility than the Index.

# **Investment Strategy**

The Fund aims to invest in 20-35 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.

## Why Use The Fund?

#### Portfolio Use

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

#### Access to Differentiated Strategy

The Fund provides access to a unique investment strategy that may compliment investors portfolios.

# Performance Since Inception (May 2016)

Total Returns
11.9%
per annum

8.1% per annum

### **Fund Performance**

To 30 November 2022	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	1.4%	10.8%	10.5%	9.1%	8.1%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	1.1%	(9.2%)	3.0%	2.0%	3.8%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	2.5%	1.6%	13.5%	11.1%	11.9%	9.2%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	6.0%	5.0%	5.9%	8.2%	9.4%	14.7%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	(3.5%)	(3.4%)	7.6%	2.9%	2.5%	

## **Fund Commentary**

The Affluence LIC Fund increased by 3.5% in November, trailing the ASX 200 Index which increased by 6.6%. Since the Fund commenced over six years ago, returns have averaged 11.9% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 8.1% per annum. The Fund has outperformed the ASX200 Index over most time periods, with significantly lower volatility.

Global and Australian markets bounced again in November, once again without any fundamental reason for the increases. As values continued to increase we took some profits and increased our cash levels.

After the strong November results, the Fund has almost fully recovered all its losses (the Fund is down 0.05% from the 31 December 2021 high water mark). This means that investors in the Fund have not suffered any material losses in 2022.

The major positive contributors in November included Ellerston Asian Investments (EAI), Tribeca Global Natural Resources (TGF) and Platinum Capital (PMC). The largest detractors were our index hedges. Ellerston Asian Investments (EAI) increased 21% in November. The Board finally announced their plan to reduce the ongoing discount to NTA by changing to a listed structure where investors can exit at NTA. Secondly, Hong Kong and Chinese markets rallied strongly during the month in response to measures to exit the covid zero policies that

have dominated the last couple of years. While we have taken some profits on the strong result, we still hold in excess of 5% of the portfolio in EAI as it is still trading at a 5-10% discount to NTA and we continue to believe that Asian equities are more attractively valued than most other markets.

At the end of November, the Fund held 27 LICs representing 77% of the Fund, 3% in portfolio hedges and 20% in cash. The average NTA discount for the LIC portfolio at the end of the month was approximately 17.5%, compared to the 18.6% discount at the end of October.

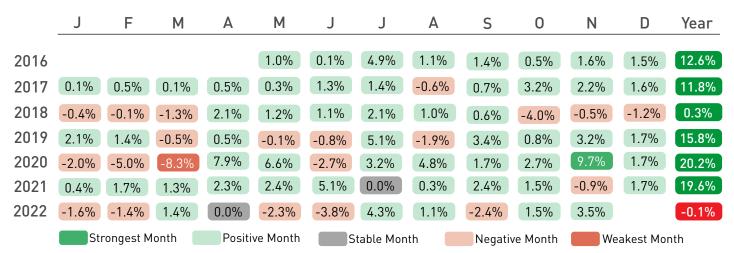
We have reopened the Affluence LIC Fund to new investors. Applications are accepted monthly, and the minimum initial investment amount is \$20,000. The cut-off for applications is the last business day of the month, with units issued effective the first day of the following month. Click the "Invest Now"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

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

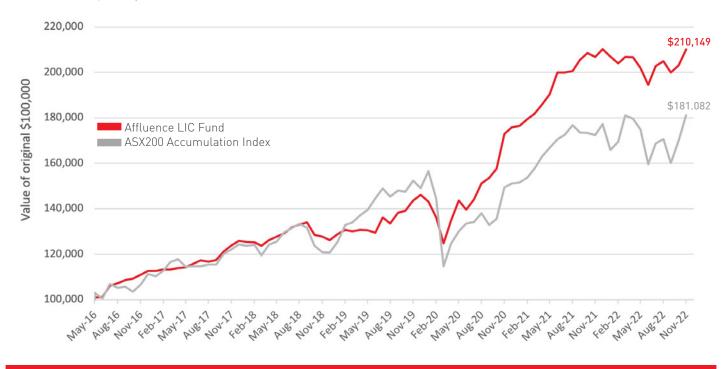
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# Fund Monthly Return History

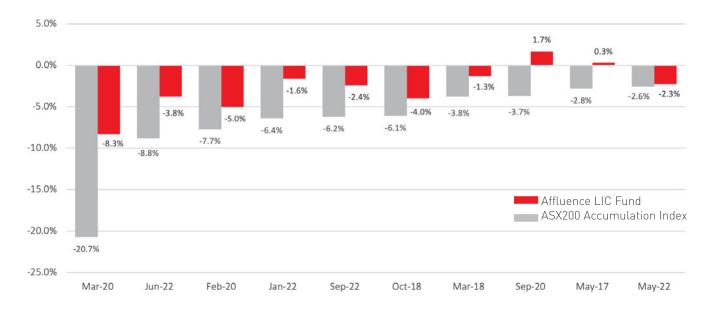


# Return on \$100,000 Investment



# 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.

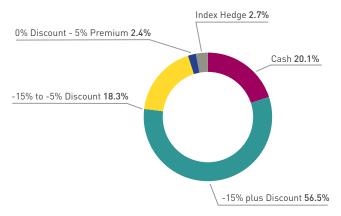


# **Five Largest Investments**

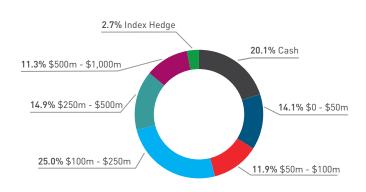
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Platinum Capital (PMC)
Tribeca Natural Resources (TGF)
Sandon Capital Investments (SNC)

# **Portfolio Summary**

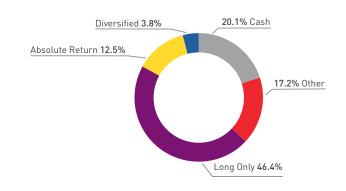
### **NTA Discount Band**



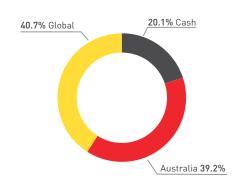
#### Portfolio by Market Cap



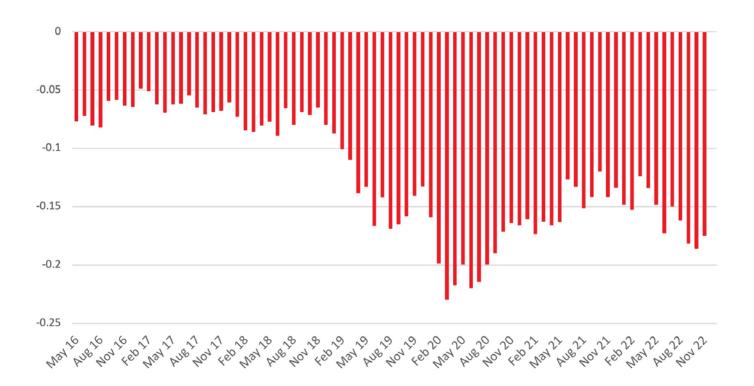
### **Equities Strategy**



#### Geographic Exposure



# Affluence LIC Fund Portfolio - Discount to NTA History



### Is the Fund right for you?

The Affluence LIC Fund is one of the only funds in Australia that focuses on investing in LICs. Despite the large size of the LIC sector, there is relatively limited attention from institutional researchers and professional investment managers. This can provide more opportunities for mispricing than in other areas of the stock market. In addition, some quality investment managers can only be accessed through LICs.

Through LICs, the Fund provides access to Australian and global equities as well as some exposure to other asset classes. These LICs use a broad range of investment styles and investment strategies.

### Does it suit your portfolio?

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

The Fund has outperformed its benchmark (ASX200 Index) with lower volatility since inception, and has historically outperformed when markets fall significantly.

As will 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.

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- 3. The Fund aims to pay distributions of approximately 5% pa paid quarterly. Distributions are not guaranteed and may be paid above or below this amount.