



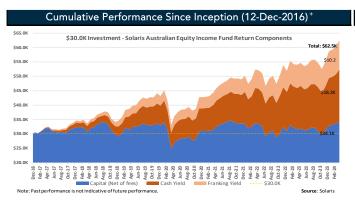
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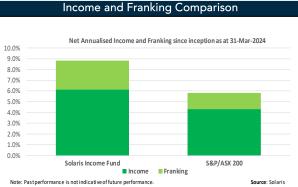
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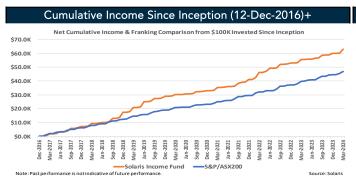
Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund (APIR: WHT2589AU)

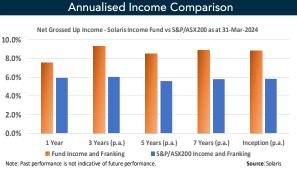
RECOMMENDED

Fund Overview		Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund			
Income including franking*	7.54% (1 Year)	Minimum Initial Investment	\$30,000		
	8.82% (Annualised since inception)	Minimum Additional Investment	\$5,000		
Total Return (incl. franking)*	10.59% (Annualised since inception)	Minimum Investment Balance	\$5,000		
Investment Objectives^	Both Income and Growth:-	Minimum Withdrawal Amount	\$5,000		
	-Exceed the ASX200 Fully Franked Yield	Fees and Expenses	Management Fee 0.90%		
	(By exceeding both Cash & Franking Yield)	Buy/Sell Spread	+/- 0.3%		
	-Exceed the ASX200 Accum. Index	Distribution	Quarterly**		
	inc. Franking Credits after fees	Inception Date	12-Dec-2016		
Suggested Investment Period	3 to 5 years	Responsible Entity	Pinnacle Fund Services		



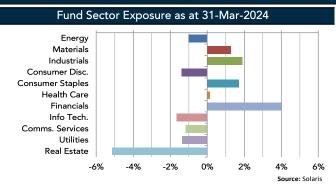






- * Returns are Net of Fees. This is historical performance data. It should be noted the value of an investment can rise and fall and past performance is not indicative of future performance.
- ** In special situations the fund may pay distribution proceeds out of cycle
- ^ The investment objective is merely an indication of what the fund aims to achieve over the long-term. Returns are not guaranteed and the fund may not achieve this investment objective.
- + Franking Return is the performance attributable to the benefit of Franking credits generated within the Fund. Franking credits are included on the dividend ex-date, which is in line with the calculation methodology of the benchmark. Where the Fund does not subsequently satisfy the relevant holding period rules, which may be up to 45 days after the dividend ex-date, any associated franking credits will be reversed on the date the relevant holding period rules are not satisfied. This may result in the Franking Return being negatively impacted.

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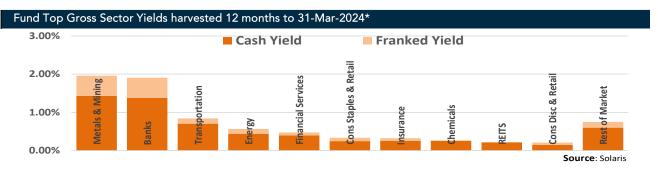


Where broker consensus yield estimates for expected dividends appear attractive Solaris will perform extensive reviews on yield opportunity versus potential capital (share price) risk. The Fund may or may not take a position in these companies. The yields are not guaranteed and the opportunity may not be realised.

March Quarter 2024

The S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index rallied +5.8% for the March quarter, despite a volatile reporting season in February the market remained well supported due to investor confidence a soft landing for the economy will be achieved. Inflationary pressures are on a downward trend, yet recent data releases have been better than expected, underscoring the resilience of the broader economy. Consequently, the anticipated timing of rate cuts in the US has been postponed, as evidenced by a 36 basis point increase in the US 10-year bond yield over the quarter, while the Australian 10-year yield remained unchanged. Commodity moves were mixed over the quarter, with gold up over 8% and oil up over 15%. Meanwhile, downward momentum in Iron Ore continued, falling nearly 30% for the quarter.

The Fund outpeformed over the quarter delivering a positive total return of 6.50%, which comprised of income of 2.74% (including franking) and capital gains of 3.76%. The top three contributors to return during the quarter included Suncorp (+22.0%), which paid a material 3.17% gross dividend in February, Life 360 (+73.1%) which is now one of the top 10 'apps' in the United States and is only just beginning to monetise it's 61.4 million active user base and Goodman Group (+33.6%) which is increasingly well positioned to develop data centres on key logistics sites.



Overview and Outlook

For the past 18 months, investors and corporates have been navigating an uncertain macroeconomic environment with high inflation and an aggressive rate hiking cycle. Despite this, the Australian and global economies have shown impressive resilience and recession risk continues to subside. The growing acceptance that a soft-landing has been achieved has reduced the uncertainty in the macro environment but has induced strong momentum into equity markets, with high beta and growth companies benefitting, causing material share price rerates in a number of companies and sectors.

Our research anticipates dividend yields across the market to remain robust. In terms of listed companies, we forecast over 70% of dividend paying companies to be paying a higher dividend twelve months ahead than the current level of dividend. In terms of sector positioning, we are seeing total return opportunities within the financial and industrial segments of the market. We are cautious of pricing in the real estate sector following the strong rally over the quarter due to expectations of interest rate cuts which are yet to be delivered, and across the major miners we see the potential for softer dividends in the period ahead due to the lower iron ore price combined with higher capital expenditure intentions.

In this dynamic environment, our investment team is seeing an array of opportunities to harvest attractive fully franked yields while focusing on capturing a positive total return. During the quarter, Suncorp is a good example of a 'high yielding' company that performed well. The portfolio also benefitted from holdings in companies with low dividend yields, including Life 360 and Goodman Group which delivered strong capital growth. As we navigate the complexities of the market, our commitment to identifying and capitalizing on compelling investment opportunities remains resolute. We remain focused on constructing a portfolio that delivers quarterly income (cash yield and franking) in excess of what is available in the market while aiming to grow capital over the medium term. We extend our gratitude for your continued trust and support.

Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund (APIR: WHT2589AU) March Quarter 2024

investment management								
Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund Return Components (Net Performance) as at 31 March 2024*								
	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years (p.a.)	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)	Inception p.a (12/12/2016		
Cash Dividend	2.06%	5.48%	6.13%	6.40%	6.10%	6.14%		
Franking+	0.68%	2.06%	2.52%	2.89%	2.42%	2.68%		
Capital	3.76%	8.34%	0.61%	2.85%	1.60%	1.77%		
Total Return [#]	6.50%	15.88%	9.26%	12.14%	10.13%	10.59%		
Performance vs Objectives (Net of Fees) as at 31	March 2024*							
Cash Yield (Income Excluding Franking ⁺)								
S&P/ASX200	1.30%	4.43%	4.42%	4.46%	4.13%	4.31%		
Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund	2.06%	5.48%	6.13%	6.40%	6.10%	6.14%		
Outperformance	0.76%	1.05%	1.71%	1.94%	1.97%	1.83%		
Grossed up Yield (Income Including Franking ⁺)								
S&P/ASX200	1.74%	5.94%	5.98%	6.04%	5.59%	5.84%		
Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund	2.74%	7.54%	8.65%	9.29%	8.52%	8.82%		
Outperformance	1.00%	1.60%	2.67%	3.25%	2.93%	2.98%		
Total Return# (Includes Capital, Cash Yield and Fran	nking ⁺)							
S&P/ASX200	5.77%	15.96%	8.59%	11.20%	10.61%	10.76%		
Solaris Australian Equity Income Fund	6.50%	15.88%	9.26%	12.14%	10.13%	10.59%		
Outperformance	0.73%	-0.08%	0.67%	0.94%	-0.48%	-0.17%		

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