

# NTA & Investment Update

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

## NET TANGIBLE ASSET (NTA) BACKING PER SHARE

	31 Dec	30 Nov
<b>NTA per share<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$8.54</b>	<b>\$8.69</b>
<b>NTA per share after unrealised tax provision<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$7.47</b>	<b>\$7.57</b>

<sup>1</sup> After all costs, including any tax payable.

<sup>2</sup> As required under the ASX Listing Rules, theoretical NTA per share after providing for estimated tax on unrealised gains/losses in the portfolio. That is, after tax that may arise if the entire portfolio was sold.

*These figures are subject to external review by the Company's auditor.*

## PORTFOLIO

### Top 20 investments\*

	%
Macquarie	5.5
CSL	5.0
Westpac	4.7
BHP	4.7
CBA	4.0
ANZ	3.9
Rio Tinto	3.4
Wesfarmers	3.4
NAB	2.5
Telstra	2.5
Aust. United Investment	2.3
Ramsay Health Care	2.2
Sydney Airport	2.1
Transurban	2.0
APA	2.0
Woolworths	1.9
Aristocrat Leisure	1.8
Sonic Healthcare	1.7
QBE Insurance	1.6
Origin Energy	1.6
<b>Top 20 equity investments</b>	<b>58.8</b>
<b>Cash and term deposits</b>	<b>4.4</b>

### Sector diversification\*



Banks	15.2%
Materials	14.0%
Other Financials	11.0%
Health Care	10.5%
Industrials	7.6%
Consumer Staples	7.7%
Consumer Discretionary	6.5%
Telcos & I.T.	5.9%
Energy	5.5%
LICs	4.9%
Cash	4.4%
Utilities	3.4%
Property	3.4%

\* As a percentage of investment portfolio

## Argo Investments Limited

ASX code	ARG
Founded	1946
Listed	1948
Market cap.	\$6.3bn
Shareholders	87,000
Dividend yield <sup>^</sup>	3.8%
MER	0.16%

<sup>^</sup>Yield of 5.4% (including franking) based on dividends paid to shareholders over the last 12 months

## Company overview

One of Australia's oldest and largest listed investment companies (LICs), Argo ranks in the ASX's top 100 companies. Argo provides investors with exposure to a professionally managed, diversified portfolio of approximately 90 ASX-listed companies.

## Company objective

Maximise long-term returns to shareholders through a balance of capital and dividend growth, by investing in a diversified Australian equities portfolio which is actively managed in a tax-aware manner within a low-cost structure.

## Investment approach

Extensive research and direct company visits to identify well-managed Australian businesses operating in sound industries, with good cash flow and the potential to grow dividends. Argo seeks to buy or add to long-term holdings when share prices compare favourably to long-term valuations.

## Investment team

Jason Beddow	Managing Director
Andy Forster	Senior Investment Officer
Brydie Lloyd-Roberts	Analyst
Colin Whitehead	Analyst
Paul Frost	Analyst
Andrew Moller	Analyst

## DIVIDENDS

We appreciate that providing sustainable and growing tax-effective dividend income is very important to our shareholders and Argo is proud to have paid dividends every year since it was established in 1946.

A significant advantage of our LIC structure is the ability to smooth dividend payments over time. In recent years, this flexibility has helped us maintain steadily growing dividends as the chart below highlights.

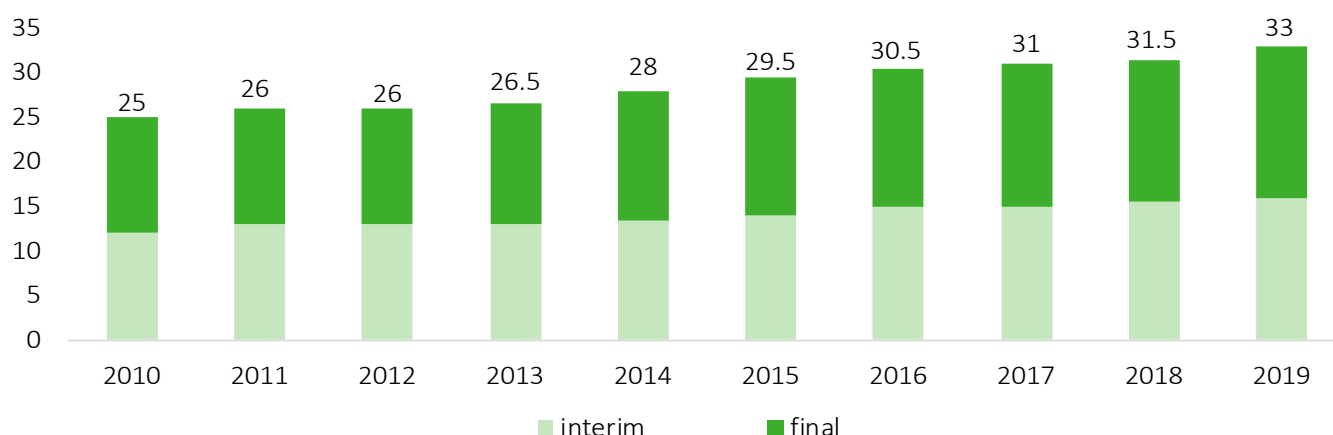
Argo has franked every dividend payment since the introduction of Australia's imputation system in 1987.

## HOW TO INVEST

Argo is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the ASX code 'ARG'.

To become an Argo shareholder, simply buy shares through your stockbroker, online broker, financial adviser or platform.

## DIVIDENDS PAID CENTS PER SHARE



## ARGO SHAREHOLDER BENEFITS



### Low-cost, internally managed

Internal management structure ensures low operating costs and no external fees



### Fully-franked, sustainable dividends

Dividends paid every year since inception in 1946 and fully franked since 1995



### Diversified and administratively simple

Exposure to a highly diversified portfolio of Australian equities through a single ASX trade



### Experienced board and management team

Highly experienced board and management team with strong governance and culture



### Long-term, proven investment approach

Resilience and growth through various market cycles and conditions over almost 75 years



### Strong balance sheet with no debt

Conservatively managed investment with a strong balance sheet and no debt

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