

Prime Value

Equity Income (Imputation) Fund – March 2022

- Global equity markets recovered in March despite rising inflation and interest rates overhanging sentiment.
- Fund returned 4% for the March Quarter including franking
- Quarterly distribution was 6 cents/unit – a higher number due to participation in Westpac company buybacks

	Total Return*	Growth Return*	Distribution Return*	Total Return including Franking Credits**	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Since inception (p.a.)	10.3%	5.2%	5.1%	12.4%	8.5%
10 Years (p.a.)	7.4%	3.0%	4.4%	9.6%	10.1%
5 Years (p.a.)	7.1%	2.5%	4.7%	9.4%	9.4%
3 Years (p.a.)	8.5%	3.9%	4.7%	10.9%	10.9%
2 Years (p.a.)	30.3%	24.9%	5.4%	33.2%	26.2%
1 Year	14.5%	8.7%	5.8%	17.9%	15.2%
3 Months	2.7%	0.6%	2.2%	4.0%	2.1%
1 Month	6.1%	3.9%	2.2%	7.5%	6.9%

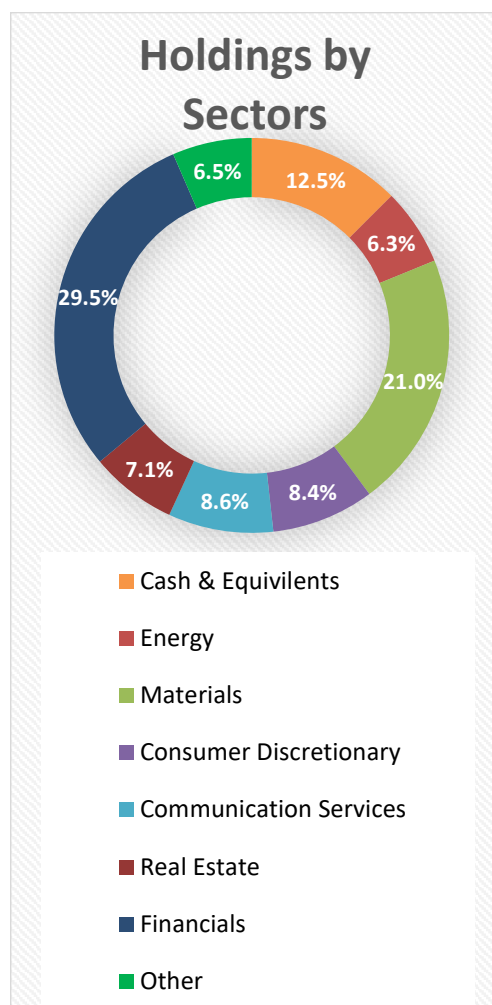
* Fund returns are calculated net of management fees, assuming all distributions are re-invested. Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council (FSC) standards. The returns are calculated before performance fees which are charged against individual accounts. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

** Returns grossed up for franking credits are estimates.

Top five holdings	Sector
BHP	Materials
Macquarie Group	Financials
Commonwealth Bank	Financial
National Bank	Financials
Wesfarmers Limited	Consumer Discretionary

The top five holdings make up approximately 31.5% of the portfolio.

Feature	Fund facts
Portfolio Manager	Leanne Pan
Investment objective	To provide regular tax-effective income, combined with competitive capital growth over the medium to long-term, by managing a portfolio of assets comprised mainly of Australian equities listed on any recognised Australian stock exchange.
Benchmark	S&P / ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Inception Date	20 December 2001
Cash	0 - 30%
Distributions	Quarterly
Suggested Investment Period	3 + years



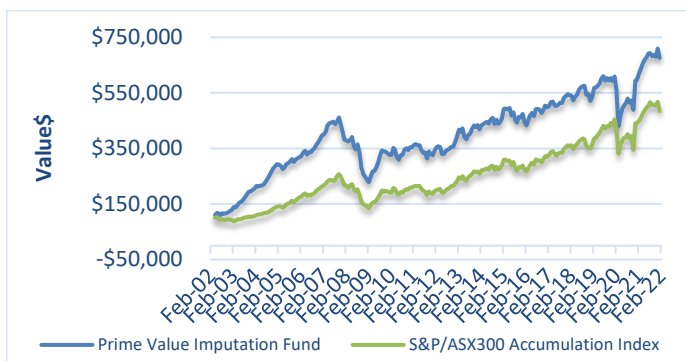
Market review

March was a strong month for equities as markets rose on news of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine. World share markets steadied somewhat during March despite the continued headwinds of high inflation, rising bond yields and war between Russia and Ukraine. However, performances were mixed with US markets trading higher while European markets ended the month broadly flat. In Asia, China was a notable laggard (-6%), weighed down by demand concerns following fresh lock-down measures to contain COVID, while Japan was up +5% with help from a weaker Yen boosting export competitiveness.

Government bonds continued to sell off (yields moved higher) and currency markets were volatile. On the latter, the Australian dollar enjoyed strong gains versus a number of currencies over the month, presumably a reflection upon strengthening terms of trade via rising commodity prices.

Brent Oil prices continued to move upwards in March, climbing US\$7 to US\$108/bbl. Gold fell towards US\$1,900 towards the end of the month, likely on unwinding of near-term safe-haven flows on potential for de-escalation in the Russia/Ukraine conflict. Prices have retreated from the highs above US\$2,000 reached in early March, likely because the run-up was largely driven by speculative futures positioning and buying.

The ASX300 Accumulation Index gained (+6.9%) in March, marking a strong month for Australian. All sectors added value in March, driving broader market gains. Technology was the best performing sector, though gains were made through the barbell of Materials and Bank sectors. Large caps stocks outperformed its small / mid cap counterparts, with Resources outperforming Industrials across all size-biased indices. On a sector basis, IT (+13.2%) was the strongest performer, while Energy (+9.8%), and Materials (+8.9%) also outperformed in Australia. The REITs sector relatively underperformed (+1.2%), the Health Care (+2.5%) and Consumer Discretionary (+4.2%) sectors also relatively underperformed.



This graph shows how \$100,000 invested at the Fund's inception has increased to \$686,700 (net of fees excluding performance fees). This compares very favourably with the return of the market, where a \$100,000 investment would have increased to \$494,500 over the same period. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits.

Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council (FSC) standards. No allowance has been made for taxation. Performance assumes the reinvestment of income distributions. Past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

	Direct Investment (Class A)	Platform Investment (Class B)
APIR code	PVA0002AU	PVA0022AU
Minimum Investment	\$20,000	N/A
Issue price	\$ 2.6887	\$ 2.6908
Withdrawal price	\$ 2.6683	\$ 2.6704
Distribution (31/12/2021)	\$ 0.0400	\$ 0.0412
Indirect Cost Ratio (ICR)*	1.435% p.a.	1.23% p.a.
Performance fee**	20.5%	20.5%

* Unless otherwise stated, all fees quoted are inclusive of GST and the relevant RITC
 ** of performance (net of management fees and administration costs) above the agreed benchmark, subject to positive performance and a high water mark

Fund review & strategy

The Fund returned 6.1% for the month of March or 2.7% for the March Quarter (gains made in March), outperformed its benchmark. The return is 4.0% for the Quarter when franking is added. 6 cents/unit was distributed and paid in early April. This again is a higher distribution mainly due to the Fund's participation in tax-effective Westpac buybacks. Contributors for the month were Macquarie Group (MQG +12.4%), BHP (+10.9%) and CBA (12.7%). Detractors were HomeCo Daily Needs (HDN -6.8%), Amcor (AMC -3.5%) and Waypoint (WPR -2.2%). REITs sector underperformed in general given the rising yield curve. Our holding in HDN resulted from the merger between Aventus (AVN – our holding) and HDN. They both operate in the large format retail space with a broader mandate including healthcare, neighbourhood from HDN. The highly regarded CEO of AVN had been appointed to run the combined group. This is our only Retail REIT holding at the moment – partly due to its steady cashflow, solid asset backing and opportunity to grow through strong development pipeline. We will continue to assess the performance of the combined group.

In this eventful Quarter, we had wars - physical, economic or verbal; central banks' more hawkish posturing, Federal budget and the looming Federal election. Big caps have outperformed the small caps in a volatile risk on/off scenario. Australia equity has performed well, thanks to the Materials and Banks sectors. We don't expect any major policy agenda or reforms from either of the main political parties in the upcoming Federal election – rather a small target approach. High profile Independents or minor parties are likely to gain lots of air time and might influence the outcome. "Budget repair" might start after....

Australia market is trading at PE of 16X and dividend yield of 4%+ which remain relatively attractive. We continue to hold some gold in our portfolio as a hedge for inflation and geopolitical risk. Other positions remain relatively stable - sticking with companies with sustainable dividend yield and medium- term capital growth.

Top Contributors (Absolute)	Sector
Macquarie Group	Financials
BHP	Materials
CBA	Financials

Top Detractors (Absolute)	Sector
Homeco Daily Needs	Real Estate
Amcor	Materials
Waypoints	Real Estate

Platforms
Ausmaq, Beacon, BT Wrap, First Wrap, Hub24, Netwealth, Symetry, Wealthtrac

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