EQUITY INCOME FUND MONTHLY REPORT



31 MAY 2025

The **Investors Mutual Equity Income Fund** provides exposure to a diversified portfolio of quality Australian shares for investors seeking a regular and relatively high-income stream and lower levels of volatility compared to the ASX300, along with some capital growth over time.

FUND PERFORMANCE							
	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	1 YEAR	3 YEARS^	5 YEARS^	10 YEARS^	SINCE INCEPTION^
Income	+0.0%	+1.5%	+6.8%	+6.8%	+7.0%	+7.4%	+8.0%
Growth	+2.6%	+2.2%	+3.4%	+0.3%	+3.7%	-1.4%	+0.0%
Total return*	+2.6%	+3.7%	+10.2%	+7.1%	+10.7%	+6.0%	+8.0%
Benchmark**	+4.2%	+4.3%	+13.2%	+9.3%	+12.0%	+8.1%	+8.4%

^{^%} Performance per annum. Inception date 1 January 2011 *Fund returns are calculated net of management fees, and assuming all distributions are re-invested. Investors should be aware that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Returns can be volatile, reflecting rises and falls in the value of underlying investments. **The benchmark for this Fund is the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index (ASX300)

- The **Equity Income Fund** had a solid month, up +2.6%. However, it could not keep pace with the ASX 300, which soared +4.5% off the back of big rises by some highly valued banking and tech stocks, which we remain cautious of.
- The fund had many strong performers including Orica +17.3%, Brambles +13.0% and Santos +9.7%. Aurizon was disappointing, dropping -3.6% after an update reiterated earnings were likely to be at the lower end of expectations. We believe its long-term future remains sound and its dividend remains attractive, underpinned by its regulated rail assets.
- The fund capitalised on opportunities arising from results announcements by National Australia Bank, Orica and Westpac, generating additional income by writing option premiums on these holdings at levels consistent with our valuations.
- While uncertainty remains around US tariffs and the global economy, markets took a glass half-full attitude to news during the month. Most leading indicators continue to point to economic weakness in the US and many other regions which should impact cyclical company earnings. IML's portfolios have navigated the volatility well so far and our focus on quality businesses with more defensive, recurring earnings positions us well for continued volatility and any slowdown in the global and Australian economies.

FUND INCOME PERFORMANCE					
	1 YEAR	3 YEARS^	5 YEARS^	10 YEARS^	SINCE INCEPTION^
Franking benefit	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Total return including franking	11.6%	8.4%	12.0%	7.3%	9.3%
Income return including franking	8.2%	8.1%	8.3%	8.7%	9.3%
ASX 300 Income Return including franking	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%	5.7%	5.9%

The total return including franking is based on the fund distributions, assumes a zero percent tax rate and both distribution and franking benefits are re-invested. The ASX 300 income return including franking is based on the S&P/ASX 300 Franking Credit Adjusted Daily Total Return Index (Tax-Exempt).

PORTFOLIO DATA			
ACTIVE SECTOR WEIGH	ITS	TOP 10 HOLDINGS	ASX CODE
Industrials	3.9%	BHP	ВНР
Energy	■ 1.3%	Brambles	BXB
Health Care	0.5%	CSL	CSL
Consumer Staples	-0.8%	National Australia Bank	NAB
Communication Services	-0.8%		
Utilities	-0.9%	Charter Hall Retail REIT	CQR
Real Estate	-2.1% ■	Amcor	AMC
Consumer Discretionary	-3.1%	Steadfast	SDF
Information Technology	-3.5%	The Lottery Corporation	TLC
Materials	-4.0%	Aurizon	AZJ
Financials	-20.9%		-
		Telstra	TLS

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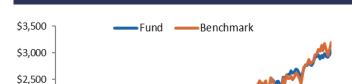
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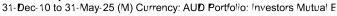


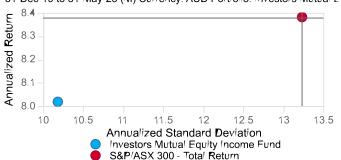


GROWTH OF \$1,000 INVESTED AT INCEPTION









Since inception: 1 January 2011: Cumulative performance of the Fund vs its benchmark; Benchmark = S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, Source: IML, Factset

FUND FACTS	
ARSN	107 095 438
APIR	IML0005AU
Inception	1 January 2011
Benchmark	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Fund size	\$ 511M
Investment Horizon	4-5 years
Minimum Initial Investment	A\$50,000
Minimum Additional Investment/ Redemption	A\$5,000
Distributions	Quarterly
Performance Fee	Nil
Management Fee	0.993% p.a. of the net assets of the fund (includes net effect of GST)
Asset Classes and Allocation Range	Aust Equities (50-100%) Cash (0-50%)

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	FUND	BENCHMARK
No. of stocks	35	300
Portfolio turnover ¹	21%	NA
Portfolio Beta (since inception)	0.70	1.00

¹Annual portfolio turnover over the last 12 months is computed by taking the lesser of purchases or sales and dividing by the average monthly net assets.

FUND RATINGS

Morningstar	Bronze
Zenith	Recommended
Lonsec	Recommended *Visit lonsec.com.au/logo-disclosure for important information about this rating

The Value and Income Fund was restructured and renamed the Equity Income Fund on 1 January 2011 where the strategy of the Fund was changed to not hold international shares and to focus on its current strategy of generating income for unitholders. If the performance of the two funds are combined the results would be as follows:

	Fund Return	Benchmark
Since Inception [^] 1 May 2004	+7.4%	+8.8%

^{^%} Performance per annum. Fund returns are calculated net of management fees and assuming all distributions are re-invested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Fund returns are the Value and Income Fund prior to 31 December 2010 and the Equity Income Fund from 1 January 2011. The benchmark is the UBS Bank Bill+2% benchmark prior to 31 December 2010 and S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index from 1 January 2011.



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