Prime Value Equity Income (Imputation) Fund
Fund Update – September 2026

- Global equity markets were mixed in September as Middle East tensions continued and bond yields rose
- The Fund returned -1.3% for the month of September, outperforming its benchmark
- The Fund declared a quarterly distribution of 2 cents per unit, generating a total return of 0.3% including franking for the Quarter

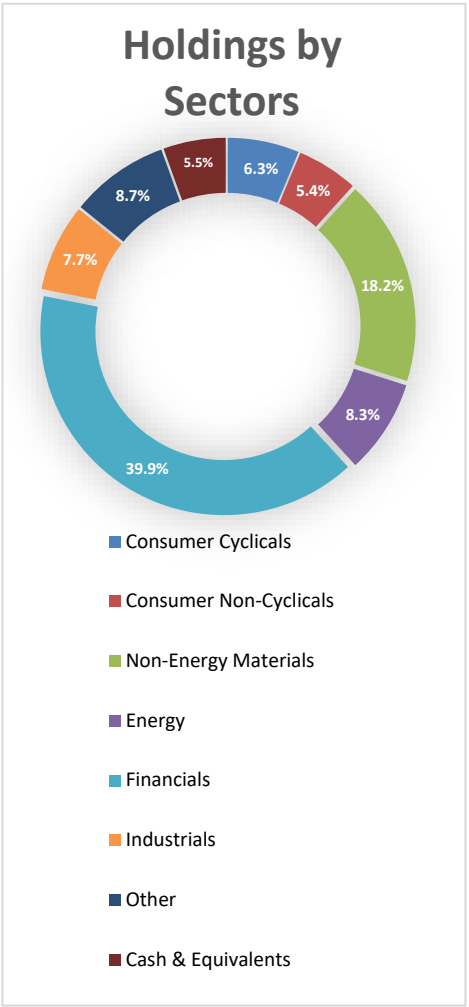
	Total Return*	Growth Return*	Distribution Return*	Total Return including Franking Credits**	S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Since inception (p.a.)	10.1%	5.2%	4.9%	12.2%	8.3%
10 Years (p.a.)	8.4%	4.1%	4.3%	10.5%	9.0%
5 Years (p.a.)	9.9%	5.6%	4.3%	12.2%	7.5%
3 Years (p.a.)	14.0%	10.9%	3.1%	15.6%	11.3%
1 Year	6.7%	4.2%	2.5%	8.1%	2.4%
3 Months	-0.1%	-0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	1.3%
1 Month	-1.3%	-1.9%	0.6%	-0.9%	-2.4%

* 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	Non-Energy Materials
Commonwealth Bank	Finance
Wesfarmers	Consumer Cyclicals
Macquarie Group	Finance
Telstra Group	Telecommunications

The top five holdings make up approximately 33.0% 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
Benchmark	S&P / ASX 300 Accumulation Index
Inception Date	20 December 2001
Cash	0 - 30%
Distributions	Quarterly
Suggested Investment Period	3+ years



Market review

Global equity markets were mixed in September amid a backdrop of continuing Middle East tensions and rising global bond yields.

Technology stocks were in favour, particularly Semiconductor stocks, as confidence on AI spending was spurred by the launch of Meta's Muse AI agent. Much of the rest of the market fell.

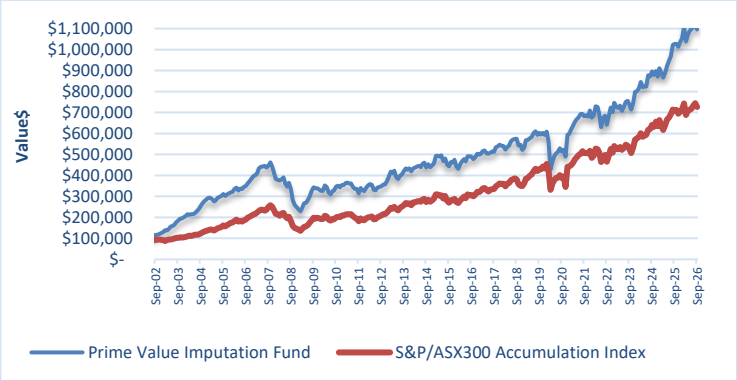
US indices were heavily driven by their level of Technology stock exposure with the Dow Jones Industrial Index -4.1%, the S&P 500 Index -0.3% and the Nasdaq 100 Index +1.9%. Japan's Nikkei 225 Index rose +1.3% while the MSCI AC World Index fell -0.7% and London's FTSE 100 Index fell -2.0%.

Oil prices were up strongly (Brent crude +8%) on renewed attacks between the US and Iran, stalling progress on peace negotiations. Most commodities were down in September with iron ore -7%, gold -6%, nickel -6% and copper flat. Lithium was particularly weak, falling -28%, as China's stockpiles were revised upwards by c100%. All commodity price changes are based in US dollars.

Bond yields rose globally with US 10-year yields rising 48bps to 5.28% (a 5-yr high), with increases also seen in Canada (+25bps), Germany (+24bps), Australia (+21bps), the UK (+20bps) and Japan (+16bps).

In Australia, solid GDP data saw the RBA increase interest rates by 25bps for the 4th time this cycle, albeit August CPI released the next day was slightly below expectations, potentially giving pause to future decisions.

The ASX300 Accumulation Index was -2.4% in September. Healthcare (+3.9%) and Energy (+0.5%) were the only two sectors in positive territory, while the weakest were Information Technology (-9.8%) and Materials (-5.9%).



This graph shows how $100,000 invested at the Fund's inception has increased to $1,095,800 (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 $726,300 over the same period. The returns exclude the benefits of imputation credits.
Performance figures have been calculated in accordance with the 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)	$3.5620	$3.5648
Withdrawal price (Ex)	$3.5350	$3.5379
Distribution (30/09/2026)	$ 0.0200	$ 0.0216
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 -1.3% for the month of September, outperformed its benchmark. Quarterly distribution of 2 cents per unit was declared and paid to investor accounts in early October. Total return for the September Quarter was 0.3% including franking. The Fund delivered a total annualised return of 8.1%/15.6%/12.2% on 1/3/5-year basis including franking.

Interest rate risk was very much front of mind in the investment market. Persistent inflation data, RBA hikes and the Fed rate hawkish bias all spooked the market. Surging oil prices also contributed to the cost-of-living pressure together with increased mortgage repayment. Issues surrounding private credit market added another red flag to investor concern. Contributors to performance were Dalrymple Infrastructure (DBI +7.7%), NRW Holdings (NWH +6.9%) and Telstra (TLS +3.4%). Detractors were BHP (-8.2% weakness in resources sector), CBA (-5.6%) and Newmont (NEM -5.5% gold price retrieved 6%).

The 100bp change in RBA cash rate over the past 12 months is slowly taking its toll on the consumers. We noted the slow-down in general consumer spending, partly resulted from higher mortgage repayment pressure, lower housing prices (wealth effect); whereas the older cohort has higher spending power from higher interest income. AI related investments and public sector spending continue to support general investment market. We continue to hold a portfolio balancing dividend income and medium term growth opportunities.

Top contributors (absolute)	Sector
Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure	Industrials
NRW	Industrials
Telstra	Telecommunications

Top detractors (absolute)	Sector
BHP	Non-Energy Materials
Commonwealth Bank	Finance
Newmont	Non-Energy Materials

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