# Australasian Dividend Growth Fund Monthly Update as at 31 October 2024

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)**



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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Australian Dividend Growth Fund returned -0.2% in October, bringing its 12-month return to 25.2%.

October proved to be a volatile month for Australian equities, heavily influenced by global economic factors. Bond yields moved higher, while China's stimulus measures boosted the resource sector, and gold reached record levels. Domestically, resources significantly outperformed industrials, with gold being the standout.

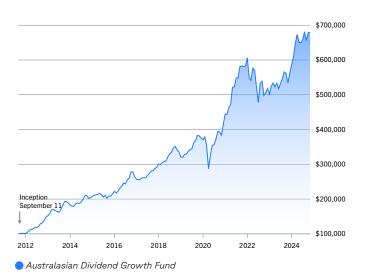
During the month, many companies issued trading updates and held AGMs. Persistent inflation and cautious consumer spending remain key challenges, tempering the outlook for some sectors.

We had several strong performers during the month. One was Generation Development Group, which delivered strong results following its 1Q25 trading update. Sales inflows into its Investment Bond products surged to a record \$209 million for the quarter. The appeal of their tax-efficient offerings continues to grow, particularly in light of potential superannuation tax changes from the Australian Federal Government.

We also had a few disappointments during the month. One of these was Flight Centre; its shares dropped by 29% after releasing a trading update that indicated profitability was tracking below expectations. Although growing, the company called out airfare deflation, downtrading in large accounts, mixed with lower margin online channels, and missed airline incentives as headwinds. September is a small quarter in the context of Flight Centre's year, with the result heavily skewed to the second half of the financial year. Investors are currently skittish on consumer and business confidence and, in this context, have little patience for second-half stories. The company will issue FY25 guidance at its upcoming AGM in November.

### **CUMULATIVE FUND PERFORMANCE**

If you had invested \$100,000 at inception, the graph below shows what it would be worth today, before tax.



## **FUND DETAILS**

Recommended minimum investment period	5 years					
Objective	Generate income and capital growth over a period exceeding 5 years.					
Description	Invests predominantly in listed Australasian smaller and medium growth companies paying dividends or that will produce cash-flow for future distributions.					
Inception date	September 2011					
Standard withdrawal period	10 working days					
Risk indicator	Potentially Lower Returns Higher Returns  1 2 3 4 5 6 7					

Lower Risk

Higher Risk

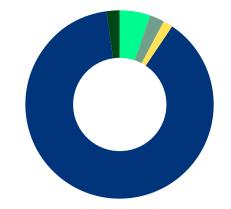


PERFORMANCE							
	1 month	l yr	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	7 yrs (p.a.)	10 yrs (p.a.)	Annualised since inception
Australasian Dividend Growth Fund	-0.2%	25.2%	4.8%	11.9%	12.8%	12.8%	15.7%
MARKET INDEX <sup>1</sup>	1.1%	26.6%	0.6%	4.9%	5.3%	6.7%	4.0%

Returns after fees but before individual PIR tax applied

1. S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Total Return Index (75% hedged to NZD).

INVESTMENT MIX	
Cash (including Derivatives)	5.4%
<ul> <li>US and Canadian Equities</li> </ul>	2.4%
New Zealand Equities	1.7%
Australian Equities	88.4%
Listed Property	2.1%



Asset allocation is rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the aggregate may not equal 100%.

## TOP FIVE EQUITY HOLDINGS

**AUB Group Limited** 

Aussie Broadband Pty Ltd

Johns Lyng Group LTD

Life360 Inc

Zip Co Ltd

**UNIT PRICE** 

\$4.69

Holdings are listed in alphabetical order.

ANNUALISED RETURN SINCE INCEPTION

15.7% p.a.

after fees and before tax

**FUND STATUS** 

CLOSED OPEN



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