

**DIGITAL ASSET**FUNDS MANAGEMENT



# **Monthly Performance Report | December 2024**

**Digital Income Fund** 

January 21, 2025

# **Digital Income Class**

### **Fund Performance**

- The Digital Income Class rose 4.05% net of fees over the month of December, to lift the return over the last 12-months to 30.98% net of fees.
- Monthly performance in the Digital Income Class fund benefited from the volatility and consolidation of Bitcoin around US\$100,000 after its lift following the November Presidential election.
- In contrast to the monthly fall of -2.49% in the S&P 500 over December, the Digital Income Class rose 4.05%. This equates to a 6.54% difference in monthly return.
- Since the Digital income Class' inception in May 2021, it has returned a positive monthly return on all 16 occasions the S&P 500 has endured a negative monthly return.
- December 2024 marked 43 months of positive monthly returns in the Digital Income Class's 44month history.
- December's performance in the Digital Income Class marked eight separate monthly returns above 1.0% over calendar year 2024.
- Since inception in May 2021, the Digital Income Class is up 118.01% net of fees.

# **Market Commentary**

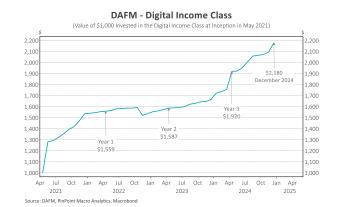
Over the month of December, the market consolidated the November rally in crypto assets following Donald Trump's U.S. Presidential election win.

Trump outlined his nominations for key cabinet posts and advisory positions during the month.

Trump's nominations to key positions couldn't have been more pro crypto.

Trump named David Sacks as the "White House AI and Crypto Tsar", a newly created role with the goal of building a legal framework for the cryptocurrency industry. Trump also named Sacks to lead the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

We continue to remain very positive on the digital asset class as the new Trump 2.0 Administration takes over.

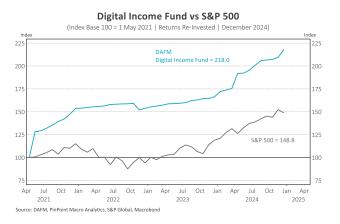


Digital Income Class - Net Perform	ance
1 Month	4.05%
3 Months	5.51%
6 Months	11.55%
Year to Date	30.98%
12 Months	30.98%
Annualised Return Since May 2021	23.68%
Total Return Since Inception in May 2021	118.01%

## **Key Observations from the Trading Desk**

A busy month of trading activity in December, with futures basis and spot both volatile over the month. We saw some great trading opportunities across all the main crypto exchanges and expect these trading opportunities to continue over the new year.

A potentially interesting development over 2025 will be the continued increase in options-related activity as ETF options increase in popularity. Additional liquidity in ETF options should broadly assist basis market liquidity, which will in turn assist trading opportunities in the Digital Income Class.





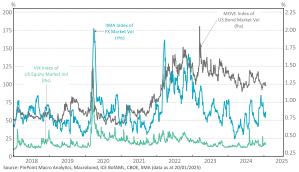
# **Key Advantages of the Digital Income Class**

The Digital Income Class fund is a market neutral fund. Every single transaction is fully hedged.

- Bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum (ETH) are held as collateral. Income returns are made from volatility in the BTC and ETH futures markets.
- The greater the market volatility over a particular month, the more income the fund typically makes.
- Income distributions are delivered quarterly with the option of reinvestment.
- Since inception in May 2021, the Digital Income Class has generated a positive monthly return whenever the S&P 500 has had a negative monthly return. This makes the Digital Income Class an attractive uncorrelated hedge in investor's portfolios.
- Since inception in May 2021, the Digital Income Class has outperformed the S&P 500 total return index and every single major fixed income benchmark index.
- The Digital Income Class is not reliant on interest rate cycles or central bank decisions.
- Over the late 2021 to 2024 high inflation period, BTC has largely had a negative correlation to the lift in U.S. inflation. In that sense, it acts as a hedge against inflation.
- U.S. inflation outcomes may generate market volatility in U.S. treasuries, the S&P 500, and by extension, in crypto market volatility. The Digital Income Class aims to generate income from the subsequent volatility in crypto.
- The Digital Income Class is an investment in the category of Alternative Assets.
- The Digital Income Fund and its trustee are recognized as legal entities, operate under an Australian Financial Service License (AFSL), and are regulated by the Australian Securities Exchange Commission (ASIC).
- Investment in the Digital Income Class is available by a regulated Australian Unit Investment Structure or via a USD Cayman Islands Segregated Portfolio (SP).

#### **Market Volatility Measures**

(Equity, FX, & Bond Market Volatility Indicie



#### Digital Income Fund vs S&P 500

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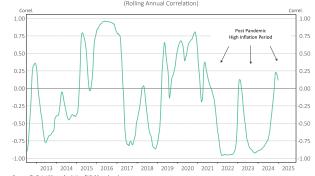


#### Correlation of Bitcoin to Gold and the S&P 500

(Rolling One-Year Correlation)



## Bitcoin and Core U.S. CPI Correlation



# Monthly Performance (%) - Digital Income Class

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	28.17	0.83	2.19	2.62	2.86	1.85	3.72	4.36	53.68
2022	0.23	0.38	0.53	0.28	0.35	1.03	0.19	0.15	0.08	0.35	-4.49*	1.10	0.06
2023	1.05	0.54	0.71	0.90	0.11	0.23	0.44	1.42	0.37	0.97	0.06	1.16	8.24
2024	3.41	0.89	1.06	9.38	0.12	1.69	2.67	2.57	0.40	0.26	1.14	4.05	30.98





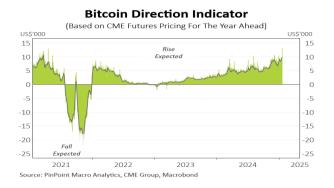
# **Bitcoin Index Class**

# **Fund Performance (Bitcoin Index Class)**

- The Bitcoin Index Class (Bitcoin Tracker Fund) rose 1.07% in December, consolidating the large 44.12% lift over the month of November.
- Over the last 12-months, the Bitcoin Index Class is up 159.56% net of fees.
- Monthly performance in the Bitcoin Index Class was characteristic of the consolidation in Bitcoin around US\$100,000 after its large lift in November following the November U.S. Presidential election.
- The Bitcoin Index Class continues to deliver returns averaging 3% above the actual BTC monthly price change.

## **Key Advantages of the Bitcoin Index Class**

- Tracks the path of Bitcoin (BTC).
- Aims to deliver an additional 3% yield (after fees) on top of standard Bitcoin returns.
- Appeals to investors seeking direct exposure to Bitcoin without having to open accounts, set up digital wallets, worry about cold storage, or have their assets sitting in custody at an unregulated crypto exchange.
- Contains an option to "average in' via additional investments on a monthly basis.

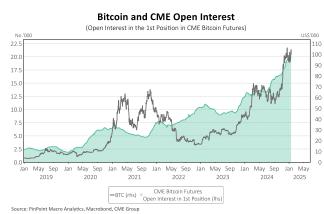


# DAFM - Bitcoin Index Class (Base 100 = May 2021 | December 2024) DAFM Bitcoin Class (Tracker) 175 175 180 (BTC) Bitcoin 1175 125 (BTC) Bitcoin 1180 (Index = 201.0) 125 Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr Jul Oc

Bitcoin Index Class - Net Perform	ance
1 Month	1.07%
3 Months	69.80%
6 Months	74.28%
Year to Date	159.56%
12 Months	159.56%
Annualised Return Since May 2021	24.39%
Total Return Since Inception in May 2021	122.61%

# **Market Commentary**

Consolidation was the theme of the month in December. The market consolidated the November rally in Bitcoin following Donald Trump's U.S. Presidential election win. Hence, the relatively small 1.07% return in the Bitcoin tracker fund in December compared to last month's 44.12% gain.



## Monthly Performance (%) - Bitcoin Index Class (Tracker Fund)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-	-	-	-	-37.37	-2.55	21.69	14.98	-5.71	37.73	-3.23	-20.19	-14.39
2022	-14.39	5.41	7.02	-10.7	-17.37	-34.73	22.04	-12.14	2.65	4.69	-18.94	-2.80	-57.78
2023	30.49	5.19	20.51	4.44	-5.54	8.70	-4.51	-7.20	3.98	29.20	4.55	7.41	137.15
2024	5.11	50.22	14.38	-15.35	10.50	-11.81	10.14	-12.29	6.21	16.58	44.12	1.07	159.56

Source: DAFM. All Returns in % and Net of Fees





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