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### **Background**

The last cash distribution for the 2024 financial year (FY2024) has been made to investors in the MLC MultiActive and MultiSeries funds.

Investors can expect the unit price for the funds in Table 1 (Funds) to fall by the amount of the distribution.

If you invest through a platform, your distribution will be allocated to you by the platform. Investors who have their distributions paid into their bank account, rather than reinvested into their fund, can generally expect the income in their account within one month after the last day of the distribution period.

The tax components will be available at <a href="ioof.com.au">ioof.com.au</a> by early August 2024 (published in the relevant 'Product updates and news' section for these product sets). To assist investors in the preparation of their tax return, the final taxation components will also be reflected in financial year 2023/2024 tax statements for the Funds. We estimate the tax statements will be sent in late July/early August to those investing in MLC MultiActive and MLC MultiSeries directly. Investors in these Funds through a platform will receive tax information from their platform.

Appendix 1 provides the full financial year (1 July to 30 June) distributions for the last two years.

### Commentary for full year cash distributions for FY2024

Commentary on the final cents per unit (CPU), is provided in Table 1.

Table 1 - Commentary on cash distributions for FY2024

MLC fund	Distribution frequency	CPU for	Full year CPU		Full year cash distribution for
(APIR code)		June 24	2023/24	2022/23	FY2024 commentary
MLC MultiActive Capital Stable (IOF0094AU)	Half yearly	2.21	2.83	2.31	The distribution is slightly higher than FY2023.  The Fund has <u>carried forward capital losses</u> at the end of FY2024, resulting in no realised capital gains to distribute.  Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive Conservative (IOF0095AU)	Half yearly	5.03	5.49	3.09	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income.  Please click on the link for more information.



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(APIR code)		June 24	2023/24	2022/23	FY2024 commentary
MLC MultiActive Moderate (UFM0051AU)	Half yearly	4.01	4.47	4.45	The distribution is similar to FY2023.
MLC MultiActive Balanced (IOF0093AU)	Half yearly	6.05	6.41	4.24	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income.
					Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive Growth (IOF0097AU)	Half yearly	6.41	6.81	3.72	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income.
					Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive High Growth (MLC0397AU)	Annually	11.65	11.65	6.46	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income.
Formerly known as the MLC Wholesale Horizon 6 Share Portfolio.					Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive Geared (MLC0449AU)	Annually	14.05	14.05	5.45	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income.
Formerly known as the MLC Wholesale Horizon 7 Accelerated Growth Portfolio					Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive Cash Enhanced (IOF0091AU)	Quarterly	1.79	4.96	2.54	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in interest income.
					The Fund has <u>carried forward capital</u> <u>losses</u> at the end of FY2024, resulting in no realised capital gains to distribute.
					Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive Diversified Fixed Income	Quarterly	0.81	3.32	2.09	The distribution is moderately higher than FY2023.
(IOF0096AU)					The Fund has <u>carried forward capital</u> <u>losses</u> at the end of FY2024,



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					resulting in no realised capital gains to distribute.  The Fund has <u>carried forward revenue losses</u> at the end of FY2024.  Please click on the links for more information.
MLC MultiActive Property (WPC0012AU)	Quarterly	-	-	-	The Fund has carried forward capital losses at the end of FY2024, resulting in no realised capital gains to distribute.  The Fund has carried forward revenue losses at the end of FY2024.  Please click on the links for more information.
MLC MultiActive Australian Shares (IOF0092AU)	Half yearly	8.03	8.97	2.86	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income.  Please click on the link for more information.
MLC MultiActive Global Shares (IOF0098AU)	Half yearly	4.38	5.35	4.24	The distribution is moderately higher than FY2023.
MLC MultiSeries 30 (IOF0253AU)	Half yearly	2.18	3.18	1.93	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to a reduction in currency losses.  The Fund has carried forward capital losses at the end of FY2024, resulting in no realised capital gains to distribute.  Please click on the links for more information.



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MLC MultiSeries 50 (IOF0254AU)	Half yearly	3.30	4.20	1.96	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income and a reduction in currency losses.  Please click on the links for more information.
MLC MultiSeries 70 (IOF0090AU)	Half yearly	4.78	5.66	1.98	The distribution is significantly higher than FY2023 due to an increase in capital gains income and a reduction in currency losses.  Please click on the links for more information.
MLC MultiSeries 90 (IOF0255AU)	Half yearly	6.77	7.98	7.33	The distribution is slightly higher than FY2023.

## Key factors affecting distributions in FY2024

MLC MultiActive and MLC MultiSeries portfolios are a range of funds tailored to meet the needs of investors with different return expectations, time frames and tolerances for volatility. The income distributions for these funds are largely based on the income from the underlying asset classes. The allocations to the asset classes are different for each of the funds.

MLC's share funds and the MLC diversified funds with high allocations to shares, are designed to provide capital growth over the long term. Although many of these growth-focussed funds make frequent distributions, their main objective is to increase the value of their assets for investors, rather than to deliver a regular income stream. As a result their income tends to fluctuate from year to year.

Here are the key factors affecting distributions in FY2024.

### Capital gains income

When we sell securities in our funds (such as shares and property securities) we 'realise' a capital gain or loss. The capital gain (or loss) is the difference between the price we sell the security for and the cost of the security, and any costs associated with buying or selling the security.

In FY2024, enhancements were made to the Australian shares and global shares strategies within the MultiActive portfolios. As a result of these enhancements there was an increase in trading activity in FY2024, which contributed to more capital gains income being generated when compared to FY2023.

### Capital losses

A fund's capital losses significantly reduce the level of realised capital gains distributed. Weak and volatile markets from events such as the GFC and COVID-19 results in most funds suffering large capital losses when they sell investments.

Capital losses must remain in the fund and are carried forward until they can be offset against future capital gains.



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The funds with carried forward capital losses at the end of FY2024 are:

- MLC MultiActive Cash Enhanced
- MLC MultiActive Diversified Fixed Income
- MLC MultiActive Capital Stable
- MLC MultiActive Property
- MLC MultiSeries 30

Other income such as dividends and interest income continue to be distributed by funds with carried forward capital losses because only capital gains are offset against capital losses.

Importantly, while carried forward losses dampen income distributions, they don't affect a fund's total returns.

### Reduction in currency losses

The MultiActive and MultiSeries investments include global shares and fixed income. We hedge part of these holdings to reduce the funds' exposure to movements in the Australian dollar (AUD).

In FY2023, the AUD weakened when compared to the US dollar (USD) and the euro, as a result funds with AUD hedging generated losses, which decreased the distributions.

In FY2024, the AUD strengthened when compared to the euro and yen and was flat against the USD. The AUD increased from around euro 0.61 at the end of June 2023 to around euro 0.62 at the end of June 2024. The AUD increased from around yen 95.92 at the end of June 2023 to around yen 106.61 at the end of June 2024. The AUD was around USD 0.66 at the end of June 2023 and June 2024.

As a result, funds with AUD hedging generated gains, which increased the distributions. Currency hedging losses and gains accumulate during the year and are all paid in the June distribution. Our <u>Income Distributions FAQs</u>, Question 9, has more information on hedging.

### Carried forward revenue losses

Revenue losses occur when a fund's expenses are higher than its income. Revenue income includes dividends and interest and is also impacted by foreign currency gains (and losses) and returns from certain assets. However, revenue income doesn't include capital gains. Revenue losses reduce the level of distributions and, subject to majority continuity of ownership testing, are able to be carried forward until they can be offset against future revenue income.

The funds with carried forward revenue losses at the end of FY2024 are:

- MLC MultiActive Diversified Fixed Income
- MLC MultiActive Property

#### **Next steps**

The tax components will be available by early August 2024. This information will be available on ioof.com.au.

The final taxation components will also be reflected in financial year 2023/24 tax statements for the Funds, which are estimated to be available in late July/early August for those investing in MLC MultiActive and MLC MultiSeries directly. Investors in these Funds through a platform will receive tax information from their platform. If you have questions, please speak to your financial or tax adviser.

We also have frequently asked questions on income distributions available on ioof.com.au.

More information on the performance of each fund is available through its fund profile on ioof.com.au.



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# **Appendix 1: Financial year distribution history**

Table 2 shows the full financial year (1 July to 30 June) distributions for the last two years.

Table 2 - Cash distribution history for MLC MultiActive and MultiSeries funds

MLC funds	Full year CPU (distribution yield) <sup>1</sup>				
(APIR code)	2023/24	2022/23			
MLC MultiActive Capital Stable (IOF0094AU)	2.83 (2.9%)	2.31 (2.4%)			
MLC MultiActive Conservative (IOF0095AU)	5.49 (6.1%)	3.09 (3.4%)			
MLC MultiActive Moderate (UFM0051AU)	4.47 (4.6%)	4.45 (4.7%)			
MLC MultiActive Balanced (IOF0093AU)	6.41 (7.1%)	4.24 (4.9%)			
MLC MultiActive Growth (IOF0097AU)	6.81 (7.7%)	3.72 (4.5%)			
MLC MultiActive High Growth (MLC0397AU) (formerly known as the MLC Wholesale Horizon 6 Share Portfolio)	11.65 (9.7%)	6.46 (5.9%)			
MLC MultiActive Geared (MLC0449AU) (formerly known as the MLC Wholesale Horizon 7 Accelerated Growth Portfolio)	14.05 (7.8%)	5.45 (3.5%)			
MLC MultiActive Cash Enhanced (IOF0091AU)	4.96 (4.9%)	2.54 (2.6%)			
MLC MultiActive Diversified Fixed Income (IOF0096AU)	3.32 (4.1%)	2.09 (2.5%)			
MLC MultiActive Property (WPC0012AU)	- (0.0%)	- (0.0%)			
MLC MultiActive Australian Shares (IOF0092AU)	8.97 (8.2%)	2.86 (2.8%)			
MLC MultiActive Global Shares (IOF0098AU)	5.35 (6.2%)	4.24 (5.5%)			
MLC MultiSeries 30 (IOF0253AU)	3.18 (3.1%)	1.93 (2.0%)			

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The distribution yield for a fund is the annual CPU divided by the unit price released the day after the final distribution for the previous financial year. A fund's total return includes unit price movements (ie capital growth) and its income distribution. Total returns are available at <u>ioof.com.au</u>



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MLC MultiSeries 50	4.20	1.96			
(IOF0254AU)	(4.0%)	(1.9%)			
MLC MultiSeries 70	5.66	1.98			
(IOF0090AU)	(6.5%)	(2.4%)			
MLC MultiSeries 90	7.98	7.33			
(IOF0255AU)	(7.1%)	(6.9%)			

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The above amounts are historical distributions and are not indicative of future distributions.

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