Lonsec

MLC Index Plus Growth

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Product Profile

Key Information

Status	Open
Asset class	Multi-Asset
Sector	81-100% Growth Assets
Sub-sector	Low-Cost Diversified
Product type	Wholesale
Legal type	Unit Trust
Fund inception	July 2017
Fund size	$1.20b
Distribution frequency	Quarterly

Manager Profile

The Manager is part of the Insignia Financial Group of companies, comprising Insignia Financial Ltd and its related bodies corporate ('Insignia Financial'), which is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX code: IFL). Insignia Financial is a leading provider of wealth management services, including superannuation, platform administration, and investment management. The Manager has a long history in multi-asset investing, with total funds under management and administration ('FUMA') of $342.00b as of December 2025. Over recent years, the Manager has expanded its business through acquisitions and integration of the heritage IOOF, OnePath and MLC multi-manager businesses. In July 2025, CC Capital entered into a Scheme Implementation Deed to acquire the issued shares of Insignia Financial, subject to relevant regulatory approvals, which are expected to be finalised in H1 2026.

PDS Objective

Aims to provide a return that meets its benchmark (before fees and tax) over five-year periods.

What is this Product?

The portfolio invests primarily in growth assets with a small exposure to defensive assets. The allocations to these assets are actively managed within defined ranges, in accordance with MLC's changing view of potential risks and opportunities in investment markets. The portfolio is broadly diversified across mainstream asset classes. It uses mainly passive investment managers for growth assets and active managers for defensive assets. These managers invest in many companies and securities in Australia and overseas.

Growth of $10,000 Over 7 Years



Source: FE fundinfo

Returns after fees (as at 30/09/26)

	3mth	1yr	3yr	5yr	7yr
Total return	0.64	7.50	13.83	8.30	8.72
Income return	0.35	6.19	5.01	4.21	4.36
Growth return	0.29	1.32	8.82	4.09	4.37
Lonsec benchmark	-0.26	6.33	14.23	8.74	9.16

Benchmark Used: Lonsec Strategic Multi-Asset (Traditional) 90% Growth Index

Source: FE fundinfo

Annual Fees and Costs (% p.a.) (as at 19/09/2026)

Management fees & costs	0.29
Performance fee costs	0.00
Net Transaction Costs	0.00
Buy/Sell Spread	0.05/0.05
Annual fees and costs	**0.29**

Source: FE fundinfo

Asset Allocation (%) (as at 31/08/2026)

Australian Equities	33.46
International Equities	44.53
Unlisted Property	3.86
Australian Fixed Interest	1.15
Global Fixed Interest	9.78
Alternative Assets	6.01
Cash	1.21
Total	100.00

Source: FE fundinfo

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General

Total return: 'Top line' actual return, after fees.

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