

Hamilton12 Australian Shares Income Fund

Quarterly update

Quarter ended December 2025

A scenic sunset over a harbor with boats and a wooden pier.

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Investment objective



Generate long-term after-tax returns for Australian resident investors in excess of the Benchmark after fees, including an annual gross dividend yield (including franking) that exceeds the gross dividend yield of the Benchmark.

The Fund uses the same systematic, rules-based approach as the **Hamilton12 Australian Diversified Yield Index** that allocates the portfolio toward securities offering high franked dividend yield and aims to mitigate risk by ensuring the fund is diversified across industries.

The investment universe is the Australian-listed securities of the **All Ordinaries Index**. The fund's benchmark is the **S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Daily Total Return Index (Superannuation)**.

Investment thesis

Stocks paying high, franked dividends are no more expensive than stocks paying unfranked or zero dividends: Investors receive the franking credits for free.

High yield stocks have, on average, earned above-market returns over time and across different equity markets. High dividends is associated with disciplined capital allocation decisions by executives. Low dividends is associated with investor willingness to overpay for growth.

A portfolio of high yield stocks paying franked dividends is the appropriate portfolio of Australian-listed stocks for Australian resident investors. Default alternatives, funds that mirror the S&P/ASX 200 or the S&P/ASX 300, offer diversification at the expense of material tax benefits.

Most diversification benefits can be achieved by allocation across industries and companies of different size.

Fund returns 9 September 2022 to 31 December 2025



	Corporate (30% tax; capital gains tax incl)					Superannuation (15% tax)					Grossed-up (0% tax)				
	3 m	1 y	2 y	3 y	SI	3 m	1 y	2 y	3 y	SI	3 m	1 y	2 y	3 y	SI
Hamilton 12 Australian Shares Income Fund															
Price return	0.6	13.6	5.3	5.3	4.9	0.6	13.6	5.3	5.3	4.9	0.6	13.6	5.3	5.3	4.9
Dividend yield	0.7	5.9	6.1	6.9	6.8	0.7	5.9	6.1	6.9	6.8	0.7	5.9	6.1	6.9	6.8
Pre-tax return	1.3	19.5	11.5	12.2	11.7	1.3	19.5	11.5	12.2	11.7	1.3	19.5	11.5	12.2	11.7
Net tax benefit	-0.2	-4.1	-1.6	-1.5	-1.4	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.8
Total return	1.1	15.4	9.9	10.7	10.3	1.4	20.7	12.7	13.5	13.0	1.6	22.0	14.0	15.0	14.5
After-tax dividend yield	0.7	5.9	6.1	7.0	6.9	0.8	7.1	7.4	8.3	8.1	0.9	8.4	8.7	9.7	9.6
S&P/ASX 200															
Price return	-1.5	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.3	-1.5	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.3	-1.5	6.8	7.1	7.4	7.3
Dividend yield	0.5	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9	0.5	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9	0.5	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9
Pre-tax return	-1.0	10.3	10.8	11.4	11.2	-1.0	10.3	10.8	11.4	11.2	-1.0	10.3	10.8	11.4	11.2
Net tax benefit	0.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.5	-2.5	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.2
Total return	-0.6	8.0	8.4	8.9	8.8	-1.0	10.7	11.3	11.9	11.7	-0.9	11.4	12.0	12.6	12.4
After-tax dividend yield	0.4	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	0.5	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.3	0.6	4.6	4.9	5.3	5.1

Performance figures are calculated after fees have been deducted and assume distributions have been reinvested. Taxes on capital gains are accounted for in corporate returns but not in superannuation and grossed-up returns. 3 month and 1 year returns are totals. Since inception, 3 year and 2 year returns are per year.

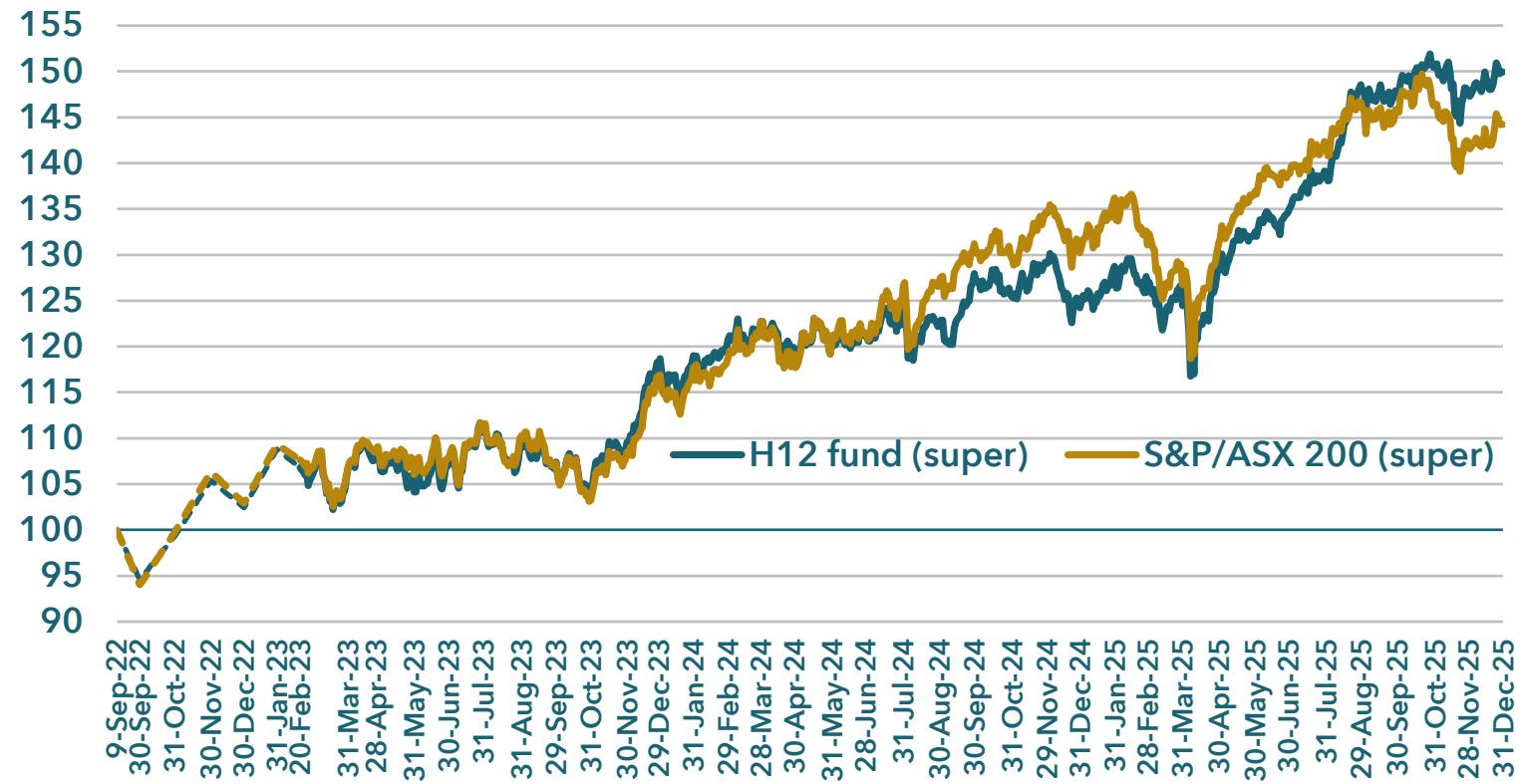
Fund returns 9 September 2022 to 31 December 2025



The fund closely tracks the S&P/ASX 200 due to its allocation to 11 industries and stocks with market cap above and below \$2.5 billion.

Annualised standard deviation of monthly returns = 12.8% vs 12.9% for the S&P/ASX 200

Annualised standard deviation of difference in monthly returns = 4.4%



Average fund sector allocation & top 10 holdings



Industry	Fund	S&P/ASX 200	Company	Fund	S&P/ASX 200
Financials	33.6%	32.4%	BHP	10.3%	7.7%
Basic Materials	17.9%	17.6%	Westpac	9.7%	4.5%
Consumer Discretionary	10.3%	8.4%	NAB	9.5%	4.4%
Industrials	8.1%	10.2%	Cochlear	3.7%	0.7%
Health Care	6.9%	10.0%	Woodside	3.2%	1.6%
Real Estate	5.1%	6.3%	Medibank Private	2.8%	0.4%
Energy	5.0%	4.0%	Rio Tinto	2.7%	1.6%
Consumer Staples	4.8%	4.1%	REA	2.7%	0.5%
Telecommunications	2.7%	2.4%	ANZ	2.6%	3.5%
Utilities	2.2%	1.1%	Telstra	2.3%	2.1%
Technology	1.7%	3.4%	Top 10	49.4%	27.0%
Industry active share	8.8%		Stock active share	64.7%	

The table is based upon average weights in the Hamilton12 Australian Shares Income Fund at the end of each month for the 12 months from January 2025 to December 2025, and the corresponding relative market capitalisation of stocks in the S&P/ASX 200. Active share is the sum of absolute differences between Hamilton12 Australian Shares Income Fund weight and S&P/ASX 200 weight, averaged across the 12 months.

Fundamentals at 31 December 2025

Stock selection is based upon prospective dividend yield, ex-dividend dates and franking percentage. Stocks selected on this basis have:

- below-benchmark price/earnings ratios;

- above-benchmark return on equity;
- above-benchmark dividend payout ratios;
- above-benchmark buy and hold dividend yield; and
- comparable-benchmark credit risk.

Hamilton12 Australian Shares Income Fund				S&P/ASX 200			
Profitability and value							
Price/Earnings		12 mth	24 mth		12 mth	24 mth	
		15.5	14.7		17.8	16.3	
Price/Book	2.1			2.4			
Return on equity		13.3%	14.1%		13.2%	14.4%	
Dividend payout ratios		65%	64%		58%	56%	
Buy and hold dividend yield		4.2%	4.4%		3.3%	3.4%	
Credit risk							
Refinitiv credit rating type	Structural		Financial ratios	Structural		Financial ratios	
Weighted median credit rating	A+		BBB+	A		BBB+	
ESG Grades							
Refinitiv ESG Score and Pillars	Overall	Environment	Social	Governance	Overall	Environment	Social
Weighted median ESG grade	B+	B	B	B	B+	B	B
Governance							B+

Refinitiv produces credit ratings based upon financial ratios and structural credit rating. The latter is a credit rating that accounts for each company's debt, market capitalisation and volatility of asset returns, based upon the Merton distance to default model. The structural credit rating is a more timely measure of default risk than credit ratings based upon financial ratios. The credit ratings presented in the table are weighted medians at 31 December 2025. By market capitalisation, the distribution of structural credit ratings in the S&P/ASX 200 is 35% AAA to AA-, 38% A+ to A-, 19% BBB+ to BBB-, 3% BB+ to BB-, and 4% B+ to CCC+ and unrated; and the distribution of credit ratings derived from financial ratios is 9% AAA to AA-, 37% A+ to A-, 38% BBB+ to BBB-, 11% BB+ to BB- and 5% B+ to CCC+ and unrated.

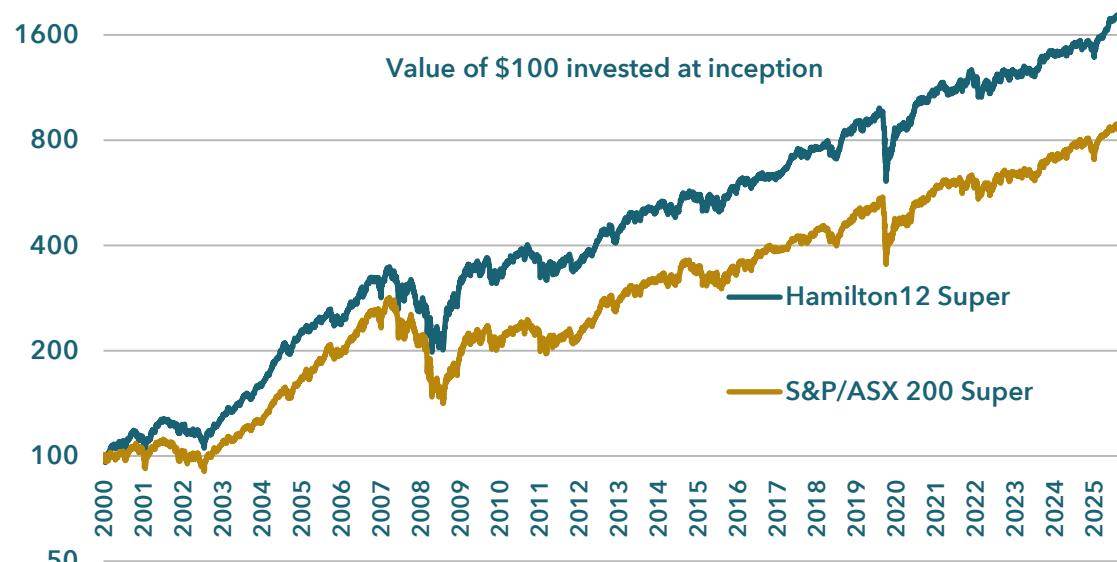
Long-term returns to the Hamilton12 Australian Diversified Yield Index

Index annual returns since H12 index live on 13 Nov 2020 (5.1 years)

13.7% @ 15% tax incl 8.8% after-tax yield
15.4% @ 0% tax incl 10.5% after-tax yield

Index annual returns since H12 fund live on 9 Sep 2022 (3.3 years)

14.4% @ 15% tax incl 8.1% after-tax yield
16.0% @ 0% tax incl 9.7% after-tax yield



Period	Super (15% tax)		Grossed-up (0% tax)	
	H12	S&P/ASX 200	H12	S&P/ASX 200
1 yr	22.8	10.7	24.3	11.5
2 yrs	14.3	11.3	15.8	12.1
3 yrs	14.9	11.9	16.6	12.7
3.3 yrs	14.4	11.7	16.0	12.5
4 yrs	11.7	8.7	13.4	9.6
5 yrs	12.3	10.5	14.0	11.3
5.1 yrs	13.7	10.8	15.4	11.7
10 yrs	12.7	9.9	14.3	10.8
All 25.3 yrs	12.2	8.9	13.8	9.8

Annualised returns. Inception date = 8 September 2000. From 8 September 2000 to 31 December 2005, S&P/ASX 200 returns are estimated using their average tax benefits, relative to dividend yield, from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2025. After-tax returns are based upon an assumed tax rate of 15% for a superannuation fund and 0% in computing grossed-up returns.

Risk metrics from long-term returns

Portfolio risk approximates the benchmark and is comparatively defensive.

There will be periods of underperformance, as with any style-based portfolio.

Annual returns year end 31 December 2025		Concept	Metric	Super (15% tax)	Grossed-up (0% tax)
60%	Hamilton12 Super	Overall risk	Standard deviation	15.4%	15.6%
			S&P/ASX 200 Std dev	14.4%	14.5%
			Maximum drawdown	43.1%	42.2%
			Recovery (years)	2.3	2.1
			S&P/ASX 200 max draw	50.2%	49.4%
			S&P/ASX 200 rec (yrs)	5.5	5.5
Reward-for-risk	S&P/ASX 200 Super	Reward-for-risk	Sharpe ratio	0.58	0.68
			ASX 200 Sharpe	0.40	0.46
			Sortino ratio	1.16	1.33
			ASX 200 Sortino	0.75	0.80
Equity market exposure		Equity market exposure	Alpha	3.2%	3.9%
			Beta	0.97	0.97
			Upside capture	106%	108%
			Downside capture	88%	87%

RBA-reported interest rates and RBA economic forecasts



Interest rate	Rate	4-yr med	Diff
3-year advertised term deposit rates, 31 December 2025	3.0	3.5	-0.5
10-year government bonds, 31 December 2025	4.7	4.1	+0.6
10-year BBB corporate bonds, 31 December 2025	5.6	5.9	-0.3
Home loans (variable, owner-occupied) funded in the month, 30 Nov 2025	5.5	5.8	-0.3
Margin loans funded in the month, 30 November 2025	6.3	6.9	-0.7
Fixed rate, fixed term personal loans funded in the month, 30 Nov 2025	10.1	10.4	-0.3

Economic variable	Jun 25	Dec 25	Jun 26	Dec 26	Jun 27	Dec 27
Annual real GDP growth (%)	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Unemployment rate, quarter (%)	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Annual nominal wages growth (%)	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Annual change in the consumer price index (%)	2.1	3.3	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.6
Cash rate, derived from market prices (%)	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3

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