

Prime Value

Equity Income (Imputation) Fund – March 2024

- Global share markets were broadly higher in March on strong US economic data and supportive interest comments from the US Fed.
- The ASX300 Accumulation Index rose a fifth consecutive month, up 3.3% in March and kept pace with its offshore peers.
- The Fund made a quarterly distribution of 2 cents per unit, generating a total return of 7.3% including franking for the March Quarter

	Total Return*	Growth Return*	Distribution Return*	Total Return including Franking Credits**	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Since inception (p.a.)	10.0%	4.9%	5.1%	12.2%	8.4%
20 Years (p.a.)	7.2%	4.7%	2.5%	9.3%	8.7%
10 Years (p.a.)	6.8%	2.3%	4.5%	9.0%	8.3%
5 Years (p.a.)	8.2%	3.4%	4.8%	10.5%	9.2%
3 Years (p.a.)	9.9%	4.7%	5.2%	12.5%	9.4%
1 Year	17.3%	13.1%	4.2%	19.3%	14.4%
3 Months	7.0%	6.3%	0.7%	7.3%	5.4%
1 Month	3.7%	3.0%	0.7%	4.0%	3.3%

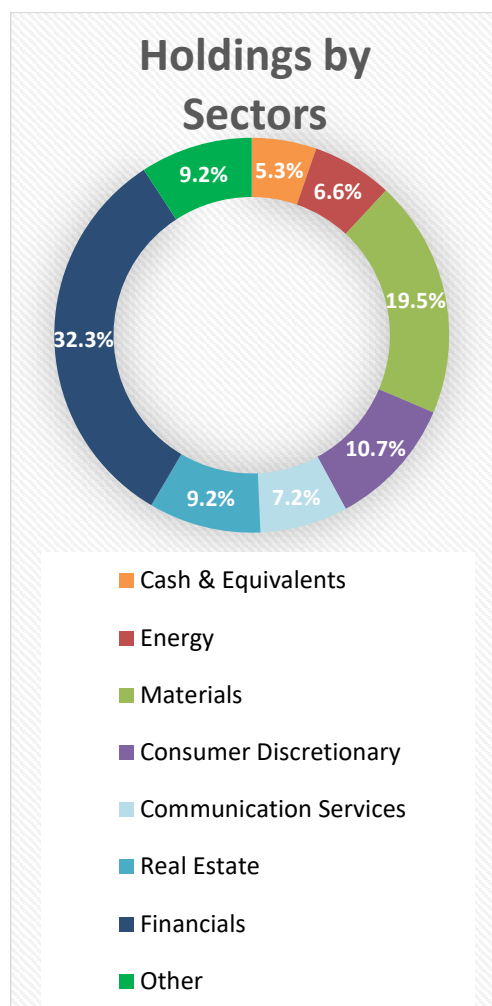
* Fund returns are calculated net of management fees, assuming all distributions are re-invested. Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council (FSC) standards. The returns are calculated before performance fees which are charged against individual accounts. 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 Group	Materials
Commonwealth Bank	Financials
Macquarie Group	Financials
Wesfarmers	Consumer Discretionary
National Australia Bank	Financials

The top five holdings make up approximately 33.9% 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



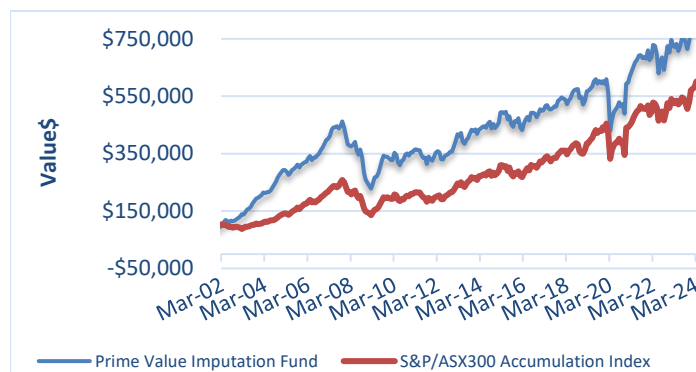
Market review

March saw the equity markets' strong run continue, as hopes firmed that both the US and Australian economies will be largely immune to the cyclical risks many foresaw. The MSCI Developed Markets Index rose (+3.4%), while the S&P500 Index also strengthened (+3.2%). Emerging Markets underperformed Developed Markets, with the MSCI Emerging Market Index rising 2.5% in USD currency terms across the month.

The Australian 10-year government bond yield fell 17 basis points over the month to 3.97%. US yields also declined, stepping down 4 basis points to 4.20%. Commodity prices were mixed in March. Brent Oil rose by US\$3.86 to US\$87.48/bbl, whilst China macro concerns saw Iron Ore prices fall by US\$15.50 to US\$102.00/Mt. Over the month, Gold prices hit another record high, increasing by US\$166.30 to US\$2,214.35 per ounce.

The ASX300 Accumulation Index rose for a fifth consecutive month in March, bouncing from mid-month lows and the ASX300 Index setting another high of 7848 points along the way. For the month, the ASX300 Accumulation Index was up 3.3%. The materials sector recovered from the recent run of losses, despite a decline in Iron Ore prices—the copper and gold complexes has led the sector up globally thus far this year.

With the exception of the Communication Services sector, all ASX sectors closed higher. However, the breadth of relative outperformance was more constrained to the Real Estate, Energy, Utilities and Materials sectors. Small caps continue to close the relative performance gap to large caps, with a +1.8% point relative gain in March, driven by a bounce in the Resources sector performance, which outperformed Industrials across all size biased indices.



This graph shows how \$100,000 invested at the Fund's inception has increased to \$845,800 (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 \$601,300 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 (Ex)	\$ 2.9468	\$ 2.9496
Withdrawal price (Ex)	\$ 2.9244	\$ 2.9272
Distribution (31/03/2024)	\$ 0.0200	\$ 0.0214
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 3.7% for the month of March, outperformed its benchmark. For the March Quarter, cash distribution was 2 cents per unit; generating a strong total return (growth & income) of 7.3% including franking.

Contributors for the month were Goodman Group (GMG +13.1%), Newmont (NEM +16.8%) and BHP (+0.7%). Detractors were Westpac (WBC -0.9%), Monash IVF (MVF -2.4%) and CSR (-0.1%). Goodman Group continued to contribute good returns to the Fund. We have held a high conviction position in Goodman Group over a long period of time and through the REITs sector's volatile period caused by sharply rising interest rates. We seek to invest in well managed companies that are well capitalised. Our experience indicates that companies with such characteristics are typically well positioned to take advantage of changing trends or strengthen their positions at the expense of the competition. Goodman Group exhibits those characteristics we seek and is evident in the company's rising exposure to high value data centre developments.

We observe that we operate in an environment there's overwhelming focus on the minute-by-minute news cycle and for the next big idea or theme. The reality is that this incremental change is rarely of any consequence or materiality, yet stock prices react to the change and pick up momentum in both directions. We work hard on trying to cut through the noise and focus on seeing the forest for the trees.

The portfolio is constructed by considering both top-down & bottom up research with the quality of ideas and conviction level (rather than Benchmark composition and weights) determining the size of each individual investment. Sustainable dividend is also part of the investment consideration. It is our belief that investing in good businesses at attractive valuations will enable us to earn excess risk-adjusted returns for our investors over the medium to long term.

Top Contributors (Absolute)	Sector
Goodman Group	Real Estate
Newmont	Materials
BHP	Materials

Top Detractors (Absolute)	Sector
Westpac	Financial
Monash IVF	Health Care
CSR	Materials

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

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