Listed Investment Companies

December 2011 NTAs

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- The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index continued to its negative trend in December 2011, with a 1.35% fall. Calendar year performance 2011 was -10.54% which was the second worst since 1993, with only the 2008 GFC registering a larger decline. Several adverse shocks hit global growth and markets in 2011. Sharp oil price increases, an earthquake in Japan, the US debt ceiling, the European sovereign debt issues, US fiscal restraing and to top it off, emerging markets fiscal/monetary tightening.
- For 2012 global growth, important questions need to be answered: will US growth pick up to an above trend rate, how will the European crisis impact the globe, has the US housing market reached a bottom and how will US inflation measure up against the Fed's estimates.
- On the whole, domestic NTAs were lower in the falling market. However, share price changes to LICs saw discounts to NTA mixed, with AFI's fall in share price causing the widening of the NTA discount, and ARG's share price increase narrowing the gap. Both stocks continue to trade at discounts to the 3 year average and represent value.
- International LICs performance was similar with discount to NTAs increasing. PMC's discount to NTA has increased and continues to trade at sharp discount to the average over the last 3 years. However, we note PMC's underlying portfolio performance may need to improve on an absolute return basis to warrant a premium.

Premiums and discounts to closing prices and performance data are summarised as per below:

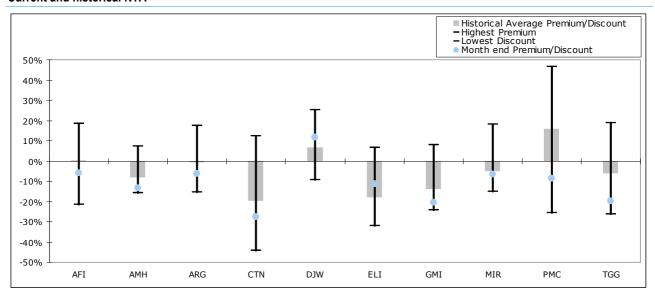
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		16-Jan-12	30-Dec-11	30-Dec-11	30-Dec-11	30-Dec-11	30-Dec-11	
	Company Name	Price cps	Price cps	NTA before provision for tax on unrealised gains cps	NTA after provision for tax on unrealised gains cps	NTA Prem/(Dis) Before provision for tax on unrealised gains	NTA Prem/(Dis) After provision for tax on unrealised gains	3 year average Premium (Discount) Before provision for tax
Active	Strategies							
Austral	ian Equity Portfolios							
AFI	AFIC	415	403	429	380	-6.1%	6.1%	2.6%
ALF	Australian Leaders Fund Limited *	105	105	122	119	-14.1%	-12.1%	-18.19
ALR	Aberdeen Leaders Limited *	104	104	100	105	4.0%	-1.0%	-3.3%
AMH	AMCIL Limited	68	64	74	72	-13.5%	-11.1%	-11.09
AOD	Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Fund *	92	91	89	NA	2.1%	NA	0.3%
ARG	Argo Investments	517	506	540	505	-6.3%	0.2%	1.39
AUI	Australian United *	555	547	617	562	-11.3%	-2.7%	-5.6%
BKI	Brickworks Investment Company *	117	116	132	128	-12.5%	-9.8%	-12.19
CTN	Contango MicroCap Limited	92	89	123	122	-27.5%	-27.0%	-29.2%
CYA	Century Australian Investments *	62	63	80	84	-21.4%	-25.0%	-16.7%
DJW	Djerriwarrh Investments Limited	373	352	315	316	11.7%	11.4%	13.5%
DUI	Diversified United Investments *	240	229	264	245	-13.3%	-6.5%	-6.4%
ELI	Emerging Leaders Investments Limited	82	78	88	92	-11.4%	-15.2%	-19.2%
IBC	Ironbark Capital Limited (BTE) *	48	47	57	56	-17.3%	-15.6%	
LRF	LinQ Resources Fund *	69	68	119	NA	-42.9%	NA	
MIR	Mirrabooka Investments Limited	178	168	180	168	-6.7%	0.0%	-0.9%
MLT	Milton Corporation *	1487	1450	1508	1522	-3.8%	-4.7%	-3.8%
WAM	WAM Capital Limited *	149	148	157	155	-5.9%	-4.6%	-18.0%
WHF	Whitefield Limited *	249	250	281	307	-11.0%	-18.6%	-8.7%
WAX	WAM Research Limited*	68	67	80	88	-17.1%	-24.1%	-23.8%
Interna	tional Equity Portfolios							
AGF	AMP Capital China Growth Fund *	63	65	88	NA	-26.7%	NA	-20.8%
GMI	Global Mining Investments Limited	98	92	115	115	-20.4%	-20.4%	-16.3%
PMC	Platinum Capital Limited	92	95	103	103	-8.5%	-8.5%	7.19
TGG	Templeton Global Growth	67	67	83	83	-19.9%	-19.9%	-17.9%
XKO	S&P/ASX 300 Index	4144	4193		-1.18%	% 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-Jan-12	30-Dec-11	13-Jan-12	13-Jan-12	13-Jan-12	13-Jan-12	
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ETFs -	Passive Strategies							
Austra	lian Equity Portfolios							
SFY	SPDR S&P/ASX 50 Fund	3998	3942	4253	4253	-6.0%	-6.0%	**
SLF	SPDR S&P/ASX 200 Property Fund	765	729	744	744	2.8%	2.8%	**
STW	SPDR S&P/ASX 200 Fund	3867	3779	4118	4118	-6.1%	-6.1%	**
VAS	Vanguard Australian Shares Index	5305	5267	5584	5584	-5.0%	-5.0%	**
Interna	ational Equity Portfolios							
100	iShares S&P Global 100 #	5652	5684	5716	5716	-1.1%	-1.1%	**
IVV	iShares S&P 500 #	12575	12450	12639	12639	-0.5%	-0.5%	**
IJH	iShares S&P MidCap 400 #	8760	8685	8853	8853	-1.1%	-1.1%	**
IJR	iShares S&P SmallCap 600 #	6817	6828	6904	6904	-1.3%	-1.3%	**
IVE	iShares MSCI EAGG#	4818	4823	4843	4843	-0.5%	-0.5%	**
IEU	iShares S&P Europe 350 #	3280	3324	3295	3295	-0.4%	-0.4%	**
IJP	iShares MSCI Japan #	880	879	888	888	-0.9%	-0.9%	**
IEM	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets #	3811	3734	3828	3828	-0.4%	-0.4%	**
ITW	iShares MSCI Taiwan #	1137	1158	1179	1179	-3.6%	-3.6%	**
IKO	iShares MSCI South Korea #	5186	5148	5148	5148	0.7%	0.7%	**
IZZ	iShares FTSE/Xinhua China 25 #	3580	3442	3549	3549	0.9%	0.9%	**
IHK	iShares MSCI Hong Kong #	1527	1519	1532	1532	-0.3%	-0.3%	**
ISG	iShares MSCI Singapore #	1076	1083	1100	1100	-2.2%	-2.2%	**
IAA	iShares Asia 50 #	3910	3895	3932	3932	-0.6%	-0.6%	**
IBK	iShares MSCI BRIC #	3707	3563	3760	3760	-1.4%	-1.4%	**
IRU	iShares Russell 2000 #	7387	7346	7475	7475	-1.2%	-1.2%	**
IXP	iShares Global Telecommunications #	5352	5415	5370	5370	-0.3%	-0.3%	**
IXJ	iShares Global Healthcare #	5505	5530	5533	5533	-0.5%	-0.5%	**
IXI	iShares Consumer Staples #	6403	6537	6360	6360	0.7%	0.7%	**
VEU	Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares Index #	3900	3897	3858	3858	1.1%	1.1%	**
VTS	Vanguard US Total Market Shares Index #	6435	6367	6070	6070	6.0%	6.0%	**

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.

[#] NTA as at 15 December 2011 - converted using AUD/USD exchange rate at 4.00pm London Time the previous day (Source: IRESS)

Investment Performance as at 30 December 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	-7.6%	9.1%	0.1%	5.6%	7.4%	9.7%	10.3%
Aberdeen Leaders Limited *	-22.0%	3.9%	-6.3%	1.1%	2.8%	5.7%	-
AMCIL Limited	-1.8%	15.0%	5.5%	9.3%	15.3%	12.1%	-
Argo Investments	-10.2%	7.6%	-2.0%	3.8%	6.6%	9.1%	10.0%
Australian Leaders Fund Limited *	-6.6%	18.0%	4.8%	8.6%	-	-	-
Australian United Limited *	-13.3%	8.1%	-2.3%	4.5%	6.8%	9.2%	-
Brickworks Investment Company *	-2.2%	10.6%	1.1%	5.5%	-	-	-
Contango MicroCap Limited	-20.2%	11.4%	-3.7%	5.4%	-	-	-
Century Australian Investments Limited *	-8.9%	6.2%	-2.7%	2.1%	-	-	-
Djerriwarrh Investments Limited	-8.1%	7.7%	-1.3%	4.5%	5.8%	7.5%	8.6%
Diversified United Investments Limited *	-13.5%	6.4%	-2.8%	4.6%	6.5%	8.8%	9.0%
Emerging Leaders Investments Limited	-16.8%	9.3%	-2.6%	-	-	-	-
Ironbark Capital Limited *	3.2%	11.6%	1.4%	3.6%	3.5%	5.0%	6.0%
Mirrabooka Investments Limited	-1.7%	13.5%	0.6%	6.3%	10.0%	-	-
Milton Corporation *	-10.9%	6.4%	-2.2%	3.3%	6.5%	10.2%	-
Spider S&P/ASX 50 Fund	-10.2%	7.2%	-1.7%	4.6%	5.6%	-	-
Spider S&P/ASX 200 Property Fund	-2.6%	1.7%	-14.7%	-5.8%	-	-	-
Spider S&P/ASX 200 Fund	-11.7%	7.2%	-2.6%	4.1%	5.8%	-	-
WAM Capital Limited *	-4.5%	12.7%	0.9%	5.6%	7.4%	-	-
Whitefield Limited *	-12.4%	3.9%	-7.2%	-0.9%	-	-	-
WAM Research Limited*	-6.7%	3.3%	-5.7%	-0.2%	-	-	-
S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index	-11.4%	8.5%	-2.1%	4.5%	6.3%	7.8%	8.7%
S&P/ASX 50 Leaders Accumulation Index	-9.0%	7.6%	-1.5%	4.9%	5.9%	8.3%	9.9%

International Equity Portfolios

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	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	-8.4%	-1.1%	2.7%	-	-	-	-		
Global Mining Investments Limited	-26.5%	13.6%	-1.4%	4.1%	-	-	-		
Hunter Hall Global Value Limited *	-16.0%	9.9%	-6.1%	0.4%	_	-	-		
Platinum Capital Limited	-13.1%	0.5%	-3.0%	0.6%	2.8%	8.1%	-		
Templeton Global Growth	-6.6%	-4.6%	-8.9%	-2.9%	-3.5%	1.2%	3.3%		
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MSCI World Accumulation Index	-4.8%	-2.0%	-7.0%	-1.2%	-2.9%	2.9%	4.7%		

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

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Aberdeen Leaders Limited *	-14.7%	7.2%	-4.4%	4.7%	4.6%	8.1%	11.5%
AMCIL Limited	1.5%	13.7%	3.7%	8.8%	14.7%	11.2%	
Argo Investments Limited	-16.2%	2.7%	-4.5%	3.4%	6.2%	8.9%	9.2%
Australian Leaders Fund Limited *	4.8%	30.5%	7.6%	10.4%	-	-	
Australian United Limited *	-15.5%	5.2%	-3.7%	4.0%	5.9%	9.9%	11.6%
Brickworks Investment Company *	-2.4%	12.5%	-0.7%	5.7%	-	-	
Contango MicroCap Limited	-23.9%	18.3%	-6.7%	3.0%	-	-	
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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)



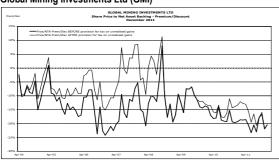
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Source: Manager Data, IRESS

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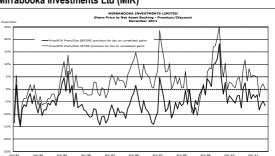
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