

Fullerton Wise Income

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Investment Objective

The investment objective of FWI is to generate regular income and long-term capital appreciation for investors.

The Fund will invest primarily in a diversified portfolio of collective investment schemes, other investment funds, exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), securities, including but not limited to fixed income securities, equities, real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), money market instruments and cash as deemed appropriate by us in accordance with its investment objective.

Manager's Commentary

Market Review

Global equity markets extended their gains in October 2025, building on the strength seen through the third quarter of 2025. Optimism around continued monetary easing, resilient corporate earnings, and momentum in the technology and artificial intelligence (AI) sectors supported a further leg higher in risk assets. Consequently, the S&P 500 advanced 1.9% in October, while the Nasdaq Composite rose 3.9%. The rally was led by large-cap technology and AI-exposed stocks, which benefited from strong earnings and continued enthusiasm around productivity and automation themes.

Economic data remained mixed but broadly consistent with a soft-landing narrative. Labour market indicators pointed to a gradual cooling, with hiring moderating and wage growth slowing. Inflation data continued to show improvement, slightly below consensus expectations. While price pressures have eased, inflation remains above the Federal Reserve's 2% target, keeping monetary policymakers attentive to further developments in labour and energy markets.

At its 29 October meeting, the Federal Reserve cut rates by 25 basis points (bps), lowering the target range to 3.75–4.00%. This marked the central bank's second rate cut of 2025 and came alongside an announcement that it would halt the runoff of its balance sheet, effectively ending quantitative tightening. Although both decisions were widely expected, the Fed's accompanying statement was measured – acknowledging progress in taming inflation, but also signalling that future cuts would depend on continued economic moderation. This cautious tone initially tempered market enthusiasm, but investor confidence and optimism recovered soon after.

The MSCI AC World Index returned 2.2% in dollar terms, mainly driven by gains in the US (2.4%) and Japan (3.4%). The MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index gained 4.5% in dollar terms, supported by a 22.7% rally in MSCI Korea which was powered by large-cap technology and semiconductor names, and a 9.8% rally in Taiwan driven by a similar AI theme. MSCI Singapore and the iSTOXX Developed S-REITs indices returned 0.6% and 2.5% in SGD terms respectively, where the latter's performance was supported by the general declining trend in local and US interest rates and the expectation for further monetary easing.

10-year US Treasury yields declined 7 bps to 4.08%. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index returned -0.3% unhedged in dollar terms (0.8% hedged), while the J.P. Morgan JACI Investment Grade Index returned 0.7% in dollar terms. The US dollar index gained 2.1%, owing to repricing of monetary easing expectations as the Fed's narrative suggested that future rate cuts might be slower or fewer. Closer to home, the 10 Year Singapore government bond yield ended the month unchanged, albeit experiencing an intramonth decline before recovering. This reflected a combination of demand and supply dynamics, influence from the global yield environment and expectations of future policy moves.

Across Asia, equity markets generally moved higher in October. However, Chinese equities experienced weakness in the second half of October amid renewed US-China trade tensions, sparked by fresh US tariff threats in response to China's rare-earth controls. Japan witnessed a historic moment on 21 October when Sanae Takaichi was elected as Japan's first female Prime Minister. The market responded positively given the view of Takaichi's leadership as a continuation of 'Abenomics'-style agenda – pro-growth, high fiscal spending, weaker yen to increase export competitiveness. The Nikkei 225 and other major Japanese equity indices gained on optimism around stimulus, while the Japanese yen weakened as markets priced in a looser monetary policy under the new regime.

Commodity markets continued to diverge in October. Gold gained 3.7% over the month after some intramonth volatility as investors sought safe-haven assets to hedge against potential volatility or policy missteps. In contrast, Brent crude fell 1.9% as the global oil market continues to navigate a complex web of supply pressures and geopolitical developments.

Investment Outlook and Strategy

Looking ahead, our baseline view is that earnings resilience coupled with gradual rate easing globally can sustain growth and support risk assets, albeit with sporadic volatility as markets recalibrate to policy guidance and trade headlines. With the Fed resuming its easing cycle, the policy backdrop is incrementally supportive for risk assets to continue their upward trajectory.

Fund Information

Fund Size	SGD 43.06 million
Base Currency	SGD
Preliminary Charge	Class A - Currently up to 5% Class R / R1 - Currently 0%
Dealing Frequency	Every Business Day
Subscription Mode	Cash, SRS

We maintain a constructive yet selective stance on equities, and will continue to diversify allocations across regions and sectors nimbly to mitigate idiosyncratic and policy risks given evolving tariff regimes and cross border complexity. The Fund remains positively positioned in risk assets. Asian and global equities continue to be positioned in AI beneficiaries across the supply chain.

Within Singapore REITs, we maintain a higher beta to ride on the positive tailwind of lower interest rates going into next year, which will be the main driver for distribution per unit (DPU) growth. Most sectors continue to report positive rent growth, with potential for further rental increases over time albeit slowing growth. We prefer data center REITs and are selective on industrial and retail names.

In fixed income, we continue to capture carry from Asian credits as dovish central banks in the region provide ample liquidity. SGD credits remain in favour given strong capital inflows for safer assets.

At the same time, we are closely monitoring incoming economic data and policy signals, including the evolving impact of tariff measures on growth and inflation. In this climate of optimism tempered by policy and geopolitical uncertainty, we remain selective, focused on identifying durable winners and capturing regional and thematic opportunities as they arise, while maintaining attention to robust tail risk management.

Performance (%)

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
A-SGD (bid-to-bid)	2.20	6.27	12.83	11.17	-	-	11.72
R-SGD (bid-to-bid)	2.23	6.37	13.06	11.62	9.66	-	3.16
R1-SGD (bid-to-bid)	2.23	6.37	13.06	11.62	9.66	-	3.16

Returns are calculated on a single pricing basis with net dividends and distributions (if any) reinvested. Returns more than a year are annualised. Preliminary charge is currently waived.

Asset Allocation (%)¹

Equities	37.5
REITs	31.3
Fixed Income	29.5
Cash and cash equivalents	1.7

Regional Exposure (%)¹

Singapore	46.9
Developed Markets	38.9
Emerging Markets	14.3

Top 5 Holdings (Equities, REITs, % of NAV)

Amundi Prime Global UCITS ETF	24.6
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust	7.7
iShares MSCI EM UCITS ETF USD Acc	6.8
SPDR MSCI ALL COUNTRY WORLD UCITS ETF	6.1
CapitaLand Ascendas REIT	5.8

Top 5 Holdings (Fixed Income, % of NAV)

SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT 2.75% MAR 2035	6.2
ISHARES USD ASIA HIGH YIELD BOND ETF	4.6
SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT 3.375% MAY 2034	3.9
US TREASURY N/B 4.625% FEB 2035	0.6
SNB FUNDING LTD 6% JUN 2035	0.5

Fixed Income Sector Exposure (%)¹

Sovereigns & Supranational	37.8
Financials	26.0
Consumer Discretionary	8.0
Energy	4.9
Utilities	2.1
Materials	2.0
Real Estate	1.6
Industrials	1.1
Communication Services	0.9
Information Technology	0.3
Consumer Staples	0.1
Others	15.2

Fund Statistics

Fixed Income	
Duration	5.7 years
Average Credit Rating ³	BBB+
Yield-to-Worst ⁴	3.1%
S-REITs	
Dividend Yield	5.1%
Price to Book	1.0x
Price to Earnings	18.9x

Dividend History⁵

	Dividend / share	Record Date
Class A	SGD 0.0114	30 Jun 2025
Class A	SGD 0.0122	30 Sep 2025
Class R	SGD 0.0098	30 Jun 2025
Class R	SGD 0.0105	30 Sep 2025
Class R1	SGD 0.0151	30 Jun 2025
Class R1	SGD 0.0160	30 Sep 2025

Fund Details

	Class A (Distribution)	Class R (Distribution)	Class R1 (Distribution)
Inception Date	8 Jul 2024	31 March 2021	31 March 2021
NAV per Unit⁶	SGD 1.09	SGD 0.94	SGD 0.80
Management Fee	Currently 0.80% p.a.	Currently 0.40% p.a.	Currently 0.40% p.a.
Initial Investment	None	None	None
Subsequent Investment	None	None	None
ISIN Code	SGXZ97897235	SGXZ55613715	SGXZ44316438
Bloomberg Code	FULFWIA SP	FULFMWR SP	FULFMR1 SP

Note: All fund data are sourced from Fullerton, Bloomberg dated as at 31 October 2025, unless otherwise stated.

1. Numbers might not add due to rounding.

2. Others include ETFs

3. Where the security is not rated by external rating agencies, Fullerton's internal rating methodology will apply.

4. Refers to Yield-to-Worst in base currency, before hedging.

5. Dividends are declared on a quarterly basis (i.e. March, June, September, December). Please refer to our website for more details on the dividend payouts.

6. Figures are truncated to 2 decimal places. Please refer to Fullerton's website for official price.

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