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Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited
Monthly Investment Update and NTA Report

Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited (the Company) (ASX: PIC) advises that it has released the Monthly Investment Update and NTA Report (the Report) for the period ending 31 January 2026 (as attached).

Yours faithfully

Sylvie Dimarco

Company Secretary
(Authorising Officer)

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INVESTMENT UPDATE AND NTA REPORT

JANUARY 2026

PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT

NET TANGIBLE ASSET (NTA) BACKING PER SHARE

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026	AMOUNT
NTA after tax	$1.261
NTA before tax	$1.301

Daily NTA is available at www.perpetualequity.com.au
All figures are unaudited and approximate.
The before and after tax numbers relate to provisions for deferred tax on unrealised gains and losses of the Company's investment portfolio.
NTA figures are calculated as at the end of day on the last business day of the month.

KEY ASX INFORMATION

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026

ASX Code:	PIC
Structure:	Listed Investment Company
Listing Date:	18 December 2014
Market Capitalisation:	$496 million
Share Price:	$1.29
Shares on Issue:	384,133,761
Dividends:	Half-yearly
Management Fee	1.00% p.a.*
Manager	Perpetual Investment Management Limited

* exclusive of GST

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	1 YR	3 YRS p.a.	5 YRS p.a.	7 YRS p.a.	10 YRS p.a.	SINCE INCEP p.a.
PIC Investment Portfolio Net of fees, expenses and before tax paid	0.6%	2.1%	4.2%	8.7%	7.2%	9.6%	10.7%	9.7%	9.3%
S&P/ASX 300 Acc Index	1.7%	0.4%	3.3%	7.8%	9.8%	10.1%	10.2%	10.1%	9.2%
Excess Returns	-1.1%	1.7%	0.8%	1.0%	-2.6%	-0.5%	0.5%	-0.4%	0.2%

Returns have been calculated on the growth of Net Tangible Assets (NTA) after taking into account all operating expenses (including management fees) and assuming reinvestment of dividends and excluding tax paid. Any provisions for deferred tax on unrealised gains and losses are excluded. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Inception date is 18 December 2014. Portfolio and Index return may not sum to Excess Return due to rounding.

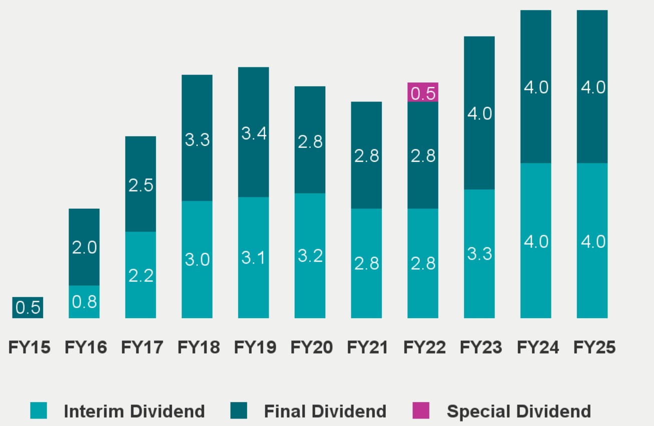
TOP 10 STOCK HOLDINGS

COMPANY	PORTFOLIO WEIGHT
Washington H. Soul Patt.	7.2%
BHP Group Ltd	6.1%
Rio Tinto Limited	5.1%
News Corporation	4.5%
Goodman Group	4.5%
Aspen Group Limited	4.2%
Cobram Estate Olives Ltd.	4.1%
Northern Star Resources Ltd	3.7%
Bluescope Steel Limited	3.7%
Mainfreight Limited	3.1%

Portfolio weight based on direct investments in securities and does not include any derivative exposure

DIVIDENDS IN CENTS PER SHARE

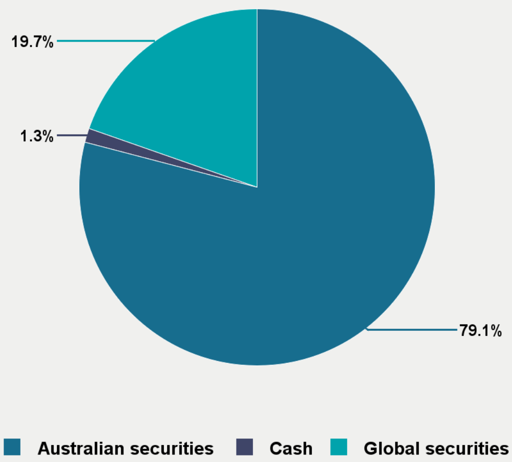
Annual dividend yield: 6.2%
Grossed up annual dividend yield: 8.9%



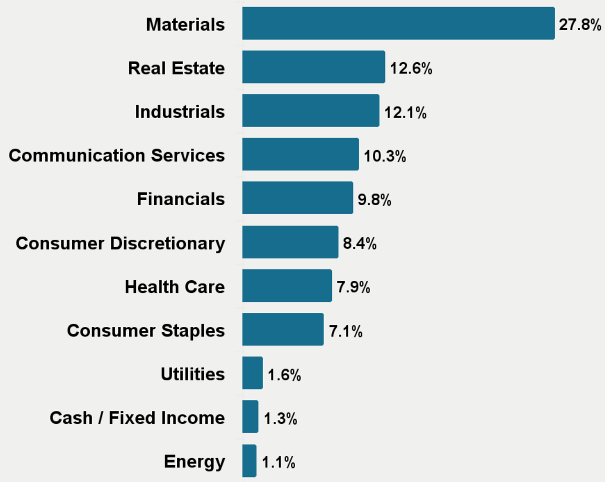
Yield is calculated based on the total dividends of 8.0 cents per share and the closing share price of $1.290 as at 31 January 2026. Grossed up yield takes into account franking credits at a tax rate of 30%.

ALLOCATION OF INVESTMENTS^

98.7% of capital invested in securities



PORTFOLIO SECTORS^



^Weightings calculated based on direct investments in securities and any indirect exposure via S&P /ASX 200 related derivatives.
All figures are unaudited and approximate. Allocations may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

Market Commentary

The S&P/ASX 300 advanced 1.7% in January, extending December's momentum and approaching October's record highs with a 7.1% rally from November lows. Heightened geopolitical uncertainty, including US policy volatility around Greenland, EU tariffs, and Middle East tensions, drove sharp commodity moves. Crude oil surged on supply concerns, while gold, silver, and copper rallied to fresh highs as the US Dollar continued to fall. Sector performance diverged sharply: Energy (+11.1%) led on uranium miner strength and rising oil prices, while Materials (+9.4%) benefitted from broad-based commodity gains. Technology (-9.1%) suffered steep losses, mirroring US Magnificent 7 weakness. Real Estate (-2.7%) declined as bond yields climbed ahead of the February RBA meeting. Domestically, stronger-than-expected employment data (65,200 jobs added, unemployment falling to 4.1%) and elevated Q4 inflation (trimmed-mean CPI 3.3%, above the RBA's 2-3% target) significantly raised rate hike probabilities, with markets pricing ~74% odds for February action. The RBA subsequently raised the cash rate by 0.25%.

Portfolio

The portfolio's largest overweight positions include Washington H. Soul Pattinson, Aspen Group Limited and Cobram Estate Olives. Conversely, the portfolio's largest relative underweight positions include Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank Limited and Westpac Banking Corporation, all of which are not held in the portfolio.

Contributors

BlueScope Steel contributed to portfolio performance with a 29.7% gain in its first month of trading in 2026. In early January BlueScope announced that it had received an all-cash acquisition proposal from a consortium of Steel Dynamics and SGH Limited at $30 per share. The release also highlighted BlueScope had received three earlier acquisition proposals from Steel Dynamics led consortiums that ranged in value from $24-33 per share (noting the $33 per share offer included an assumed value for an in-specie distribution of the Australian assets). The BlueScope board subsequently rejected the SGH/Steel Dynamics proposal on the basis that it "…very significantly undervalued BlueScope". The company also announced a mid-month special dividend of $438 million or $1 per share. We discussed our thesis on BlueScope in our November update and see the corporate interest as further confirmation that BlueScope has a highly valuable, strategic asset base. While there remains uncertainty as to whether the consortium returns with an improved proposal that could be supported by the board, we see the interest as a catalyst for value unlock in any case. In the event the corporate interest does not result in a transaction, we would expect the BlueScope board to explore strategic options for recognising full value for shareholders.

Glencore Plc strongly contributed to performance, rallying 19.3% in January following its mega-merger proposal with Rio Tinto to form the world's largest mining company and copper powerhouse. The company offers a unique commodity mix spanning copper, zinc and coal which is supported by a highly profitable marketing operation. After halving between 2023 and 2025 due to declining coal prices, Glencore is now positioned at an inflection point. Coal markets have been correcting for over three years and are working through a bottoming process as high-cost supply exits and new demand emerges, particularly from India's growing met coal requirements. Glencore has reduced its seaborne coal supply alongside peers, and even a modest coal price rebound could significantly boost earnings and free cash flow, likely directed toward enhanced shareholder returns. The copper business adds further appeal, with prices drifting past record highs of over US$14,000 per tonne in late January. Despite a production decrease year-over-year, Glencore is targeting copper production growth from 850-890kt in 2025 to 1Mt by 2028, supported by a pipeline of greenfield and brownfield projects that could lift output further under favourable pricing conditions. Subsequent to month-end, merger discussions with Rio ceased. Despite this, we see the outlook for Glencore's commodity set as highly attractive and continue to see value in the name.

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (continued)

Flutter Entertainment was the main detractor to portfolio performance in January, with the stock falling 26.9% after industry data highlighted a decline in online sports betting handle. December data for New York showed a sharp deceleration in handle for the industry and FanDuel, with FanDuel handle tracking down 13%. This handle softness has continued into January. While uncertainty makes it difficult to pinpoint the exact drivers of the handle weakness, potential explanations are a reduction in promotional spending (free bets were cut approximately 20% year-over-year in key states like Michigan and Pennsylvania), favourable sports outcomes for the operators which limited customer wallet recycling, and an unfavourable NFL program in the lead up to the finals. There is the potential that some of the handle reduction is due to a loss of volume to emerging prediction market products. The share price reaction during the month in our opinion reflects a view that prediction markets are taking material share from the traditional sportsbook operators and that this will accelerate moving forward and be permanent. In our view, if there is a leakage of volume, it is likely from high volume, low margin customers. Traditional sportsbooks have structural product advantages over prediction markets, particularly in parlay products that are increasingly the bet of choice for recreational customers. We expect Flutter and Draftkings to provide insight into the drivers of the handle softness at the results in February. During the month, Flutter launched "FanDuel Predicts" – a new prediction market offering, though the rollout was slower and smaller in scope than initially anticipated, spanning just five states. While near-term handle volatility has pressured sentiment, the core drivers behind Flutter's US dominance remain intact, market share leadership, superior product engagement, and disciplined capital allocation continue to differentiate the business. Ultimately, we continue to expect material earnings growth to be sustained for years to come and believe the current share price is capturing a very material negative impact from prediction markets.

After a remarkable 2025, Aspen Group detracted from portfolio performance (-9.5%) in January following some light profit-taking and macro-level drivers that weighed on the broader REIT sector. Rising bond yields and shifting inflation expectations created headwinds across real estate, despite the absence of any material company-specific news regarding development approvals or portfolio revaluations. Aspen's defensive positioning in affordable housing provided some insulation from the broader sector weakness, as demand fundamentals in its core markets remain robust amid ongoing supply constraints. With gearing remaining conservative and demand in its key end markets very strong, Aspen remains well placed to continue to deliver on its strategy of delivering affordable housing solutions in areas of acute undersupply. The company's disciplined capital allocation and focus on scalable developments across key growth corridors positions it well to capitalise on sustained structural tailwinds in the residential accommodation sector.

Investment Outlook

The apparent pivot by the RBA back to a tightening cycle adds to layers of macro concerns investors must contend with alongside unpredictable US administration policy. Commodity-exposed sectors continue to enjoy tailwinds amid supply constraints and geopolitical risk premiums, with energy (uranium, oil/gas) and materials (gold, copper) benefitting from structural tailwinds. Alongside the broad concerns about excess valuations and massive technology AI spending, the release of Anthropic's latest Claude Cowork technologies triggered a rout in SaaS stocks considered vulnerable to the latest advances in artificial intelligence, with software and financial services stocks all hit hard. Increased volatility at a sector and stock level is likely to continue to be a feature moving forward. In this context, stock selection will be crucial, and we believe our pillars of valuation discipline, quality of management, and strength of balance are well placed.

REMINDER: TAX CERTIFICATION COMPLETION

Under the Australian Government's participation in Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) regimes, PIC is required to collect CRS certification information and an investor's tax residency from shareholders. The information in certain circumstances may be reported to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) which in turn reports to various global tax authorities.

Please check that you have completed your CRS certification by logging into the Link investor portal here.

From there, under the Payments & Tax tab you will find 'CRS', where you can fill in the Self Certification. Completing this information online is straightforward as the questions will guide you, and in some instances, it is only a couple of steps.

If you do not certify, PIC may be required to provide information about your account to the ATO. For more information on the self-certification process via Link please click here. For further information on FATCA and CRS, please visit here.

WHY CHOOSE THE PERPETUAL EQUITY INVESTMENT COMPANY?

- Designed to deliver investors an income stream of **fully franked dividends.**
- **Active management** to vary the portfolio's exposure to equity market risk, and to enhance the value of the portfolio when opportunities arise both domestically and globally.
- **Flexibility** to invest up to 35% in global securities and up to 25% in cash for diversification with the intention to add returns above the benchmark, or to manage downside risk.
- Access to Perpetual's tried and tested **quality and value** investment process that assesses companies on 4 key quality criteria: quality of business, conservative debt, sound management and recurring earnings.
- **Depth and breadth** of Perpetual's investment team enables it to conduct extensive company visits each year and make decisions to invest in high quality and attractively valued securities based on fundamental, in-depth, bottom-up research.
- **Ease of access** as you can buy and sell PIC on the ASX.
- **Daily NTA published on the ASX** to provide transparency of the portfolio.

KEY FEATURES

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Company is to provide investors with an income stream and long-term capital growth in excess of its benchmark (the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index) over minimum 5 year investment periods.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Company's investment strategy is to create a concentrated and actively managed portfolio of Australian securities with typically a mid-cap focus and global listed securities. The Company will typically hold 20 to 40 securities.

50% - 100%	Australian listed securities
0% - 35%	Global listed securities
0% - 25%	Cash

Currency exposures may be hedged defensively, but no attempt is made to add value to the portfolio by actively managing currency.
Derivatives are permitted.

ABOUT THE MANAGER

The Company's investment portfolio is managed by Perpetual Investment Management Limited, part of the Perpetual Group, who has a longstanding commitment to deliver superior outcomes over the long-term for clients. This is underpinned by its proven investment process that focuses on value and quality.

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Co-Portfolio Manager
Head of Australia Equities,
Perpetual Asset Management Australia

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Co-Portfolio Manager

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