



# **Affluence LIC Fund**

Fund Report - September 2021

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### **Fund Commentary**

The Affluence LIC Fund increased by 2.4% in September, compared to the ASX200 Index which fell 1.9%. Since the Fund commenced over 5 years ago, returns have averaged 14.2% per annum, including quarterly distributions of 7.7% 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, CD3), PM Capital Asian Opportunities Fund (PAF) and the L1 Long Short Fund (LSF). The largest negative contributors included Platinum Capital (PMC) and VGI Partners Asian Investments (VG8).

The PM Capital Asian Opportunities Fund (PAF) announced during the month that they proposed a merger with their larger stablemate the PM Capital Global Opportunities Fund (PGF). PAF has been trading at a substantial discount of 15-20%, and the proposal did see the share price rerate. However, later in the month WAM Capital (WAM) topped PGF's bid with a superior proposal for a merger with itself. This is a rare event for an LIC to be the subject of competing bids, but it is positive for the sector. These type of events are becoming quite common, especially for those LICs that continue to trade at elevated discounts, and we expect this trend to continue.

Australian and global markets were noticeably more volatile in

September. The reasons given ranged from rising 10 year bond rates, the US debt ceiling dramas, to the China Evergrande saga. No one knows the real reason, however given market valuations overall are very elevated, we are positioning the portfolio quite conservatively.

The overall discount to NTA for the Fund portfolio at the end of the month was approximately 13.8%, compared to the 15.1% discount at the end of August.

At the end of September, the Fund held investments in 29 LICs representing 75% of the Fund, 5% in portfolio hedges and 20% 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.

We changed the Fund registrar 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 now closed to new investors. Only those investors with an existing Affluence investment are able to increase their investment in the Affluence LIC Fund. For existing Affluence investors applications are

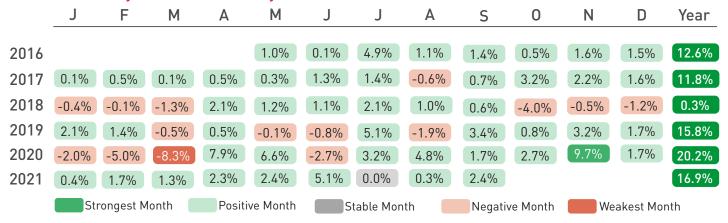
accepted monthly, and the minimum initial investment amount is \$20,000. The cut-off for applications is the last business day of the month, with units issued effective the first day of the following month. Click the "Invest Now" button on our website to apply online or to download application forms.

#### **Fund Performance**

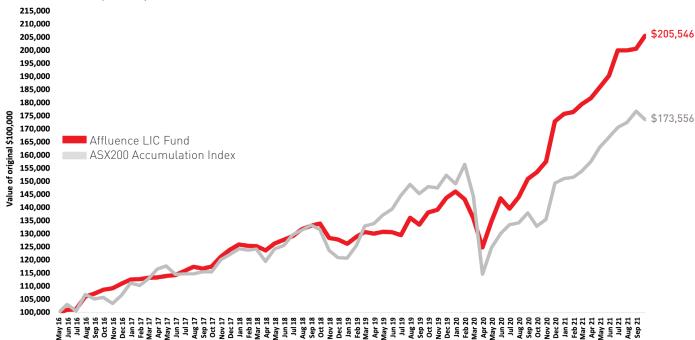
To 30 September 2021	1 Month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception	Volatility
Distributions	1.2%	9.3%	8.9%	8.2%	7.7%	
Change in Unit Price (Capital Growth)	1.2%	24.6%	6.4%	5.4%	6.5%	
Affluence LIC Fund Total Returns	2.4%	33.9%	15.3%	13.6%	14.2%	9.3%
ASX200 Accumulation Index (AI)	(1.9%)	30.6%	9.7%	10.4%	10.7%	14.1%
Performance compared to ASX200AI	4.3%	3.3%	5.6%	3.2%	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

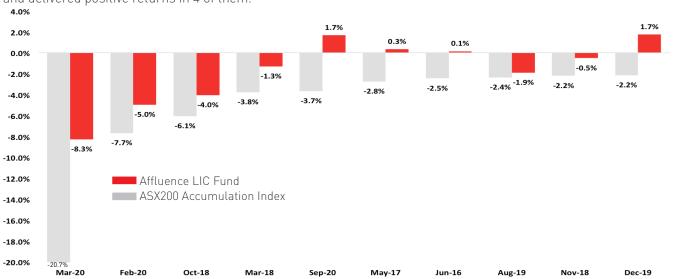


# Return on \$100,000 Investment

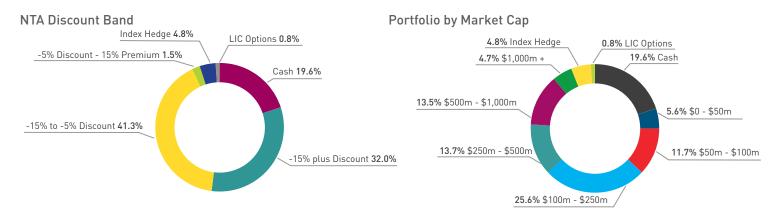


### Fund Performance in ASX 200 Worst Months

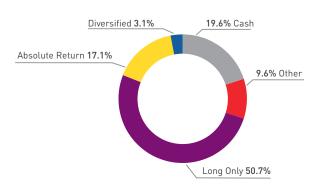
The below shows the 10 largest monthly falls in the ASX200 Accumulation Index since the Fund commenced, and the performance of the Affluence LIC Fund for that month. The Fund has outperformed the Index in all 10 of the worst months, and delivered positive returns in 4 of them.



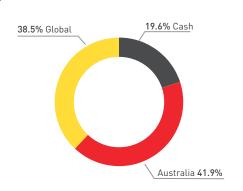
## Portfolio Summary



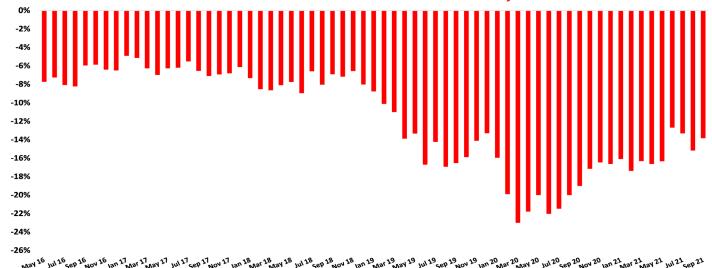




#### Geographic Exposure



# Affluence LIC Fund Portfolio - Discount to NTA History



# Five Largest Investments

Thorney Opportunities Limited (TOP)

Djerriwarrh Investments (DJW)

Platinum Capital (PMC)

Templeton Global Growth Fund (TGG)

NGE Capital (NGE)

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	\$17.6m		
Entry Price	\$1.4047		
Exit Price	\$1.4019		
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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