

Martin Currie Real Income Fund

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a pre-tax income yield above the S&P/ASX 200 Index yield and to grow this income above the rate of inflation.

Performance (%)

	1 mth	3 mths	1 yr	3 yrs pa	5 yrs pa
Fund (net)	-2.03	-0.64	-7.88	11.21	4.93

Calendar year performance (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund (net)	-7.90	20.19	-11.96	21.81	1.55

Fund details

Inception date	November 2010
APIR	SSB0026AU

Monthly review

What happened in the market?

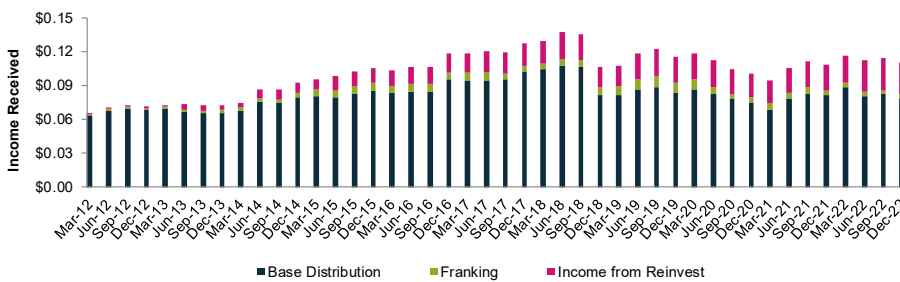
The Australian real asset universe underperformed the broader Australian equity market in March. The listed real estate market was down -6.8% in March (as measured by the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Accumulation Index). Infrastructure was up 0.3% in March (as measured by the S&P/ASX Infrastructure Accumulation Index). Utilities were up 1.5% in March (as measured by the S&P/ASX 300 Utilities Accumulation Index). In comparison, the Australian equity market fell -0.2% (as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index).

What happened in the Fund?

The Fund was down 2.03% over the month of March. At the sector level, Real Estate and Industrials were the main detractors to performance in March. At the stock level, Utilities providers AGL Energy, National Grid and Contact Energy were among the best performers over the month, while communication services provider Chorus was also a contributor. On the other side, Real Estate companies Scentre Group and HomeCo, and Industrials company Atlas Arteria Group were among the main detractors, over the month of March.

The Fund is now forecasted to provide a dividend yield of 6.24% (grossed up for franking credits) over the next 12 months on a forward-looking basis.

Rolling 12 month distribution history (%)

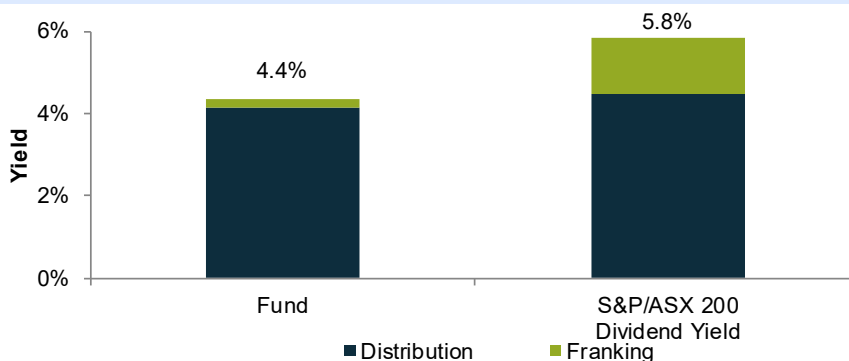


Next 12 months portfolio forecast (%)

Forecast dividend yield before franking	6.03
Forecast franked yield	6.24

Next 12 Months Dividend Forecast is calculated using the weighted average of broker consensus forecasts of each portfolio holding because of this, the forecast figures quoted are estimated figures and are therefore not guaranteed and may differ materially from the figures mentioned. The figures may also be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. In respect of the broker consensus data the number of brokers included for each individual stock will depending on active coverage of that stock by a broker at any point in time. A median of brokers is typically utilised. All estimates avoid stale forecasts which are removed after a certain number of days. Assumes zero percent tax rate and full franking benefits realised in tax return.

12 month yield comparison



Performance 1 year (gross) (%)

Distribution return (1)	4.17
Franking credit (2)	0.21
Income return (pre fees and post tax)	4.38
Growth return (incl re-invested cap gains)	-11.30
Total return	-6.92

¹Under FSC Standard 6 methodology, the Fund's Distribution return could have been different. The difference between this and the reported Distribution return is due to the exclusion of capital gains. ² Franking credit is based on the Fund distribution and assumes a zero tax rate. It is not to be interpreted as the offset achieved by unitholders during this period. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Highlights

- Invests in Australian & Developed Market listed companies owning real assets (such as property, utility and infrastructures securities) that deliver strong dividend income from reliable revenue streams
- Targets income growth that exceeds the rise in the cost of living by owning securities that can grow revenue and profit over time
- Targets companies with large, sunk capital bases and recurring revenue streams to provide consistent income through the business cycle

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Meet the team

Martin Currie's investment process draws on a wide range of proprietary fundamental and quantitative research metrics. The Fund benefits from the close collaboration of the well-resourced and experienced team that includes Ashton Reid and Andrew Chambers.



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