



Fortitude Capital launches new equity income fund

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FORTITUDE MELBOURNE, Sept 29 AAP - **Fortitude Capital** has launched its Australian Equity Income Fund, with a target of \$500 million.

The fund will concentrate on the largest, most liquid and high-yielding stocks listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The fund aims to outperform the S&P ASX100 benchmark via capital appreciation, high-yielding and fully-franked dividends, and "premium yields" generated from option writing.

Fortitude said options were used to enhance yields and reduce the entry price of large-cap stocks selected for the portfolio.

Fortitude Capital managing director John Corr said market appetite for lower-volatility equity returns was the catalyst for the new fund.

Portfolio income will be distributed twice a year to investors, with bi-annual performance fees subject to a performance hurdle.

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