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**AUSTRALIAN
FOUNDATION
INVESTMENT
COMPANY**

Half-Year Review
to 31 December
2023



AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION INVESTMENT COMPANY IS A LISTED INVESTMENT COMPANY INVESTING IN AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND EQUITIES.

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Half-Year in Summary

2023

Profit for the Half-Year	\$150.1m	Down 8.3% from 2022
Fully Franked Interim Dividend Per Share	11.5¢	11.0 cents per share in 2022
Total Six-Month Portfolio Return	9.0% Including franking*	S&P/ASX 200 Index including franking* 8.3%
Total Six-Month Shareholder Return	8.4%	Share price plus dividend and franking*
Management Expense Ratio (Annualised)	0.14%	0.13% last year
Total Portfolio (Including Cash) at 31 December 2023	\$9.5b	\$8.5 billion in 2022

* Assumes an investor can take full advantage of the franking credits.

About the Company

Australian Foundation Investment Company (AFIC) is a listed investment company investing in Australian and New Zealand equities.

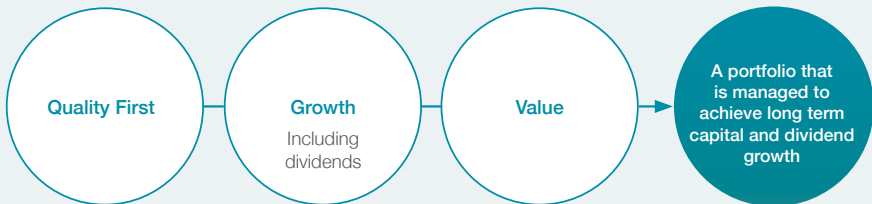
Investment Objectives

The Company aims to provide shareholders with attractive investment returns through access to a growing stream of fully franked dividends and growth in capital invested.

The Company's primary investment goals are:

- to pay dividends which, over time, grow faster than the rate of inflation; and
- to provide attractive total returns over the medium to long term.

How AFIC Invests – What We Look For in Companies



Approach to Investing

Investment Philosophy

Our investment philosophy is built on taking a medium to long term view on companies in a diversified portfolio with an emphasis on identifying and investing in quality companies that are likely to sustainably grow their earnings and dividends over this timeframe.

Quality in this context is an outcome of our assessment of the following factors:

1. We prefer companies that have a leadership position or are developing one within the industry in which they operate. This will often mean we are investing in a unique set of assets with competitive advantages that produces attractive returns on invested capital.
2. As a long term, tax aware investor we seek to be in companies that have a long term sustainable business model, with low risk of disruption. This helps to ensure portfolio turnover remains low. The analysis may consider technological disruption, environmental issues, including the impact of climate change, and social risks as all of these factors can have a material impact on the assessment of a company's long term sustainability.
3. We consider how a company's business can be potentially impacted by influences outside the control of management such as change in government regulation and/or policy.
4. We are attracted to companies with outstanding management teams and boards with strong governance processes, whose interests are closely aligned with shareholders, and act in the best interest of all their stakeholders, including their

employees, customers, suppliers and wider communities. We consider matters including safety, diversity, social impacts, environmental impact, and modern slavery where material or appropriate in the context of that company. We regularly review and meet with companies to ensure ongoing alignment with our investment frameworks. Our process may include an assessment of the board in terms of their past performance, history of capital allocation, level of accountability, mix of skills, relevant experience and succession planning. We also consider a company's degree of transparency and disclosure.

Voting on resolutions is one of the key functions that a shareholder has in ensuring better long term returns and management of investment risk. We take input from proxy advisers but conduct our own evaluation of the merits of any resolution. We vote on all company resolutions as part of our regular engagement with the companies in the portfolio and our voting record is on the company's website. We actively engage with companies when we are concerned about resolutions that are not aligned with shareholders' interests. We seek to stay engaged with the companies and satisfy ourselves that any issues are taken seriously and worked through constructively. Ideally we seek to remain invested to influence a satisfactory outcome for stakeholders.

5. We prefer companies with more stable income flows. We are wary of companies that have large, inconsistent profit streams.

About the Company

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6. We like our companies to be financially strong and the assessment of the balance sheet and the degree to which the company is self-funding is critical in our analysis. Cash generation is also an important consideration.

Analysis of the above factors helps to inform us of the structure of the industry and a company's sustainable competitive position as well as the quality of the people running the business, strength of the balance sheet and consistency of earnings. Within this analysis some key financial metrics are considered. These include return on capital employed, return on equity, the level of gearing in the balance sheet, margins and free cash flow generation.

Alongside the assessment of quality is an analysis of the ability of companies to grow earnings over time, which ultimately should drive dividend growth.

Recognising value is also an important aspect of sound long term investing. Short term measures such as the price earnings ratio, price to book or price to sales may be of some value but aren't necessarily strong predictors of future performance. Our assessment of value tries to capture the opportunity a business has to prosper and thrive over the medium to long term.

Reporting of social and environmental issues will be influenced by the development of standards by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB). Their potential introduction in Australia should enable investors over time to better make informed decisions on these issues based on company

disclosures arising from these standards. Assessment of commitments and plans by companies to reach net zero by 2050 may also be considered having regard to several factors. These include the industry in which they operate, progress against their plans, their broader contribution to social good in addressing the challenge of reducing global carbon emissions, and the impact on their value if they fail to achieve their stated goals. In applying external data for benchmarking*, our most recent assessment of the carbon intensity of AFIC's portfolio showed that it is considerably less than the S&P/ASX 200 Index.

In building the investment portfolio with the principles outlined, we believe we can offer investors a well-diversified portfolio of quality companies structured to deliver total returns ahead of the Australian equity market over the long term with less volatility and with more consistent dividends.

From time to time, some borrowings may be used where potential investment returns justify the use of debt.

AFIC is managed for the benefit of its shareholders with fees based on the recovery of costs rather than as a fixed percentage of the portfolio. There are no additional fees. As a result, the benefit of scale over time results in a very low expense ratio for investors. For the six months to 31 December 2023 this was 0.14 per cent (annualised), or 14 cents for each \$100 invested.

* Data provided by ISS ESG.
Portfolio at 30 June 2023.



— Review of Operations and Activities —

Profit and Dividend

Half-year profit was \$150.1 million. In the corresponding period last year, half-year profit was \$163.7 million.

Investment income for the six months to 31 December 2023 was \$162.7 million, down from \$174.0 million in the corresponding period last year. The fall was primarily as a result of the decline (as expected) in dividends received from BHP, Rio Tinto and Woodside Energy Group in the six-month period.

Earnings per share for the half-year were 12.1 cents per share. The interim dividend declared is 11.5 cents per share fully franked, an increase of 0.5 cent per share from the previous corresponding period of 11.0 cents per share fully franked. Increasing the interim dividend also satisfies our long term objective of seeking to equalise the quantum of the interim and final dividends over time.

The management expense ratio for AFIC was 0.14 per cent (annualised), with no additional fees.

The Market and Portfolio Returns

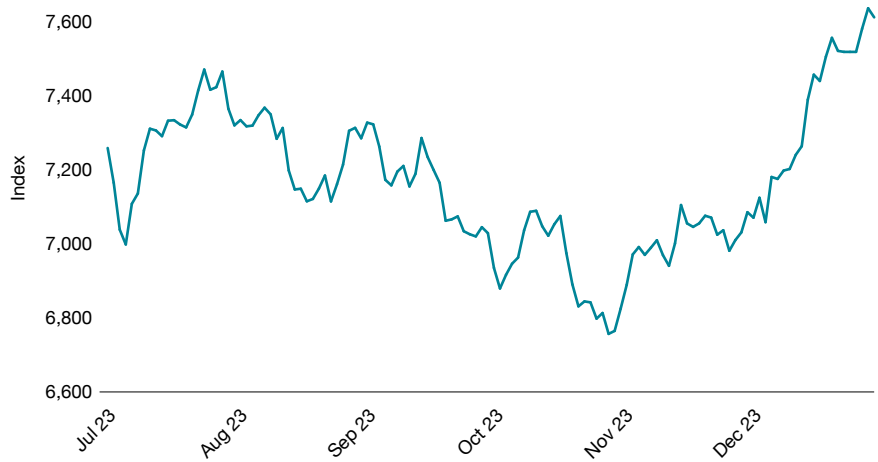
The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index including the benefit of franking, rose 8.3 per cent in the six months to 31 December 2023. The market rallied sharply late in the period as investor sentiment swung from expectations of an impending recession to the increasing prospect of interest rate

cuts in 2024. Economic growth with inflation falling enhanced the prospects of a soft economic landing. Best-performing sectors were those highly sensitive to interest rates, being banks, real estate and consumer discretionary. Share prices recovered strongly in a number of companies whose value was previously negatively impacted by higher interest rates. The Materials sector delivered mixed performance as iron ore and gold prices remained high, while the lithium price retreated significantly from its previous highs.

AFIC's portfolio outperformed the Index with a return of 9.0 per cent including franking for the six months to 31 December 2023. In the 12 months to 31 December 2023 the portfolio return was 16.0 per cent, ahead of the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index return over this period including franking of 14.0 per cent.

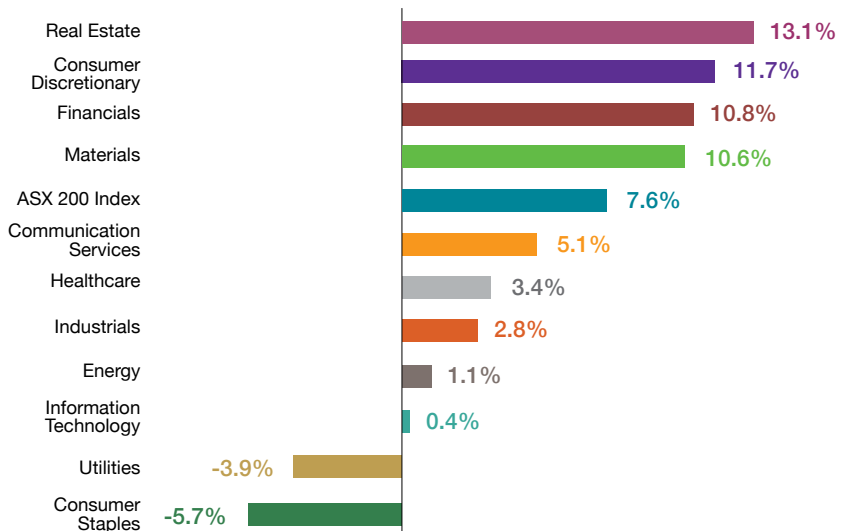
The largest contributors to the relative outperformance over the six-month period were James Hardie Industries, CAR Group, ARB Corporation and Reece. These companies in the prior corresponding period had been a drag on relative performance given the decline in the valuation of many quality companies from their previous very high levels. It is encouraging to see the contribution from these long term holdings despite recent volatility, and we believe this further reinforces the benefit of our long term investment approach focusing on quality companies rather than short term cyclical opportunities.

Figure 1: The S&P/ASX 200 Price Index for the Six Months to 31 December 2023



Source: FactSet

Figure 2: Sector Performance Within the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index* for the Six Months to 31 December 2023



* Excludes franking.

Review of Operations and Activities

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Five and 10-year portfolio return figures to 31 December 2023 including franking were 12.0 per cent per annum and 8.7 per cent per annum respectively. The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index over these corresponding periods including franking were 11.8 per cent and 9.5 per cent per annum. These figures include the full benefit of franking, with AFIC's return after costs. This performance has been achieved with lower portfolio volatility than the market (based on the Mercer Investment Performance Survey of Wholesale Equity – Australia) and more consistent dividend income.

Portfolio Adjustments

During the period, we increased our holdings in Telstra Group, National Australia Bank, CSL, ResMed, ASX, WiseTech Global, Woodside Energy Group and Goodman Group at attractive prices.

We consider long term prospects for all these companies remain strong. We expect both Telstra and National Australia Bank to produce sound dividend growth over the medium term.

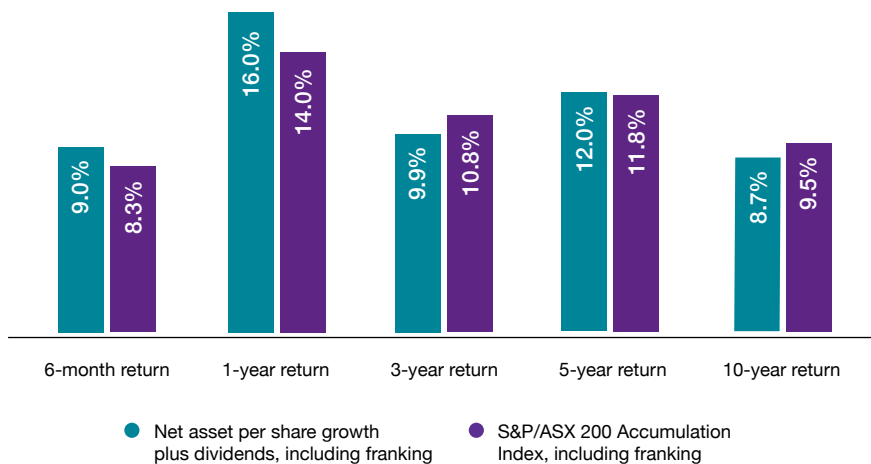
Both CSL and ResMed were sold off heavily during the period in response to the competitive threat posed by the increased adoption of weight loss drugs. We added to AFIC's holding in these companies, as we consider the increased competition is unlikely to materially impact their respective long term growth

prospects. Both companies maintain market leadership positions in their core markets, generate significant free cash flow and continue to heavily invest in research and development.

We recently initiated positions in Mineral Resources and Region Group. Mineral Resources is an Australian mining services company and an iron ore and lithium producer. We are particularly attracted to the long term opportunity for low-cost lithium production as demand for electric vehicles continues to increase. Region Group owns a portfolio of grocery anchored neighbourhood and sub-regional shopping centres with a tenant mix largely non-discretionary in nature. We purchased our holding at a material discount to asset backing at a price offering an attractive dividend yield.

We exited Ansell Limited and IRESS Limited, considering the long term prospects for these companies will be increasingly challenged as competitive intensity increases. In the case of Ansell, significant new supply has entered the industry challenging the sustainability of price as a driver of revenue growth. While for IRESS, the company is increasing investment in its technology platform to improve functionality as competition has increased. The returns from this investment remain highly uncertain. The small position in FINEOS Corporation was also sold completely, reflecting our concern over the ability of the business to demonstrate attractive long term returns on its investments.

**Figure 3: Portfolio Performance* (Including the Full Benefit of Franking)
– to 31 December 2023**



* Per annum returns other than for six months. AFIC's performance figures are after costs.



Review of Operations and Activities

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Share Price and Returns

The following Figure 4 highlights where AFIC's share price was trading relative to the net asset backing at 31 December 2023. Over the six-month period, the share price has moved from a discount of 1.6 per cent at 30 June 2023 to a discount of 2.3 per cent to net asset backing by 31 December 2023. This movement has meant the share price return of 8.4 per cent including franking was behind the portfolio return of 9.0 per cent including franking for this six-month period.

International Portfolio

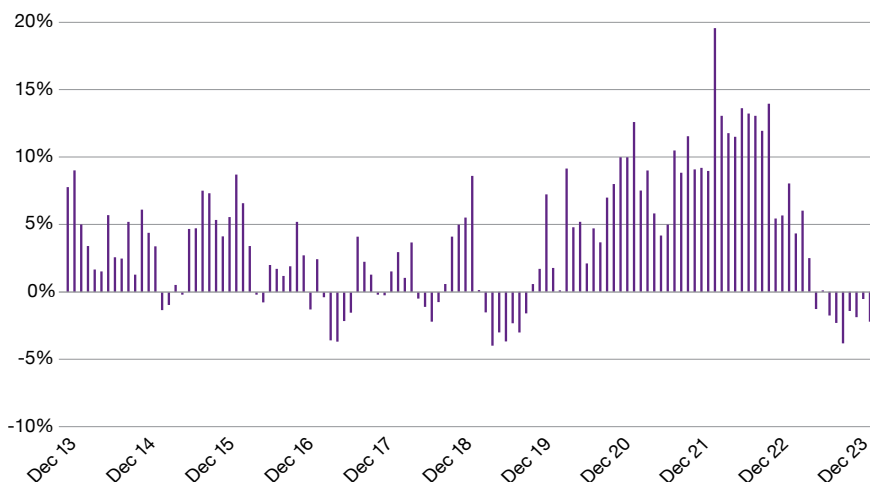
We have continued to successfully invest in the international portfolio over the period. We now have approximately \$125.9 million invested (which represents

approximately 1.3 per cent of the portfolio). This portfolio was first initiated in May 2021 as a potential precursor to establishing a separate low-cost international investment company in the future.

We are encouraged by the performance of this portfolio which has exceeded its benchmark index (the MSCI World Index ex Australia) over the six and 12 month periods, and since its inception.

Over the last 12 months we continued to build on new positions, such as Universal Music Group, Nvidia, United Healthcare, Canadian Pacific, and Freeport McMoran. We also increased our position size in existing investments where we saw value such as Meta Platforms (Facebook) and Netflix. We trimmed some of our recent

Figure 4: Share Price Relative to Net Asset Backing Per Share



outperformers such as Novo Nordisk, McDonald's, Cintas and Pepsi. With those proceeds we reinvested back into other opportunities, particularly rate-sensitive holdings that hadn't performed as well prior to the recent pivot by the central banks and where we saw value, such as Charles Schwab, NextEra Energy and Crown Castle.

Outlook

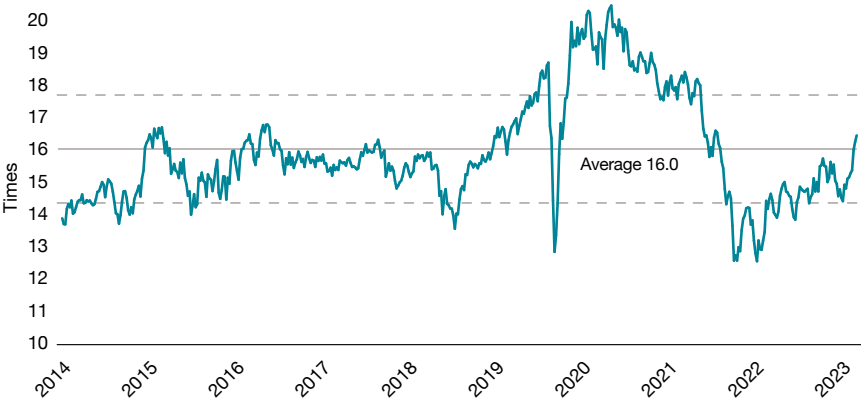
While the strength of recent market performance has been pleasing, operating conditions remain volatile and current market valuations make us somewhat cautious.

Cost inflation is easing but remains elevated, while consumer sentiment is weakening, and household savings rates

are starting to decline amid the higher cost of living. It is also not yet entirely apparent that the recent moderation in interest rate expectations is justified. Geopolitical factors, which have had little negative impact on the market more recently, may still have a role to play in investor sentiment as we move into this calendar year.

Given these conditions, it is even more important in our opinion to maintain the focus on owning a diversified portfolio of quality companies that are not totally reliant upon the macroeconomic environment to deliver earnings growth. In this context it will be interesting to see how companies are faring in the upcoming reporting season and their expectations moving forward.

Figure 5: S&P/ASX 200 Price Earnings Ratio as an Indicator of Market Valuation



Source: FactSet

Review of Operations and Activities

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As patient investors, the one certainty we do know is that the market in periods like this will often provide good buying opportunities across a range of companies as it overreacts to short term news flow. In this context, AFIC currently has sufficient cash resources to take advantage of such opportunities. Our strategy of owning a diversified portfolio of quality companies well positioned to deliver earnings growth over the medium to long term remains appropriate. While market volatility may emerge, short term periods of uncertainty often present good buying opportunities for investors like AFIC, which is focused on a company's long term prospects to deliver earnings and dividend growth.

Directorship Matters

Mr John Paterson, the Chairman of the Company, and Ms Catherine Walter AM, Non-Executive Director retired at the conclusion of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 3 October 2023.

Mr Paterson was a Director since 2005, and prior to that served as an Alternate Director from April 1987 to June 2005, and Chairman since October 2018. Mr Paterson was also Chairman of the Investment Committee and a member of the Remuneration, Nomination and Audit Committees. He was also a Non-Executive Director of the Company's subsidiary, Australian Investment Company Services Limited (AICS).

Ms Walter was a Director since 2002 and was Chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration, Investment and Audit Committees.

The Board wishes to record its deep thanks to both Mr Paterson and Ms Walter for their invaluable contribution to Board deliberations over their tenure. Their extensive experience has been of outstanding value to the Board, executives and shareholders of Australian Foundation Investment Company Limited.

The Board elected Mr Craig Drummond as the Chairman with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on 3 October 2023. Mr Drummond has been a Director of the Company since July 2021 and sits on the Investment and Nomination Committees. Mr Drummond is also Non-Executive Chairman of AICS. He is Chairman of Transurban Ltd, the President of the Geelong Football Club Limited and a Governor of The Ian Potter Foundation.

Mr Drummond has had an extensive public company executive career as CFO with National Australia Bank and as CEO with Medibank. Prior to this he worked in financial markets with Goldman Sachs JBWere and Bank of America for 28 years.

Ms Katie Hudson was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1 January 2024.

Ms Hudson is a portfolio manager for Yarra Capital Management focused on the small and mid cap universe and, in addition, serves as Yarra Capital's Head of Australian Equities Research. Ms Hudson has more than 20 years of experience in investment markets, including roles as an equities research analyst and portfolio manager. Prior to

transitioning to Yarra Capital Management, Ms Hudson was a portfolio manager and managing director at Goldman Sachs Asset Management and has previously worked as an equities analyst and partner at JBWere. Prior to this Ms Hudson spent seven years at PwC, where she was a senior manager primarily focused on mergers and acquisitions advisory and transaction support.

Mr Richard Murray was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 22 January 2024.

He has recently been appointed as CEO of Total Tools Holdings, commencing at the end of January 2024.

Prior to this, his most recent executive role was as CEO and Executive Director of Premier Investments, a major ASX-listed owner of retail brands such as Smiggle, Just Jeans, Peter Alexander, Dotti and Portmans.

Before his role at Premier Investments, Mr Murray was the Group Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of JB Hi-Fi, the major electronic and white goods retailer. He had an 18-year career at JB Hi-Fi, including as Chief Financial Officer, taking the business through the IPO process. Prior to that he had roles for 10 years in the Corporate Finance and Assurance and Advisory practices at Deloitte.

We are delighted to welcome both Ms Hudson and Mr Murray to the Board. Ms Hudson's broad knowledge across various sectors and her depth of experience in investment markets and Australian equities, in addition to Mr Murray's detailed knowledge of retail and fast-moving consumer goods sectors and financial experience will complement the Board's existing mix of skills.



Top 25 Investments

As at 31 December 2023

Includes investments held in both the investment and trading portfolios.

Value at Closing Prices at 29 December 2023

		Total Value \$ Million	% of the Portfolio
1	BHP*	888.8	9.6
2	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	860.6	9.3
3	CSL	727.8	7.8
4	National Australia Bank*	431.0	4.6
5	Wesfarmers	420.5	4.5
6	Macquarie Group	411.2	4.4
7	Transurban Group*	373.2	4.0
8	Westpac Banking Corporation	346.4	3.7
9	Goodman Group	256.9	2.8
10	Rio Tinto	252.6	2.7
11	Woolworths Group	248.0	2.7
12	James Hardie Industries	235.6	2.5
13	Telstra Group	221.9	2.4
14	ANZ Group Holdings	209.9	2.3
15	Woodside Energy Group	200.0	2.2
16	CAR Group*	190.8	2.1
17	Mainfreight	169.5	1.8
18	Coles Group	156.6	1.7
19	Reece	143.1	1.5
20	Amcor	138.5	1.5
21	ResMed	135.5	1.5
22	ARB Corporation	130.9	1.4
23	ASX	110.8	1.2
24	Sonic Healthcare*	106.3	1.1
25	Santos	105.8	1.1
Total		7,472.3	

As percentage of total portfolio value (excludes cash)

80.5%

* Indicates that options were outstanding against part of the holding.

Income Statement

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Half-Year 2023 \$'000	Half-Year 2022 \$'000
Dividends and distributions	162,673	173,974
Revenue from deposits and bank bills	3,263	1,297
Net gains/(losses) on trading portfolio	1,332	2,890
Total income	167,268	178,161
Finance costs	(700)	(612)
Administration expenses	(6,200)	(5,430)
Profit before income tax	160,368	172,119
Income tax	(10,289)	(8,377)
Profit for the half-year	150,079	163,742
	Cents	Cents
Earnings per share	12.05	13.25

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Current assets		
Cash	235,080	165,385
Receivables	12,264	44,709
Trading portfolio	1,179	3,837
Total current assets	248,523	213,931
Non-current assets		
Investment portfolio	9,284,254	8,749,226
Deferred tax assets	1,993	-
Total non-current assets	9,286,247	8,749,226
Total assets	9,534,770	8,963,157
Current liabilities		
Payables	1,628	1,268
Borrowings – bank debt	10,000	10,000
Tax payable	17,555	32,156
Provisions	3,939	6,057
Total current liabilities	33,122	49,481
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	159	90
Deferred tax liabilities – other	-	830
Deferred tax liabilities – investment portfolio	1,518,271	1,355,200
Total non-current liabilities	1,518,430	1,356,120
Total liabilities	1,551,552	1,405,601
Net assets	7,983,218	7,557,556
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	3,173,363	3,136,332
Revaluation reserve	3,272,450	2,926,191
Realised capital gains reserve	485,622	509,741
General reserve	23,637	23,637
Retained profits	1,028,146	961,655
Total shareholders' equity (including minority interests)	7,983,218	7,557,556

Summarised Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Half-Year 2023 \$'000	Half-Year 2022 \$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year	7,557,556	6,990,489
Dividends paid	(167,176)	(165,866)
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	37,121	36,914
Other share capital adjustments	(90)	(49)
Total transactions with shareholders	(130,145)	(129,001)
Profit for the half-year	150,079	163,742
Revaluation of investment portfolio	582,535	346,925
Provision for tax on revaluation	(176,807)	(106,905)
Revaluation of investment portfolio (after tax)	405,728	240,020
Total comprehensive income for the half-year	555,807	403,762
Realised gains/(losses) on securities sold	73,205	58,677
Tax on realised gains/(losses) on securities sold	(13,736)	(12,410)
Net realised gains/(losses) on securities sold	59,469	46,267
Transfer from revaluation reserve to realised gains reserve	(59,469)	(46,267)
Total equity at the end of the half-year	7,983,218	7,265,250

A full set of AFIC's interim accounts are available on the Company's website.

Holdings of Securities

As at 31 December 2023

Individual investments for the combined investment and trading portfolios as at 31 December 2023 are listed below. The list should not, however, be used to evaluate portfolio performance or to determine the net asset backing per share at other dates. Net asset backing is advised to the Australian Securities Exchange each month and is recorded on the toll free telephone service at 1800 780 784 and posted to AFIC's website afi.com.au.

Individual holdings in the portfolios may change during the course of the year. In addition, holdings which are part of the trading portfolio may be subject to call options or sale commitments by which they may be sold at a price significantly different from the market price prevailing at the time of the exercise or sale.

Code	Ordinary Shares, Trust Units or Stapled Securities	Number Held '000	Market Value \$'000
AIA	Auckland International Airport	10,300	83,738
ALQ*	ALS	7,622	97,701
AMC	Amcor	9,745	138,476
ANZ	ANZ Group Holdings	8,098	209,893
ARB	ARB Corporation	3,640	130,894
ASX	ASX	1,757	110,796
AUB	AUB Group	1,342	37,245
BHP*	BHP	17,634	888,765
BRG	Breville Group	702	19,129
BXB	Brambles	5,840	79,424
CAR*	Car Group	6,140	190,822
CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	7,698	860,636
COH	Cochlear	334	99,808
COL	Coles Group	9,722	156,613
CPU	Computershare	3,630	88,536

Code	Ordinary Shares, Trust Units or Stapled Securities	Number Held '000	Market Value \$'000
CSL	CSL	2,539	727,804
CWY	Cleanaway Waste Management	18,185	48,918
DJW	Djerriwarrh Investments	7,505	22,816
DMP*	Domino's Pizza Enterprises	945	55,126
DUI	Diversified United Investment	12,030	60,512
EQT	EQT Holdings	1,647	42,010
FPH	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare	3,600	78,588
GMG	Goodman Group	10,155	256,922
IAG*	Insurance Australia Group	6,280	35,489
IEL	IDP Education	2,740	54,882
JBH	JB Hi-Fi	1,131	59,991
JHX	James Hardie Industries	4,170	235,563
MFT	Mainfreight (NZX listed)	2,637	169,509
MGR	Mirvac Group	29,350	61,342
MIN	Mineral Resources	707	49,455
MIR	Mirrabooka Investments	8,728	25,747
MQG	Macquarie Group	2,240	411,246
NAB*	National Australia Bank	14,072	430,997
NAN	Nanosonics	5,726	25,194
NWL	Netwealth Group	3,489	53,731
NXT	NEXTDC	1,744	23,942
PXA	PEXA Group	3,299	36,617
REA	REA Group	577	104,524
REH	Reece	6,390	143,072

Holdings of Securities

As at 31 December 2023 continued

Code	Ordinary Shares, Trust Units or Stapled Securities	Number Held '000	Market Value \$'000
RGN	Region Group	16,000	36,160
RHC	Ramsay Health Care	1,226	64,500
RIO	Rio Tinto	1,862	252,601
RMD	ResMed	5,327	135,519
SEK	Seek	3,795	101,437
SHL*	Sonic Healthcare	3,320	106,332
STO	Santos	13,921	105,797
TCL*	Transurban Group	27,233	373,213
TLS	Telstra Group	56,030	221,880
WBC	Westpac Banking Corporation	15,125	346,363
WDS	Woodside Energy	6,440	200,026
WES	Wesfarmers	7,372	420,499
WOW	Woolworths Group	6,667	248,012
WTC	WiseTech Global	623	46,956
XRO	Xero	835	93,771
Total			9,159,537

* Indicates that options were outstanding against part of the holding.

Holdings of International Securities

As at 31 December 2023

Code	Ordinary Shares, Trust Units or Stapled Securities	Number Held 2023	Market Value 2023 A\$
ACN-US	Accenture	5,506	2,831,571
AENA-ES	Aena	8,638	2,294,771
GOOGL-US	Alphabet	31,314	6,410,602
AMZN-US	Amazon	23,915	5,325,153
AAPL-US	Apple	20,058	5,659,565
CP-US	Canadian Pacific	17,432	2,019,672
SCHW-US	Charles Schwab	32,976	3,324,970
CMG-US	Chipotle	1,115	3,737,023
CTAS-US	Cintas	2,851	2,518,032
COST-US	Costco	2,976	2,878,863
CCI-US	Crown Castle	14,286	2,411,620
EL-US	Estée Lauder	4,752	1,018,496
FERG-GB	Ferguson	12,851	3,621,797
FTNT-US	Fortinet	24,470	2,099,037
FCX-US	Freeport	33,740	2,105,039
HLMA-GB	Halma	5,840	249,193
HCA-US	HCA Healthcare	9,164	3,635,267
HD-US	Home Depot	6,034	3,064,548
ICE-US	Intercontinental	16,678	3,139,133
TFLO-US	iShares Treasury FRB	17,106	1,265,160
JPM-US	JP Morgan	14,176	3,533,935
OR-FR	L'Oréal	2,398	1,749,461
MC-FR	LVMH Moët	2,191	2,602,075
MAR-US	Marriott	8,715	2,880,220
MA-US	Mastercard	2,876	1,797,673
MCD-US	McDonalds	7,156	3,109,568
META-US	Meta	7,983	4,141,101

Holdings of International Securities

As at 31 December 2023 continued

Code	Ordinary Shares, Trust Units or Stapled Securities	Number Held 2023	Market Value 2023 A\$
MSFT-US	Microsoft	16,463	9,072,759
NESN-CH	Nestlé	20,806	3,532,651
NFLX-US	Netflix	3,982	2,841,276
NEE-US	Nextera	20,749	1,847,076
NKE-US	Nike	13,963	2,221,653
NOVOB-DK	Novo Nordisk	23,536	3,568,058
NVDA-US	Nvidia	3,431	2,490,083
PEP-US	PepsiCo	8,800	2,190,320
ROG-CH	Roche	5,251	2,235,561
SPGI-US	S&P Global	3,927	2,535,232
SU-FR	Schneider	10,851	3,193,232
SBUX-US	Starbucks	11,612	1,633,808
TMO-US	Thermo Fisher	2,943	2,289,330
UNH-US	United Health	3,965	3,059,196
UMG-NL	Universal Music	50,498	2,109,806
V-US	Visa	4,332	1,652,875
Total			125,896,461

Major Transactions in the Investment Portfolio

Acquisitions	Cost (\$'000)
Mineral Resources	52,113
Region Group	32,994
Telstra Corporation	30,326
National Australia Bank	30,289
CSL	27,440

Disposals	Proceeds (\$'000)
James Hardie Industries	58,105
IRESS*	33,759
Ansell*	32,260
Woolworths Group	26,820
AUB Group	18,514

* Complete disposal from the portfolio.

New Companies Added to the Portfolio

Mineral Resources
Region Group

Company Particulars

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ABN 56 004 147 120

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Mark Freeman, Managing Director
Rebecca P Dee-Bradbury
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Securities Exchange Codes

AFI Ordinary shares
(ASX and NZX)

Shareholder Meetings

Melbourne Shareholder Meeting

Time 9.30am
Date Wednesday 13 March 2024
Venue ZINC Federation Square
Swanston Street and
Flinders Street
Melbourne

Canberra Shareholder Meeting

Time 9.30am
Date Friday 15 March 2024
Venue Rex Hotel Ballroom
150 Northbourne Avenue
Braddon

Sydney Shareholder Meeting

Time 9.30am
Date Monday 18 March 2024
Venue Marble Room
Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
27 O'Connell Street
Sydney

Brisbane Shareholder Meeting

Time 9.30am
Date Tuesday 19 March 2024
Venue Sky Room
Brisbane Convention
and Exhibition Centre
Corner Merivale and
Glenelg Streets
South Bank
Brisbane

Perth Shareholder Meeting

Time 9.30am
Date Monday 25 March 2024
Venue Swan Room
Parmelia Hilton
14 Mill Street
Perth

Adelaide Shareholder Meeting

Time 9.30am
Date Tuesday 26 March 2024
Venue Panorama Rooms
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

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