

Betashares Martin Currie Equity Income Fund (managed fund)



 **ASX: EINC**

30 April 2024

Objective

EINC invests in an actively managed portfolio of income-oriented Australian shares that aims to generate an after-tax yield higher than that produced by the S&P/ASX 200 Index, and to grow that income above the rate of inflation. EINC is managed by Martin Currie, a leading equities manager and member of the Franklin Templeton Group.

Benefits



Attractive income from quality companies

EINC actively selects quality Australian companies paying attractive income, and with the potential for long-term income growth.



Simple investment strategy, tax efficient

EINC invests only in high-quality shares and does not use derivatives to generate income. It also aims to maximise the benefits of franking credits for investors.



Lower volatility

EINC's active management approach targets lower portfolio volatility than the S&P/ASX 200 Index and less concentrated stock and sector exposures.

Performance

PERIOD	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	3 yr (p.a.)	5 yr (p.a.)	10 yr (p.a.)	Inception (p.a.)
FUND	-3.47%	1.12%	12.36%	6.04%	5.61%	5.44%	-	5.32%

Calendar year performance

PERIOD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
FUND	3.19%	7.13%	0.50%	14.19%	-4.50%	21.31%	-	-

Value of \$100 invested since inception



Source: Betashares, Bloomberg. **Past performance is not indicative of future performance.**

Fund returns are calculated in A\$ using net asset value per unit at the start and end of the specified period and do not reflect the brokerage or bid-ask spread that investors may incur when buying and selling units on the ASX. Returns are after fund management costs, assume reinvestment of any distributions and do not take into account income tax.

Fund information

Betashares Funds can be bought or sold during the trading day on the ASX, and trade like shares.

ASX CODE EINC

BLOOMBERG CODE EINC AU

IRESS CODE EINC.AXW

IRESS INAV CODE

EINCINAV.ETF

DISTRIBUTIONS QUARTERLY

MGT FEE* 0.85% P.A.

FUND INCEPTION 13 FEB 18

*Other costs apply. Please refer to the PDS.



MARTIN CURRIE

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Categorisation

AUSTRALIAN SHARES

ACTIVELY MANAGED

INCOME GENERATION

There are risks associated with an investment in EINC, including market risk, individual security risk and market making risk. For more information on risks and other features of EINC, please see the Product Disclosure Statement.

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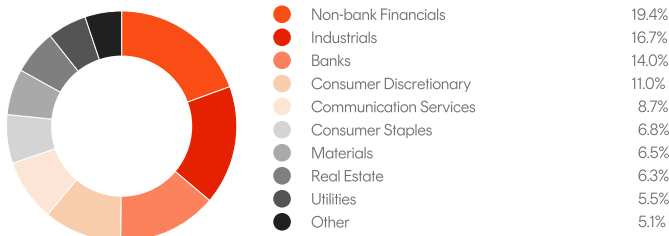
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Sector allocation



The target asset allocation is reviewed, and may be adjusted, annually.

Portfolio forecast yield (%) - next 12 months

Forecast unfranked portfolio yield 5.2%

Forecast franked portfolio yield 6.5%

Yield forecast is calculated using the weighted average of broker consensus forecasts of each portfolio holding and research conducted by Franklin Templeton Australia, and excludes the Fund's fees and costs. Franking credit benefit assumes a zero tax rate. It is not to be interpreted as the offset achieved by unitholders during this period. Actual yield may differ due to various factors, including changes in the prices of the underlying securities and the number of units on issue. Neither the yield forecast nor past performance is a guarantee of future results. Not all investors will be able to benefit from the full value of franking credits.

COMPANY

ANZ Group Holdings

APA Group

Atlas Arteria-Stapled

Aurizon Holdings

BHP Group

Medibank Private

National Australia Bank

Qbe Insurance Group

Suncorp Group

Telstra Corp

Monthly commentary

What happened in the market?

The Australian equity market fell -2.9% in April (as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index), as inflation indicators surprised to the upside and market sentiment shifted from rate cuts just being delayed to the prospect of the next move being another hike. Australian and US 10-year bond yields rose over the month, and there was more evidence of labour market strength. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continued, causing oil price and market volatility. At the sector level, utilities were the best performer led by gains from AGL Energy. Metals & mining was the only other sector ending the month higher as commodity prices rose, notably gold which reached record highs. Rate-sensitive sectors fared worst, with real estate the weakest.

What happened in the Fund?

The Fund was down 3.47% for the month of April. Within the Fund, utilities and metals & mining were the largest positive contributors, while industrials and consumer discretionary were the biggest detractors. At the stock level, South32, AGL Energy and Suncorp Group were the largest positive contributors, while Orora, Medibank Private and Nine Entertainment were the biggest detractors.

Positives within the Fund included, diversified metals and mining company South32 rose on the back of rebounding base metals commodity prices, particularly copper and aluminium. Electricity and gas retailer AGL Energy performed well as electricity prices rose from February lows on the back of improving demand from a combination of more favourable weather and the market starting to talk about the upside to energy demand growth driven by AI and data centre expansions. Financial services provider Suncorp Group continued its strong run as a beneficiary of higher for longer interest rates. Following a key approval for the sale of its banking business to ANZ, the Group has also reached an agreement to sell its New Zealand life insurance business, Asteron Life, subject to regulatory approvals.

On the other side, packaging company Orora was weak following earnings downgrades to its Saverglass and US businesses due to customer destocking. The Company offers global fibre, glass, and beverage can packaging materials, as well as packaging distribution services. High-quality names generally underperformed in April, and with a lack of news flow our large position in health insurance company Medibank Private detracted. In industry news, one of the largest private hospital owners has been dealing with debt issues and write-downs, together with lobbying in Canberra for higher indexation rates, which may have fuelled some speculation of adverse implications for Medibank. Media entertainment group Nine Entertainment's weakness persisted given its exposure to the consumer where sentiment is weakening, reduced advertising spending and recent broker downgrades to FY25 earnings.

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