

# EQUITY INCOME FUND

## MONTHLY REPORT



31 JULY 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%	+1.6%	+6.4%	+6.8%	+6.9%	+7.2%	+8.0%
Growth	+2.7%	+5.5%	+2.3%	+2.0%	+4.9%	-0.9%	+0.2%
Total return*	+2.7%	+7.1%	+8.7%	+8.8%	+11.8%	+6.3%	+8.2%
Benchmark**	+2.4%	+8.2%	+11.9%	+12.1%	+12.2%	+8.7%	+8.6%

^% 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 strong month, up +2.7%, ahead of the ASX 300 which rose +2.4%.
- The fund had many strong performers including CSL, up +13.1%, Orica, up +9.7%, Aurizon, up +6.9% and Ampol, up +6.3%. Steadfast was disappointing, drifting -1.0% lower in a quiet news period ahead of reporting season. We remain confident in Steadfast's industry leading position, strong recurring earnings profile and long-term organic and inorganic growth prospects.
- The fund took advantage of market price movements by prudently writing options on holdings including BHP, Suncorp, The Lottery Corporation, and Sigma Healthcare to enhance income in the lead-up to the September reporting season.
- While uncertainty remains around US tariffs and the global economy, markets remain in a confident mood. Most leading indicators continue to point to economic weakness in many parts of the world which should impact cyclical company earnings. IML's portfolios have navigated the volatility well so far and our focus on quality businesses with a strong competitive advantage and recurring earnings positions us well for any continued volatility.

### FUND INCOME PERFORMANCE

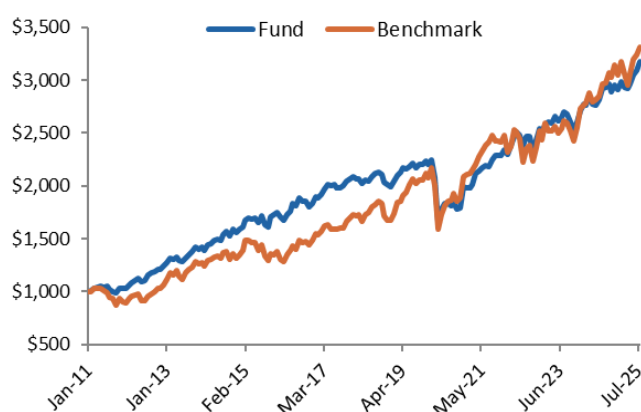
	1 YEAR	3 YEARS^	5 YEARS^	10 YEARS^	SINCE INCEPTION^
Franking benefit	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Total return including franking	9.9%	10.1%	13.1%	7.6%	9.6%
Income return including franking	7.6%	8.1%	8.2%	8.5%	9.4%
ASX 300 Income Return including franking	4.9%	5.7%	5.6%	5.7%	5.9%

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 WEIGHTS		TOP 10 HOLDINGS		ASX CODE
Industrials	5.3%	BHP		BHP
Health Care	1.7%	CSL		CSL
Energy	0.9%	Brambles		BXB
Consumer Staples	-0.4%	Charter Hall Retail REIT		CQR
Communication Services	-1.0%	National Australia Bank		NAB
Utilities	-1.3%	Amcor PLC		AMC
Real Estate	-1.8%	Commonwealth Bank		CBA
Materials	-2.6%	Steadfast		SDF
Information Technology	-3.5%	Aurizon		AZJ
Consumer Discretionary	-3.8%	The Lottery Corporation		TLC
Financials	-16.5%			

### GROWTH OF \$1,000 INVESTED AT INCEPTION

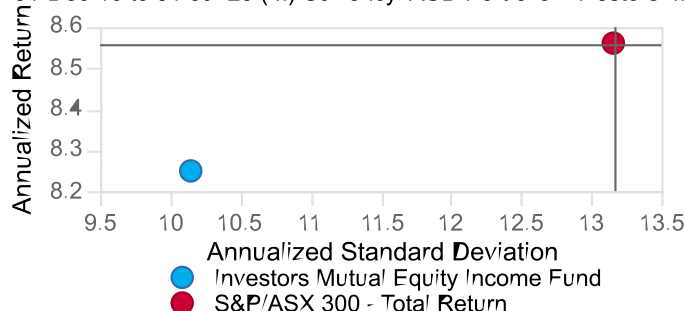


Since inception: 1 January 2011: Cumulative performance of the Fund vs its benchmark; Benchmark = S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, Source: IML,Factset

### FUND RISK-RETURN VS BENCHMARK

#### Since Inception Risk Return

31-Dec-10 to 31-Jul-25 (M) Currency: AUD Portfolio: Investors Mu



### FUND FACTS

ARSN	107 095 438
APIR	IML0005AU
Inception	1 January 2011
Benchmark	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Fund size	\$ 524M
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	33	300
Portfolio turnover <sup>1</sup>	31%	NA
Portfolio Beta (since inception)	0.70	1.00

<sup>1</sup>Annual 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 <a href="http://lonsec.com.au/logo-disclosure">lonsec.com.au/logo-disclosure</a> 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 <sup>A</sup> 1 May 2004	+7.5%	+8.9%

<sup>A</sup>% 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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