# 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 June 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 June 2025) Cumulative Return (%) YTD 1 Month 6 Months 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years Fund (USD) 31 38 3 57 2 90 3 57 7.08 34 14 \*Benchmark (USD) 6.20 5.09 6 20 15.16 71.55 115.89 Fund (AUD-Hedged) 3.03 2.83 3.03 5.94 24.81 24.41 Fund (SGD-Hedged) 2.68 24.70 2.40 2.40 4.78 26.19 Fund (MYR-Hedged) 2.60 2.74 2.60 4.72 22.20 25.77 Annualised Return (%) 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years Since Inception Fund (USD) 9.52 6.05 4.09 \*Benchmark (USD) 19.69 16.63 13.87 4.46 Fund (AUD-Hedged) 7.67 2.84 Fund (SGD-Hedged) 7.64 4.76 3.24 Fund (MYR-Hedged) 3.74 6.91 4.69 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 |
| USD                         | 2.39                        | N/A  | 1.06 | 1.19 | 2.16      | N/A  | 0.90 | 1.03 |
| AUD-Hedged                  | 0.91                        | N/A  | 2.59 | 2.84 | 0.87      | N/A  | 2.26 | 2.63 |
| SGD-Hedged                  | 1.79                        | N/A  | 1.24 | 4.22 | 1.63      | N/A  | 1.08 | 3.80 |
| MYR-Hedged                  | 8.96                        | N/A  | 0.72 | 2.56 | 7.78      | N/A  | 0.59 | 2.24 |

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

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 June 2025)

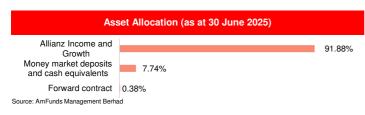
## **NAV Per Unit\***

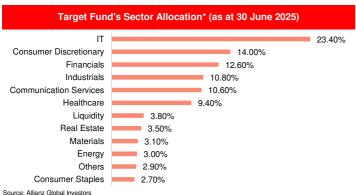
| USD Class            | USD 1.1942               |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| AUD-Hedged Class     | AUD 1.0934               |
| SGD-Hedged Class     | SGD 1.1101               |
| MYR-Hedged Class     | MYR 1.0898               |
| Fund Size*           |                          |
| USD Class            | USD 0.39 million         |
| AUD-Hedged Class     | AUD 1.27 million         |
| SGD-Hedged Class     | SGD 0.58 million         |
| MYR-Hedged Class     | MYR 27.72 million        |
| Unit in Circulation* |                          |
| USD Class            | 0.33 million             |
| AUD-Hedged Class     | 1.16 million             |
| SGD-Hedged Class     | 0.52 million             |
| MYR-Hedged Class     | 25.43 million            |
| 1- Year NAV High*    |                          |
| USD Class            | USD 1.1942 (30 Jun 2025) |
| AUD-Hedged Class     | AUD 1.0934 (30 Jun 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)

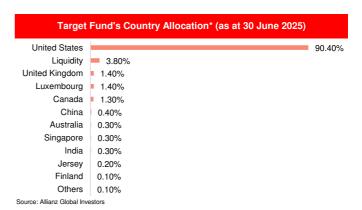
Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

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.









<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 June 2025)

Despite a strong recovery in risk assets, the macroeconomic outlook remains clouded given uncertainty around trade, monetary policy, government spending and geopolitics. On the other hand, economic data has been resilient, trade tensions while elevated have stabilised, earnings tailwinds have begun to emerge, Fed commentary has been less hawkish, capital market activity has been healthy, interest rates have fallen and energy prices have declined.

The US economy should expand in 2025, even with tariffs potentially hampering growth. Trade policy clarity could begin to improve and as the range of outcomes narrow, uncertainty should lessen, and spending, investment, hiring, and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity can resume. Further out, fiscal stimulus, deregulation measures, capex tailwinds, productivity gains, and a reindustrialisation movement are potential growth drivers.

A resumption of monetary policy easing – currently, the market is pricing in two 25-bps interest rate cuts in 2025 – would closer align the Fed with accommodation by central banks overseas. Early signs of labour market softening or minimal tariff price pass-through could pull forward rate cuts, while steady employment or higher inflation could cause the Fed to move later.

US large-cap equities have recovered this year's losses as odds of a recession and global shock receded and Q1 earnings results came in better than expected. Market tailwinds include subdued investor sentiment and positioning, dollar weakness, lower oil prices, and a decline in interest rates, among other potential catalysts. The impact of tariffs remains a headwind, and valuations will continue to be debated. Ultimately, any change on the margin around expectations for corporate earnings, management outlooks and the economy will determine the direction of the stock market over the remainder of the year.

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 75-80 billion# of new issuance is now 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 7%, 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.

The Target Fund is a client solution designed to provide high monthly income, the potential for capital appreciation, and less volatility than an equity-only fund.

Source: Allianz Global Investors

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