

Affluence LIC Fund Fund Report - September 2020

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Fund Commentary

The Affluence LIC Fund had a very pleasing month and increased by 1.7% in September, outperforming the ASX200 Index which fell 3.7%. Returns since inception for the Fund have averaged 10.2% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 7.5% per annum. The Fund has outperformed the ASX200 Index over all periods, and these returns have been delivered with significantly lower volatility than the Index.

The underlying portfolio performed well in August. Our best performing LICs this month were Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund (up 7%), Antipodes Global (up 9%), and Sandon Capital (up 8%). The largest negative detractors were the Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund 3, NGE Capital Limited and VGI Partners Global. All three of these LICs are very cheap, and we except to make significant future gains.

The overall discount to NTA for the Fund portfolio at the end of the month was approximately 18.1% (previous month 20.0%).

Corporate activity in the LIC sector continued in September. This is pleasing as we profit on the reduction in discount to NTA on the positions we own, plus it puts downward pressure on discounts for the overall sector. Australian Leaders Fund (ALF) announced a proposal to be put to shareholders to convert the LIC into an unlisted unit trust, allowing investors to exit at NTA. Antipodes Global Limited (APL)

announced a new mechanism for Australian LICs that will result in the company offering to buy shares at a 2% discount to NTA if the average trading discount for the preceding 12 months is greater than 7.5%. Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund (BAF) shareholders voted to transfer management of the vehicle to Wilson Asset Management. As part of the new management agreement, if BAF does not trade at a premium for certain periods in the future. than the company will be required to be wound up and funds given back to investors. There is also further consolidation in the sector, with a number of the WAM LICs launching takeover offers for the Contango Income Generator (CIE) and Contrarian Leaders Fund (CLF). This is certainly an exciting time to be investing in LICs, and we hold a number of other positions in the portfolio where we expect corporate action to occur.

At the end of September, the Fund held investments in 23 LICs representing 85% of the Fund and 15% 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

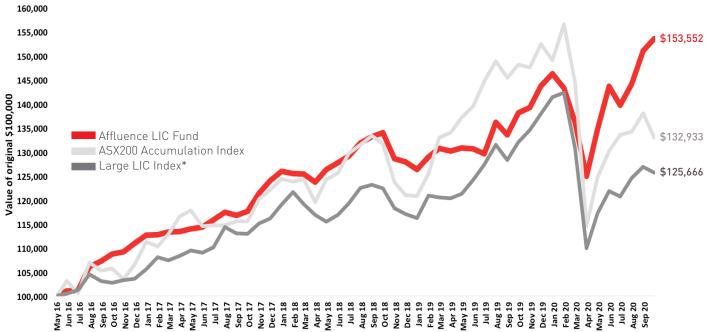
To 30 September 2020	1 Month	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	1.3%	11.2%	8.7%	8.5%	7.9%	7.5%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	0.4%	0.0%	(1.6%)	0.8%	1.1%	2.7%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	1.7%	11.2%	7.1%	9.3%	9.0%	10.2%	9.1%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	(3.7%)	(10.2%)	0.5%	4.8%	5.9%	6.7%	14.8%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	5.4%	21.4%	6.6%	4.5%	3.1%	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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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%				5.0%
	Strongest Month Positive Month		Stable Month		Negative Month		Weakest Month						

Return on \$100,000 Investment



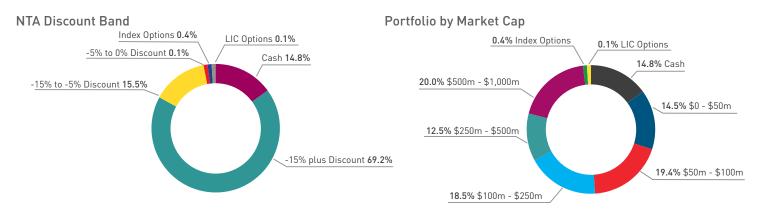
^{*} The Large LIC Index is calculated from the equal weighted returns of the three largest LICs (AFIC, ARG and MLT).

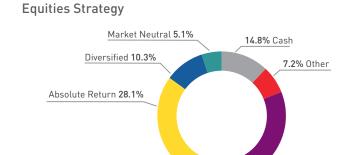
Fund Performance in ASX 200 Worst Months

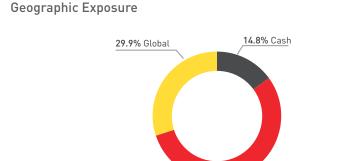
The below shows the 10 largest monthly falls in the ASX200 Accumulation Index since the Fund commenced, and the performance of the Affluence LIC Fund for that month. The Fund has outperformed the Index in all 10 of the worst months, and delivered positive returns in 4 of them.



Portfolio Summary



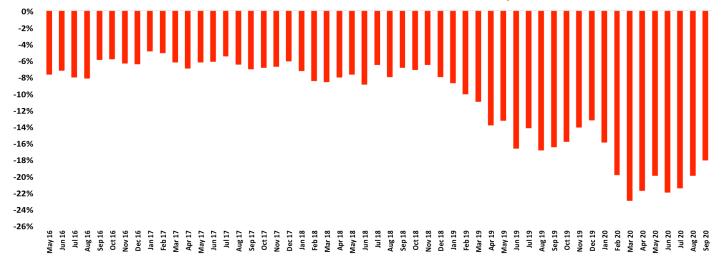




Australia 55.3%



Long Only 34.6%



Five Largest Investments

Blue Sky Alternatives Access Fund (BAF)

L1 Long Short Fund (LSF)

Monash Absolute Investment Company Limited (MA1)

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	\$10.5m				
Entry Price	\$1.1271				
Exit Price	\$1.1248				
Annual Distributions	5.70cpu				
Distribution Yield	5.1% 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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