

Ausbil Active Dividend Income Fund - Active ETF

Quarterly performance update

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'Looking forward, Ausbil expects to see up to two rate rises over the remainder of calendar 2026'

Performance Review

Fund performance for the quarter ending September 2026 was +2.72% (net of fees), versus the benchmark return of +1.33%, as measured by the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.

At a sector level, the overweight positions in the Materials, Consumer Staples and Utilities sectors contributed to relative performance. The underweight positions in the Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, Financials, Information Technology and Real Estate sectors also added value. Conversely, the underweight positions in the Energy and Communication Services sectors detracted from relative performance. The underweight position in the Health Care sector also detracted value.

At a stock level, the overweight positions in CSL, Ampol, Viva Energy Group, Ramelius Resources and Evolution Mining contributed to relative performance. The underweight positions in Fortescue and Qantas, and the nil positions in Transurban Group, Lynas Rare Earths and PLS Group also added value. Conversely, the overweight positions in Centuria Capital, Telstra, Pinnacle Investment Management Group, Premier Investments, Goodman Group and The a2 Milk Company detracted from relative performance. The underweight positions in Santos and South32, and the nil positions in Northern Star Resources and Codan also detracted value.

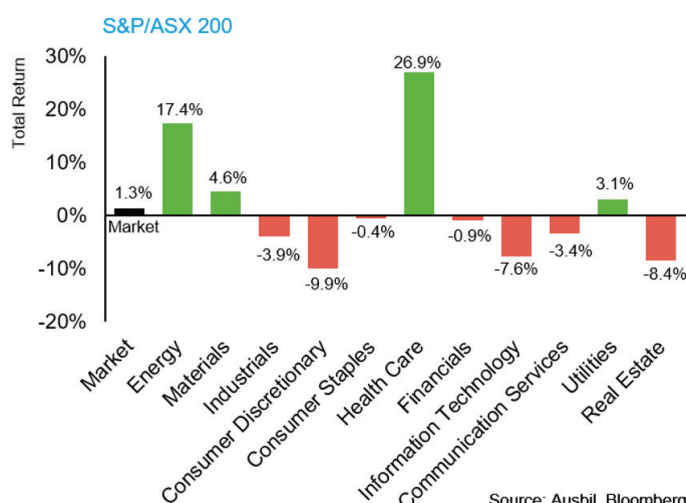
Market Review

The S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returned +1.3% over the September quarter, bringing the one-year return to +2.7%. The September meeting of the RBA saw Australia entering a tightening cycle to combat inflation which, with the oil price elevated at over US\$100/bbl, weighed on the quarterly performance.

Global equity markets were mixed over the September quarter. The MSCI World returned +1.9% and the S&P 500 +2.0%, while the MSCI Emerging Markets declined -0.4%. Singapore (+9.8%) and Hong Kong (+7.6%) led the selected markets; China (-6.2%), India (-5.2%) and Japan (-4.7%) lagged.

Health Care and Energy were the strongest sectors, while Consumer Discretionary, Real Estate and Information Technology were the main detractors.

Sector returns – September Quarter 2026



Fund Characteristics

Net Returns as at 30 September 2026

Period	Distribution Return ¹ %	Growth Return ² %	Total Return ³ %	Benchmark ⁴ %	Excess Return %
1 month	0.42	-2.03	-1.61	-2.42	0.80
3 months	1.31	1.42	2.73	1.33	1.39
6 months	2.99	4.81	7.80	5.43	2.36
1 year	5.49	2.12	7.61	2.68	4.91
2 years pa	5.33	1.98	7.31	6.55	0.75
3 years pa	5.65	5.13	10.78	11.40	-0.62
4 years pa	5.79	5.13	10.92	11.91	-0.99
5 years pa	5.52	1.84	7.36	7.68	-0.33
7 years pa	5.25	2.54	7.80	7.85	-0.06
Since inception pa Date: July 2018	5.66	3.03	8.69	8.35	0.33

Net Returns including Franking Credits as at 30 September 2026

Period	Total Return ⁵ %	Reference Benchmark ⁶ %	Excess Return %
1 month	-1.18	-2.14	0.96
3 months	3.47	1.77	1.70
6 months	8.79	6.03	2.76
1 year	9.52	3.79	5.72
2 years pa	9.32	7.69	1.63
3 years pa	12.93	12.65	0.28
4 years pa	13.15	13.25	-0.10
5 years pa	10.01	9.06	0.95
7 years pa	10.30	9.19	1.12
Since inception pa Date: July 2018	11.54	9.77	1.77

Sector Tilts

Sector	Fund %	Benchmark ⁴ %	Tilt %
Energy	6.40	4.83	1.57
Materials	29.40	26.40	3.00
Industrials	5.22	6.01	-0.79
Consumer Discretionary	6.49	6.42	0.07
Consumer Staples	4.86	3.72	1.14
Health Care	5.41	6.92	-1.51
Financials	31.03	33.58	-2.55
Information Technology	0.73	2.79	-2.06
Communications Services	2.53	2.44	0.09
Utilities	3.03	1.42	1.60
Real Estate	3.58	5.46	-1.88
Cash	1.32	0.00	1.32
Total	100.00	100.00	0.00



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Outlook

A positive August reporting season that concluded with a strong net EPS growth (EPSg) beat of 15% (Macquarie Equities) was followed in September by an escalation in Middle East tensions and the RBA pivoting to a tightening cycle to fight persistently stubborn inflation. The result was the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index falling -2.4% in September, dulling what was otherwise a positive quarter. Despite these challenges, consensus is still forecasting two positive earnings growth years, with FY27 expected to deliver EPSg of +8.4% and FY28 of +7.2% (for the S&P/ASX 200).

Looking forward, Ausbil expects to see up to two rate rises over the remainder of calendar 2026 as the RBA fights the impact of second-round price pressures on inflation. This would slow Australian year average growth by half, from its current Q2 2026 rate of 2.3% to 1.2% pace by year end calendar 2027. Ausbil believes that the additional tightening in rates in 2026 would see the RBA having to reverse its position with multiple rate cuts in 2027.

From an earnings perspective, the key interest rate pivot by the RBA which is expected to see another rise in calendar 2026, before eventual easing again in 2027, altered Ausbil's equity outlook somewhat. Interest rate sectors like banks and real estate, already under pressure from changes to tax policy, became less attractive. Moreover, earnings from long duration sectors like information technology were discounted on the change. Finally, cyclical stocks leveraged to the consumer also looked less attractive with the shift to monetary tightening.

Monthly Distributions

	Ex-Price (mid) 30 June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Ex-Price (mid) 30 June	Total CPU	Franking Credit Per Unit	Franking Level
FY 2019	\$1.000000	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	4.77	0.44	0.44	0.44	2.43	\$1.019293	11.63	4.58	92%
FY 2020	\$1.019293	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.54	\$0.893822	5.60	1.67	70%
FY 2021	\$0.893822	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	1.15	\$1.099169	5.00	1.52	71%
FY 2022	\$1.099169	0.46	0.46	0.46	2.00	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	3.56	\$0.954105	10.16	4.07	93%
FY 2023	\$0.954105	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	1.00	\$1.003187	6.06	2.20	85%
FY 2024	\$1.003187	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.43	\$1.041421	5.60	1.92	80%
FY 2025**	\$1.041421	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70*	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	7.25	\$10.948662	58.95	20.05	79%
FY 2026	\$10.948662	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	8.21	\$11.223676	61.01	20.01	77%
FY 2027	\$11.223676	4.90	4.90	4.90													

* Effective on 13 December 2024, units in the Fund were consolidated in the ratio of 10:1. That is, for every 10 units held by a unitholder, it was consolidated into one unit. The Unit Consolidation increased the Fund's unit price proportionately with the consolidation ratio.

** FY25 distribution amounts prior to the 10:1 unit consolidation in December 2024 have been converted based on the current unit ratio to ensure consistency throughout the reporting period.

On the positive side, underlying secular earnings drivers still offer attractive opportunities for investors given the ongoing strength of metals and critical minerals demand, Australia's leading technology companies monetising AI, but with domestic productivity and local inflation challenges favouring global earnings streams over local.

Top 10 Stock Holdings

Name	Fund %	Benchmark ⁴ %	Tilt %
BHP Group	14.31	11.62	2.69
Commonwealth Bank	6.46	9.50	-3.04
Westpac Bank	5.51	4.51	1.00
CSL	4.61	3.32	1.29
ANZ Bank	4.26	4.34	-0.08
Macquarie Group	4.06	3.16	0.91
Wesfarmers	2.95	3.27	-0.32
Goodman Group	2.58	2.09	0.49
Telstra	2.53	2.02	0.51
Woodside Energy Group	2.45	2.28	0.18

1. Calculated as the total distribution for the period expressed as a percentage of the unit price.
2. Calculated Total Return less Distribution Return.
3. Calculated net of fees and before taxes, assumes reinvestment of distributions and excludes franking credits.
4. S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.
5. Calculated net of fees and before taxes, assumes reinvestment of distributions and includes franking credits (which assumes zero tax (tax-exempt) with franking credits being adjusted monthly, in full, and compounded for longer periods).
6. S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Daily Total Return (Tax-Exempt) Index.

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