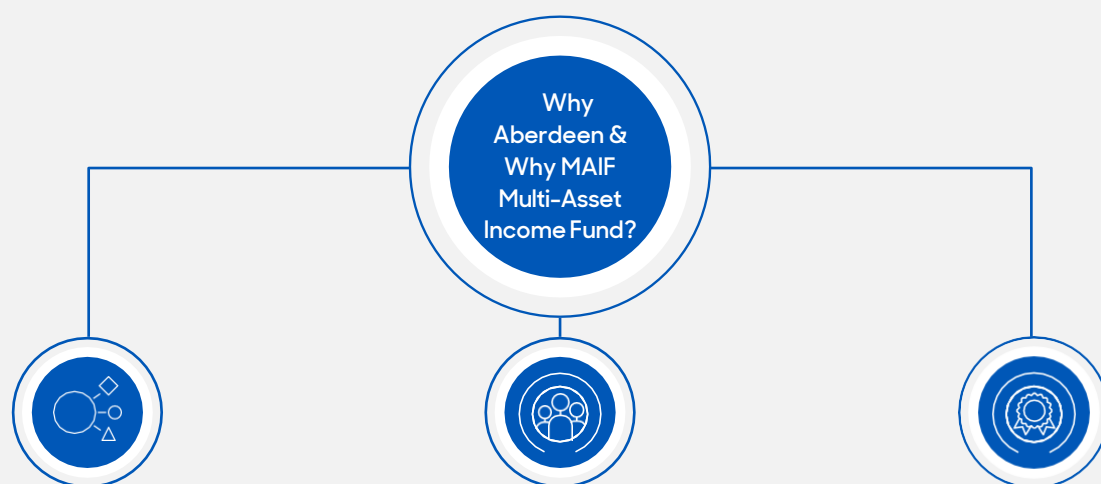


# Annual Update abrdn Multi-Asset Income Fund

July 2025



Our Multi-Asset investment process is tried and tested with a strong track record investing in multiple asset classes and sourcing regular, consistent income for investors.

An experienced investment team with diverse skills, dedicated solely to managing multi-asset funds.

A unique approach of sourcing diversified income for investors and adding value through active asset allocation while considering downside risk management.

## Annual review

The Fund's investment objective is to invest across a range of asset classes with the aim of delivering stable income each year that exceeds the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cash rate as well as some capital growth over the medium to long term to help offset inflation.

For the 2024/25 financial year, the Fund achieved a total income distribution yield of 6.26% (including franking/tax credits of 0.58%) and capital growth of 1.16% for a total return (including franking) of 7.42% (before fees) and 6.66% (net of fees).<sup>1</sup>

The Fund's income distribution yield of 5.69% (excluding franking credits) very comfortably exceeded the RBA cash rate which averaged 4.20% over the period. For comparison, banks' special term deposit rates averaged 2.95% (source: RBA)

The Fund's income distribution yield of 6.26% was also at a meaningful margin higher than the 2024/25 financial year target of 5.40%<sup>1</sup> (calculated using the 30 June 2024 application unit price).

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## Income estimate for 2024/25 Financial Year<sup>1</sup>

The Fund's total return of 7.42% over the period was significantly higher than the return of Australian 10 Year bonds over the same period as consecutive increases in the cash rate from the RBA negatively impacted bond prices. Australia equity markets rallied from end Jun24 to end Jun25, and contributed to bulk of the positive 1.16% capital gains in the Fund.

## Income estimate for the 2025/2026 Financial Year

The expected monthly cash distribution target for the 2025/26 financial year will maintain at 0.35 cents per unit<sup>2</sup>. Australia's relatively high starting point for cash rates provides the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) with ample flexibility to lower rates if necessary. Inflation remains reasonably well contained and continues on a downward trajectory. Amid global tariff uncertainties, Australia is comparatively well-positioned, supported by ongoing fiscal measures that are expected to continue positively influencing the economy.

Additionally, Australia often benefits from a safe-haven status during periods of geopolitical tension, thanks to its geographic location, stable democratic governance, strong rule of law, and sound fiscal standing.

Given our base case of a global soft landing, we have opted for a modestly overweight position in equities, with a focus on income harvesting. At the same time, we plan to gradually increase duration exposure, as longer duration assets are expected to perform well in scenarios involving policy easing or a sharp demand slowdown.



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<sup>2</sup> target returns are not guaranteed



Regular monthly  
payments of 0.35  
CPU (4.20%)<sup>2</sup>



Financial year end  
distribution (or income  
reserve) paid in June  
2025 (estimated at  
0.70%)<sup>2</sup>



Franking credits  
(estimated at 0.50%)

We expect the Fund to deliver a total income distribution yield of 5.40% for the 2025/26 financial year<sup>2</sup> (which includes the cash distribution, franking credits, an income reserve, and is calculated using the application unit price as at 30 June 2025).

Our strategic asset allocation is based on a recent review conducted by the investment team (see details to the right). As part of this review, we intend to make some minor changes to our strategic asset allocation. Within major asset classes, we will continue to dynamically take advantage of market opportunities as they arise, for example, rotating across different sectors within equities and different currency denominations in emerging market debt. The higher allocation to sub-investment grade credit has performed well and we intend to rotate away from this asset class if and when macro developments point to a slowdown.

We are very cognizant of the importance of a competitive income distribution to our investors, but just as mindful of achieving it through a suitably balanced portfolio aimed at delivering both income and some capital appreciation while assuming an appropriate amount of risk.

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## Strategic Asset Allocation weights

From 31 July 2025 the Strategic Asset Allocation weights for the Fund are as follows:

<b>30%</b>	Australian equities
<b>8%</b>	International equities
<b>23%</b>	Alternatives
<b>19%</b>	Investment grade credit
<b>18%</b>	Sub-investment grade credit
<b>2%</b>	Cash and short maturity income



The Fund provided a consistent monthly distribution of 0.35 cents per unit (CPU) or more for the entire financial year 2024/2025. The benefit of franking credits is realised on lodgement of an individual's tax return.

## Income objective

The Fund has strived to meet its income objective while being mindful of trying to capture some capital gains and not just provide income at the expense of capital. For the financial year the fund exceeded the RBA cash rate.

## Growth objective

The Fund has achieved 1.60% p.a. capital growth since inception of the strategy to 30 June 2025 which has helped offset the long term impact of inflation on investors.

## Previous years' distribution yield<sup>3</sup> vs term deposits (%)<sup>4</sup>

	Fund	Term deposits
2024/2025 Financial Year	6.2	4.2%
2023/2024 Financial Year	6.2	4.3%
2022/2023 Financial Year	4.7	3.0%
2021/2022 Financial Year	5.7	0.2%
2020/2021 Financial Year	5.2	0.2%
2019/2020 Financial Year	4.4	0.6%
2018/2019 Financial Year	7.6	1.5%
2017/2018 Financial Year	4.3	1.5%
2016/2017 Financial Year	5.2	1.5%
2015/2016 Financial Year	4.6	2.0%
2014/2015 Financial Year	5.1	2.3%
2013/2014 Financial Year	4.0	2.5%
2012/2013 Financial Year	5.1	3.1%
2011/2012 Financial Year	6.4	4.3%
2010/2011 Financial Year	6.5	4.7%

Source: RBA, Aberdeen.

<sup>3</sup> Based on the 30 June unit price at the beginning of each period, net of fees.

<sup>4</sup> Based on the average special term deposit rate during the relevant period. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

## The abrdn Multi-Asset Income Fund has two key objectives:

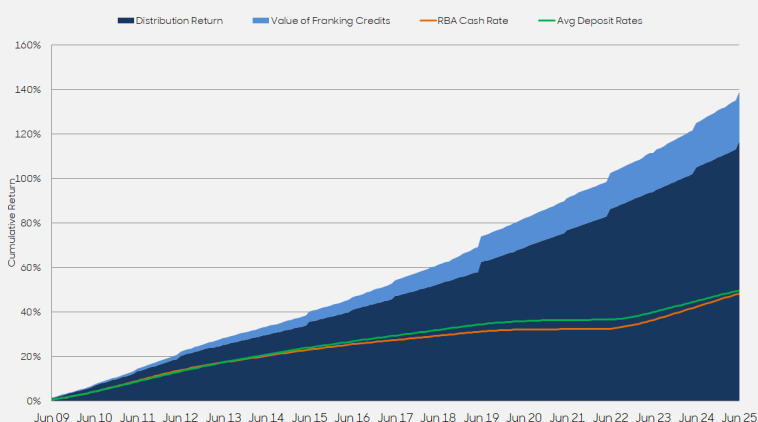
### 01 Income objective

The Fund has achieved its income objective and exceeded the RBA cash rate. The distribution yield based on the beginning of year unit price has comfortably and consistently exceeded the RBA cash rate and average special term deposit rates.

### Long term comparative income return to 30 June 2025

This chart depicts how the Fund has delivered consistent and regular income. It also shows the benefit delivered via franking credits.

#### Chart 02: Cumulative Income Return



Source: Aberdeen, gross, 30 June 2025.

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CPI is defined as the RBA's trimmed mean inflation rate as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

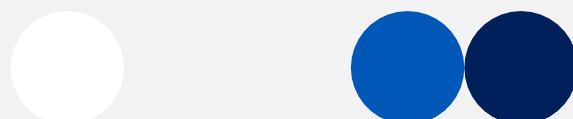
Performance figures are calculated using end-of-month exit prices, net of fees. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

### 02 Growth objective

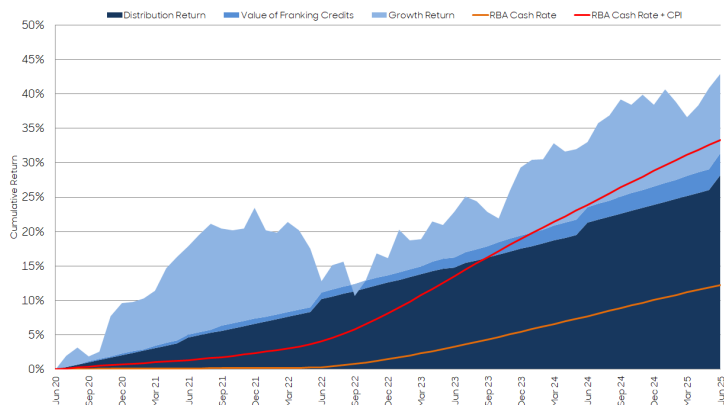
To provide capital growth over the medium to long term.

### Long term comparative income return to 30 June 2025

This chart depicts how the Fund's capital growth has more than kept pace with inflation.



## Chart 03: Cumulative Growth Return



Source: Aberdeen, gross, 30 June 2025.

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## Outlook

As we enter the second half of the year, we see three key themes shaping the market outlook:

1) **Global Growth Outlook:** We anticipate a broad-based deceleration in global growth in the second half of 2025, largely due to the unwinding of tariff-related front-loading and the delayed impact of US policy tightening. While underlying economic momentum remains

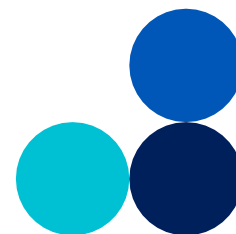
relatively resilient, downside risks are rising – particularly in labour markets – as global demand softens and trade friction dampens sentiment. The final outcome of US trade policy will be a critical variable, potentially prompting a reassessment of economic growth, the trajectory of inflation, monetary policy and market sentiment.

2) **Monetary Policy:** The normalisation of global interest rates continues to unfold unevenly. Europe and the UK lead the easing cycle, ahead of the US. The Fed faces a delicate balancing act: supporting a slowing economy while remaining vigilant against inflationary pressures that could arise from newly imposed tariffs.

3) **Geopolitical Tensions:** Tensions in the Middle East have eased following the US-brokered ceasefire agreements, although progress on the nuclear deal remains limited. We do not expect geopolitical risks to have a lasting macroeconomic or market impact unless there is a significant disruption to global oil supply.

Against the current macroeconomic backdrop, we adopt a moderately constructive stance on risk assets, with a focus on diversification and resilience. While global growth is expected to decelerate and monetary policy paths diverge, we see selective opportunities emerging across asset classes and regions.

We believe our clients will continue to benefit from our unique approach to asset allocation with genuine diversification. We remain confident in our ability to continue to meet the Fund's income and capital growth objectives in the new fiscal year.





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