# **Listed Investment Companies**

# **April 2011 NTAs**

### Update | 16 May 2011 Listed Investment Companies | Australia

- The S&P/ASX 200 finished the month slightly lower registering a 0.6% fall for April. The market jostled with a number of issues, with reasons for the sell off including the strength of the domestic currency, the looming implication of the budget and some negative sentiment due to weak house prices. In global markets companies continued to deploy excess balance sheet capacity via a combination of corporate activity and capital management initiatives, taking advantage of recent profits and access to cheap capital to extract growth from sluggish domestic conditions.
- Domestically across the LIC space, NTA performance amongst the managers has been quite stark. The smaller cap focused LICs continue to significantly outperform their larger cap peers on a one year basis. Contango, Mirrabooka and Emerging Leaders are amongst the managers reporting solid performance figures. The larger LICs have maintained their spate of recent underperformance relative to the broader equity benchmark over the last 12 months.
- Interestingly, the discount to NTA for a number of the LICs has either widened or
  persisted at elevated levels since last months report. Even some of the more liquid
  and well supported LICs are trading at significant discounts, as share prices have
  been falling at a greater rate than portfolio movements. This is counterintuitive to
  the idea that LICs represent defensive properties in weak equity markets, a
  perception gained by how LIC share prices have reacted in falling markets
  historically.
- Premiums and discounts to closing prices and performance data are summarised as per below:

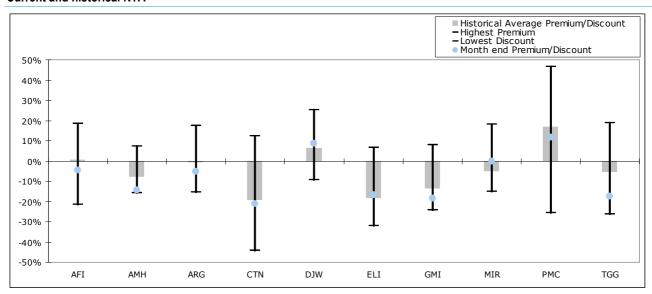
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		16-May-11	30-Apr-11	30-Apr-11	30-Apr-11	30-Apr-11	30-Apr-11	
	Company Name	Price cps	Price cps	NTA before provision for tax on unrealised gains cps	NTA after provision for tax on unrealised gains cps	NTA Prem/(Dis)  Before provision for tax on unrealised gains	NTA Prem/(Dis) After provision for tax on unrealised gains	3 year average Premium (Discount) Before provision for tax
Active	<u>Strategies</u>							
Austral	lian Equity Portfolios							
AFI	AFIC	464	474	497	428	-4.6%	10.7%	4.2%
ALF	Australian Leaders Fund Limited *	128	127	148	143	-14.2%	-11.2%	*
ALR	Aberdeen Leaders Limited *	124	128	146	139	-12.7%	-8.3%	-2.4%
AMH	AMCIL Limited	68	69	80	77	-14.4%	-11.0%	-9.6%
AOD	Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Fund *	100	101	105	NA	-4.3%	NA	0.3%
ARG	Argo Investments	598	598	631	568	-5.2%	5.3%	4.3%
AUI	Australian United *	675	678	759	659	-10.7%	2.9%	-3.6%
BKI	Brickworks Investment Company *	123	125	144	136	-13.2%	-8.1%	-12.0%
CTN	Contango MicroCap Limited	115	129	163	151	-21.1%	-14.9%	-29.7%
CYA	Century Australian Investments *	73	75	96	96	-22.0%	-22.1%	-11.4%
DJW	Djerriwarrh Investments Limited	408	409	376	362	8.8%	13.0%	12.3%
DUI	Diversified United Investments *	283	287	325	287	-11.7%	0.0%	-4.5%
ELI	Emerging Leaders Investments Limited	93	93	111	110	-16.7%	-15.9%	-21.0%
IBC	Ironbark Capital Limited (BTE) *	48	48	57	56	-15.3%	-14.6%	*
LRF	LinQ Resources Fund *	94	96	140	NA	-31.4%	NA	. *
MIR	Mirrabooka Investments Limited	184	195	195	180	0.0%	8.3%	-0.7%
MLT	Milton Corporation *	1588	1609	1804	1654	-10.8%	-2.7%	-1.9%
WAM	WAM Capital Limited *	160	161	175	167	-8.0%	-3.3%	-20.9%
WHF	Whitefield Limited *	282	286	329	338	-13.1%	-15.4%	-8.7%
WAX	WAM Research Limited*	75	75	91	94	-18.4%	-21.1%	*
Interna	tional Equity Portfolios							
AGF	AMP Capital China Growth Fund *	76	77	99	NA	-22.2%	NA	. *
GMI	Global Mining Investments Limited	122	127	156	146	-18.6%	-13.0%	-13.7%
PMC	Platinum Capital Limited	132	134	119	120	11.7%	11.3%	8.2%
TGG	Templeton Global Growth	77	79	95	95	-17.4%	-17.4%	-17.9%
XKO	S&P/ASX 300 Index	4659	4834		-3.61%	% Change since en	d of month	

Source: JBWere, IRESS. \* Not covered. \*\* 3 Year average not available

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#### **Current and historical NTA**



#### **Exchange traded funds**

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		16-May-11	30-Apr-11	16-May-11	16-May-11	16-May-11	16-May-11	
	Company Name	Price cps	Price cps	NTA before provision for tax on unrealised gains cps	NTA after provision for tax on unrealised gains cps	NTA Prem/(Dis) Before provision for tax on unrealised gains	NTA Prem/(Dis) After provision for tax on unrealised gains	3 year average Premium (Discount) Before provision for tax
ETFs -	Passive Strategies							
Austral	ian Equity Portfolios							
SFY	SPDR S&P/ASX 50 Fund	4567	4721	4555	4555	0.3%	0.3%	**
SLF	SPDR S&P/ASX 200 Property Fund	778	800	777	777	0.1%	0.1%	**
STW	SPDR S&P/ASX 200 Fund	4439	4581	4430	4430	0.2%	0.2%	**
VAS	Vanguard Australian Shares Index	6023	6222	6018	6018	0.1%	0.1%	**
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Interna	tional Equity Portfolios							
100	iShares S&P Global 100 #	6240	6313	6253	6253	-0.2%	-0.2%	**
IVV	iShares S&P 500 #	12685	12521	12674	12674	0.1%	0.1%	**
IJH	iShares S&P MidCap 400 #	9323	9283	9361	9361	-0.4%	-0.4%	**
IJR	iShares S&P SmallCap 600 #	6992	6950	6950	6950	0.6%	0.6%	**
IVE	iShares MSCI EAGG #	5761	5878	5754	5754	0.1%	0.1%	**
IEU	iShares S&P Europe 350 #	4012	4142	4039	4039	-0.7%	-0.7%	**
IJP	iShares MSCI Japan #	975	956	975	975	0.0%	0.0%	**
IEM	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets #	4444	4550	4474	4474	-0.7%	-0.7%	**
ITW	iShares MSCI Taiwan #	1490	1448	1490	1490	0.0%	0.0%	**
IKO	iShares MSCI South Korea #	6153	6223	6145	6145	0.1%	0.1%	**
IZZ	iShares FTSE/Xinhua China 25 #	4107	4128	4141	4141	-0.8%	-0.8%	**
IHK	iShares MSCI Hong Kong #	1792	1762	1813	1813	-1.1%	-1.1%	**
ISG	iShares MSCI Singapore #	1328	1321	1330	1330	-0.1%	-0.1%	**
IAA	iShares Asia 50 #	4502	4494	4540	4540	-0.8%	-0.8%	**
IBK	iShares MSCI BRIC #	4441	4578	4488	4488	-1.0%	-1.0%	**
IRU	iShares Russell 2000 #	7924	7900	7872	7872	0.7%	0.7%	**
IXP	iShares Global Telecommunications #	5803	5859	5814	5814	-0.2%	-0.2%	**
IXJ	iShares Global Healthcare #	5583	5362	5591	5591	-0.1%	-0.1%	**
IXI	iShares Consumer Staples #	6412	6195	6398	6398	0.2%	0.2%	**
VEU	Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares Index #	4644	4748	4626	4626	0.4%	0.4%	**
VTS	Vanguard US Total Market Shares Index #	6552	6480	6539	6539	0.2%	0.2%	**

Source: JBWere, IRESS. \*\* 3 Year average not available

In relation to the International ETFs, please note that any premiums / discounts to NTA may arise as a result of the time period between the Australian and US share markets close.

<sup>#</sup> NTA as at 13 May 2011 - converted using AUD/USD exchange rate at 4.00pm London Time the previous day (Source: IRESS)

#### Investment Performance as at 30 April 2011 (Based on NTA movements including dividends)

Australian Equity Portfolios

	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	15 Years pa	20 Years pa
Australian Foundation Investment Company Ltd	4.3%	1.8%	4.4%	10.2%	9.8%	11.6%	11.8%
Aberdeen Leaders Limited *	5.8%	-0.5%	1.1%	9.3%	6.4%	7.7%	_
AMCIL Limited	6.8%	6.2%	8.7%	11.1%	15.1%	-	_
Argo Investments	1.9%	0.0%	2.6%	9.0%	9.5%	11.1%	11.4%
Australian Leaders Fund Limited *	8.8%	15.7%	10.5%	13.0%	-	-	_
Australian United Limited *	5.1%	0.1%	3.2%	11.2%	9.8%	11.4%	_
Brickworks Investment Company *	3.9%	2.6%	3.9%	9.5%	-	-	_
Contango MicroCap Limited	25.0%	3.0%	5.2%	12.3%	-	-	_
Century Australian Investments Limited *	5.7%	4.4%	2.5%	7.3%	-	-	_
Djerriwarrh Investments Limited	5.1%	0.8%	3.3%	9.0%	7.5%	9.1%	10.1%
Diversified United Investments Limited *	3.0%	-0.9%	2.7%	11.4%	9.1%	10.3%	_
Emerging Leaders Investments Limited	10.7%	2.3%	1.8%	-	-	-	_
Hunter Hall Global Value Limited *	5.0%	2.9%	-2.7%	4.0%	-	-	_
Ironbark Capital Limited *	8.1%	4.1%	3.0%	5.8%	3.6%	5.9%	6.6%
Mirrabooka Investments Limited	10.8%	2.6%	5.0%	10.6%	10.8%	-	_
Milton Corporation *	2.5%	0.8%	2.9%	8.5%	9.8%	13.3%	_
Spider S&P/ASX 50 Fund	8.7%	0.3%	2.8%	9.5%	-	-	_
Spider S&P/ASX 200 Property Fund	2.1%	-14.4%	-8.6%	-1.9%	-	-	-
Spider S&P/ASX 200 Fund	8.5%	-0.8%	2.3%	9.3%	-	-	-
WAM Capital Limited *	15.0%	9.1%	5.0%	8.4%	10.7%	-	-
Whitefield Limited *	-2.4%	-1.7%	-2.8%	3.4%	-	-	_
WAM Research Limited*	12.6%	3.8%	0.4%	2.9%	-	-	-
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.1%	-0.3%	3.1%	9.9%	8.5%	9.4%	10.1%
S&P/ASX 50 Leaders Accumulation Index	4.1%	0.4%	3.0%	9.8%	7.8%	9.7%	9.9%

International Equity Portfolios

	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	15 Years pa	20 Years pa
AMP Capital China Growth Fund	3.1%	-9.2%	-	-	-	-	-
Global Mining Investments Limited	13.6%	-5.1%	5.0%	11.2%	-	-	-
Platinum Capital Limited	-6.1%	3.3%	-1.3%	3.1%	4.9%	8.9%	-
Templeton Global Growth	-0.9%	-7.0%	-5.6%	-0.5%	-2.6%	2.5%	4.4%
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MSCI World Accumulation Index	1.0%	-5.1%	-4.7%	0.6%	-3.3%	3.8%	5.6%

Share Price Performance as at 30 April 2011 (Based on Share Price movements including dividends)

Australian Equity Portfolios

	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	15 Years pa	20 Years pa
Australian Foundation Investment Company Ltd	-2.5%	-0.4%	4.3%	10.0%	10.5%	10.1%	9.6%
Aberdeen Leaders Limited *	-0.6%	-2.7%	1.3%	9.5%	8.7%	9.6%	11.5%
AMCIL Limited	3.3%	3.2%	6.9%	10.2%	15.5%	-	
Argo Investments Limited	-1.0%	-2.6%	1.4%	7.4%	10.2%	11.4%	10.7%
Australian Leaders Fund Limited *	19.3%	23.0%	13.9%	13.8%	-	-	
Australian United Limited *	-5.8%	-2.3%	1.9%	10.2%	10.4%	12.2%	11.6%
Brickworks Investment Company *	5.3%	3.5%	2.3%	8.8%	-	-	
Choiseul Investments *	-0.2%	0.7%	1.4%	7.5%	10.5%	12.7%	
Contango MicroCap Limited	46.2%	0.4%	4.0%	11.7%	-	-	
Century Australian Investments Limited *	2.9%	-4.8%	0.2%	3.9%	-	-	
Djerriwarrh Investments Limited	1.3%	1.1%	4.2%	8.8%	8.2%	8.9%	-
Diversified United Investments Limited *	-9.5%	-3.0%	2.3%	11.1%	10.0%	11.8%	-
Emerging Leaders Investments Limited	12.8%	3.4%	1.9%	-	-	-	
Hunter Hall Global Value Limited *	16.6%	2.3%	-0.3%	2.7%	-	-	
Ironbark Capital Limited *	14.8%	2.1%	2.2%	4.4%	3.6%	5.3%	5.9%
Mirrabooka Investments Limited	8.1%	5.5%	6.0%	11.5%	-	-	
Milton Corporation *	-6.7%	-1.9%	-1.1%	6.9%	9.7%	12.7%	13.1%
Spider S&P/ASX 50 Fund	8.5%	0.1%	2.7%	9.3%	-	-	
Spider S&P/ASX 200 Property Fund	4.9%	-14.7%	-8.7%	-1.8%	-	-	
Spider S&P/ASX 200 Fund	8.3%	-0.8%	2.2%	9.3%	-	-	
WAM Capital Limited *	36.9%	14.4%	9.2%	8.4%	13.5%	-	
Whitefield Limited *	-5.9%	-3.3%	-1.7%	3.6%	-	-	
WAM Research Limited*	15.5%	4.0%	2.5%	2.4%	-	-	
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	6.1%	-0.3%	3.1%	9.9%	8.5%	9.4%	10.1%
S&P/ASX 50 Leaders Accumulation Index	4.1%	0.4%	3.0%	9.8%	7.8%	9.7%	9.9%

International Equity Portfolios

	1 Year	3 Years pa	5 Years pa	7 Years pa	10 Years pa	15 Years pa	20 Years pa
AMP Capital China Growth Fund *	2.4%	-10.5%	-	-	-	-	
Global Mining Investments Limited	14.1%	-11.3%	1.1%	8.2%	-	-	
Platinum Capital Limited	-3.8%	3.5%	-2.7%	-0.6%	3.6%	9.5%	
Templeton Global Growth	4.3%	-6.2%	-10.8%	-2.1%	-4.5%	1.7%	4.6%
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MSCI World Accumulation Indox	1.0%	5 10/.	_/1 7%	0.6%	2 20/.	3 90/.	5.6%

Source: Company Data, IRESS \*Not covered by JBWere Research

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The following charts depict graphically the historical premium and discounts to NTA that the LICs under our research coverage have traded at over time.

#### Australian Foundation Investment Company Ltd (AFI)



#### Argo Investments Ltd (ARG)



#### Djerriwarrh Investments Ltd (DJW)



#### Global Mining Investments Ltd (GMI)



#### Platinum Capital Ltd (PMC)

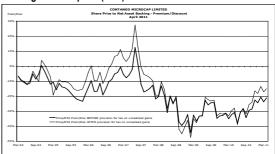


Source: Manager Data, IRESS

#### AMCIL Ltd (AMH)



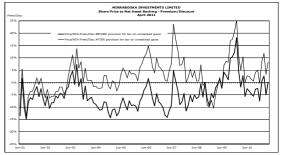
#### Contango Microcap Ltd (CTN)



#### Emerging Leaders Investments Ltd (ELI)



#### Mirrabooka Investments Ltd (MIR)



## Templeton Global Growth Fund (TGG)



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Stock is expected to underperform the S&P/ASX 200 for 12 months

Hold (H)

Stock is expected to perform in line with the S&P/ASX 200 for 12 months

Buy (B)

Stock is expected to outperform the S&P/ASX 200 for 12 months

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