# Fund Factsheet May 2025

# Income and Growth Fund

# **Fund Overview**

# Investment Objective

Income and Growth Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide regular income\* and to a lesser extent long-term\*\* capital appreciation by investing in the Target Fund which will be investing in equities, debt securities and convertible securities.

# The Fund is suitable for sophisticated investors seeking:

- regular income\* and to a lesser extent long-term\*\* capital appreciation on their investments; and
- an investment portfolio of equities, debt securities and convertible securities.

Note: \*Income distribution (if any) is paid out on a quarterly basis

\*\*Long-term refers to an investment horizon of at least five (5) years.

Any material change to the investment objective of the Fund would require Unit Holders' approval.

# Fund Performance (as at 30 April 2025)

#### Cumulative performance over the period (%)



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Unit prices and investment returns may go down as well as up Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

#### Performance Table in Share Class Currency (as at 30 April 2025) Cumulative Return (%) YTD 1 Month 6 Months 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years Fund (USD) -2 71 -0.80 -2 33 3 44 11 11 18 84 \*Benchmark (USD) -4.92 -0.68 -1 74 12 10 41 16 106.51 Fund (AUD-Hedged) -3.08 -1.05 -2.81 2.27 5.29 9.89 Fund (SGD-Hedged) 5.89 12.74 -3.36 -1.03 -3.29 1.38 Fund (MYR-Hedged) -3.33 -1.03 -3.321.01 3.62 13.02 Annualised Return (%) 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years Since Inception Fund (USD) 3.57 3.51 3.00 \*Benchmark (USD) 12.17 15.60 11.97 1.73 Fund (AUD-Hedged) 1.90 1.75 Fund (SGD-Hedged) 1.92 2.43 2.22 Fund (MYR-Hedged) 2.48 1.19 2.70 Calendar Year Return (%) 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020 Fund (USD) 7.96 16.11 -19.67 7.95 \*Benchmark (USD) 25.02 26.29 -18.11 28.71 Fund (AUD-Hedged) 6.63 13.59 -21.36 6.87 Fund (SGD-Hedged) 5.87 14.17 -20.11 7.20 Fund (MYR-Hedged) -20.05 \*S&P 500 Index Source Benchmark: \*AmFunds Management Berhad Source Fund Return: Novagni Analytics and Advisory Sdn. Bhd.

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. The performance is calculated based on NAV-to-NAV using Time Weighted Rate of Return ("TWRR")

| Income Distribution History |                              |   |   |  |  |   |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Total Payout per unit (Sen) |                              |   |   | Yield (%)  |  |   |   |
| 2024                        | 2023                         | 2022  | 2021  | 2024   | 2023   | 2022  | 2021  |
| 2.39                        | N/A                          | 1.06  | 1.19  | 2.16   | N/A  | 0.90  | 1.03  |
| 0.91                        | N/A                          | 2.59  | 2.84  | 0.87   | N/A  | 2.26  | 2.63  |
| 1.79                        | N/A                          | 1.24  | 4.22  | 1.63   | N/A  | 1.08  | 3.80  |
| 8.96                        | N/A                          | 0.72  | 2.56  | 7.78   | N/A  | 0.59  | 2.24  |
|                             | 2024<br>2.39<br>0.91<br>1.79 | Total Payout  2024 2023  2.39 N/A 0.91 N/A 1.79 N/A | Total Payout per unit (Ser<br>2024 2023 2022<br>2.39 N/A 1.06<br>0.91 N/A 2.59<br>1.79 N/A 1.24 | Total Payout per unit (Sen)  2024 2023 2022 2021  2.39 N/A 1.06 1.19 0.91 N/A 2.59 2.84 1.79 N/A 1.24 4.22 | Total Payout per unit (Sen)  2024 2023 2022 2021 2024  2.39 N/A 1.06 1.19 2.16 0.91 N/A 2.59 2.84 0.87 1.79 N/A 1.24 4.22 1.63 | Total Payout per unit (Sen)         Yield           2024         2023         2022         2021         2024         2023           2.39         N/A         1.06         1.19         2.16         N/A           0.91         N/A         2.59         2.84         0.87         N/A           1.79         N/A         1.24         4.22         1.63         N/A | Total Payout per unit (Sen)  2024  2023  2022  2021  2024  2023  2022  2.39  N/A  1.06  1.19  2.16  N/A  0.90  0.91  N/A  2.59  2.84  0.87  N/A  2.26  1.79  N/A  1.24  4.22  1.63  N/A  1.08 |

Historical income distribution is not indicative of future income distribution payout. The income could be in the form of units or cash. Unit prices and income distribution, if any, may rise or fall. Where an income distribution is declared, investors are advised that following the distribution the net asset value per unit will be reduced from cum-distribution NAV to ex-distribution NAV

# **Fund Facts**

# Fund Category / Type

Wholesale (Feeder Fund) / Income and Growth

# **Base Currency**

USD

# Investment Manager

AmFunds Management Berhad

# Launch Date

USD Class 20 January 2020 **AUD-Hedged Class** 20 January 2020 SGD-Hedged Class 20 January 2020 MYR-Hedged Class 20 January 2020

### **Initial Offer Price**

**USD Class** USD 1.0000 **AUD-Hedged Class** AUD 1.0000 SGD-Hedged Class SGD 1.0000 MYR-Hedged Class MYR 1 0000

# Minimum Initial / Additional Investment

**USD Class** USD 1,000 / USD 500 **AUD-Hedged Class** AUD 1,000 / AUD 500 SGD-Hedged Class SGD 1.000 / SGD 500 MYR-Hedged Class MYR 1,000 / MYR 500

# Annual Management Fee

Up to 1.80% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund

#### **Annual Trustee Fee**

Up to 0.05% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund (excluding foreign custodian fee and charges, where applicable).

# **Entry Charge**

Up to 5.00% of the NAV per unit of the Class (es)

# Exit Fee

### **Redemption Payment Period**

By the 14 calendar day of receiving the redemption request with complete documents.

# Income Distribution

# MYR-Hedged Class

Distribution, if any, will be made on a quarterly basis and can be in the form of cash (by telegraphic transfer) or unit (by reinvestment into units of the Class)

# Other Classes

Fund Size\*

Distribution, if any, will be made on a quarterly basis and will be reinvested into the respective Classes. However, the Manager may at its sole discretion allow distribution in the form of cash.

# \*Data as at (as at 30 April 2025)

#### NAV Per Unit\* USD Class USD 1.1218 **AUD-Hedged Class** AUD 1.0285 SGD-Hedged Class SGD 1.0477 MYR-Hedged Class MYR 1.0268

USD Class USD 0.41 million ALID-Hedged Class AUD 1 21 million SGD-Hedged Class SGD 0.60 million MYR 26.15 million

# MYR-Hedged Class Unit in Circulation\*

USD Class 0.37 million **AUD-Hedged Class** 1.17 million SGD-Hedged Class 0.57 million MYR-Hedged Class 25.47 million

# 1- Year NAV High\*

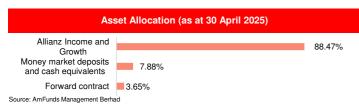
USD Class USD 1.1850 (18 Feb 2025) AUD-Hedged Class AUD 1.0901 (18 Feb 2025) SGD-Hedged Class SGD 1.1293 (09 Dec 2024) MYR-Hedged Class MYR 1.1807 (09 Dec 2024)

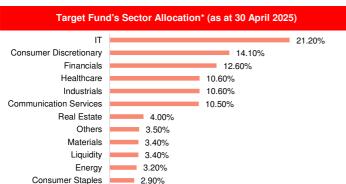
# 1- Year NAV Low\*

USD Class USD 1.0697 (09 Apr 2025) **AUD-Hedged Class** AUD 0.9815 (09 Apr 2025) SGD 1.0005 (09 Apr 2025) SGD-Hedged Class MYR-Hedged Class MYR 0.9805 (09 Apr 2025)

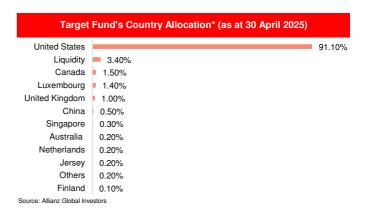
Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

The above fees and charges may be subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties (imposed by the Government of Malaysia which are payable by the unit holder(s) and/or the Fund (as the case may be) at the prevailing rate.





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<sup>\*</sup>As percentage of NAV. Please note that asset exposure for the Target Fund is subject to frequent change on a daily basis.

# Target Fund Manager's Commentary (as at 30 April 2025)

In our 2025 outlook, we wrote that the equity market's path would not be linear, with bouts of volatility throughout the year. We also noted convertible securities and high yield bonds – given their defensive characteristics – could mitigate equity market weakness. Going forward, the portfolio is well positioned if volatility persists without sacrificing upside participation and incomegeneration potential.

The US economy could expand in 2025, but tariffs have become a bigger headwind than previously thought, with most strategists expecting trade policy and uncertainty to begin dragging on growth mid-year. When clarity improves, uncertainty should lessen, and spending, investment, hiring, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity can resume. In addition, tailwinds such as deregulation and taxation measures still exist with productivity gains and demand tied to reindustrialisation, onshoring, and the private sector acting as other potential growth drivers.

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) likely remains on hold as they assess the effect of trade policies on inflation, employment, and the potential for stagflation. Interest rate cuts could restart later this year to support their dual mandate. A resumption of monetary policy easing would closer align the Fed with accommodation by central banks overseas.

While the range of near-term outcomes for the US equity market is broad, its directionality will likely hinge on economic and earnings growth. Evidence supporting a stabilisation or positive inflection in either of these metrics could benefit the equity market.

US convertible securities have an attractive asymmetric return profile, providing upside participation potential when stock prices rise and downside mitigation when stock prices fall. The asset class may outperform the broad equity market if volatility continues. USD 60-65 billion of new issuance is expected in 2025 due to coupon savings demand and elevated refinancing needs. Aside from diversification benefits, new issuance expands the opportunity set of investments with attractive terms and the desired risk/reward characteristics.

The US high yield market, yielding more than 8%, could deliver a coupon-like return in 2025. As a result, the asset class continues to offer equity-like returns but with less volatility. The market's attractive total return potential is a function of its discount to face value and higher coupon, which also serves to cushion downside volatility. Credit fundamentals are stable, near-term refinancing obligations remain low, and management teams continue to exercise balance sheet discipline. In this environment, new issuance is expected to remain steady, and the default rate should stay below the historical average of 3-4%.

A covered call options strategy can be utilised to generate premium income. In periods of elevated or rising equity volatility, premiums collected may translate into more attractive annualised yields.

Collectively, these three asset classes can provide a steady source of income and a compelling "participate and protect" return profile.

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