

**DIGITAL ASSET** FUNDS MANAGEMENT



# Monthly Performance Report | January 2025 Digital Income Fund

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# **Digital Income Class**

## **Fund Performance**

- **The Digital Income Class** rose 2.04% net of fees over the month of January, to lift the return over the last 12-months to 29.25% net of fees.
- Monthly performance in the Digital Income Class fund benefited from the volatility associated with Bitcoin reaching a new record high of US\$109,410 on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, the date of the U.S. Presidential inauguration.
- Since inception in May 2021, the Digital Income Class is up 122.77% net of fees.
- January's performance lifts the annualised performance in the Digital Income Class since inception to 23.81%.
- January 2025 marked 44 months of positive monthly returns in the Digital Income Class's 45-month history.

## **Market Commentary**

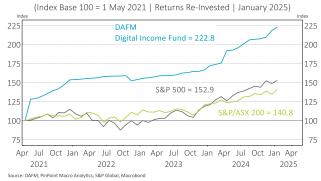
The month of January saw the inauguration of Donald Trump as U.S. President. The 20<sup>th</sup> January inauguration coincided with Bitcoin printing at a new all time high just below US\$110,000.

The record high in Bitcoin appears to be driven by the perception that President Trump remains a cryptofriendly U.S. President. Trump has announced a variety of crypto-friendly cabinet heads and has been communicating optimistically about the role of crypto in the United States.

Over coming months, the market will learn more about Trump's plans in the crypto space.

Source: DAFM, PinPoint Macro Analytics, Macrobo

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



Digital Income Class - Net Performance									
1 Month	2.04%								
3 Months	7.38%								
6 Months	10.87%								
Year to Date	2.04%								
12 Months	29.25%								
Annualised Return Since May 2021	23.81%								
Total Return Since Inception in May 2021	122.77%								

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## Key Observations from the Trading Desk

Relative price differentials between Bitcoin spot to long-dated Bitcoin futures (ie. relative yields) remained firmly elevated across different exchanges throughout January.

However, dislocations/opportunities were not as abundant as in previous months, nor was there significant volatility in the basis compared to previous months.



### **DAFM - Digital Income Class**

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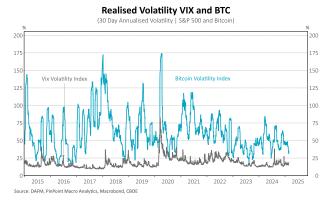


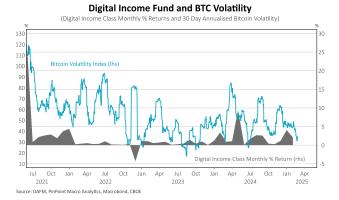
### Key Advantages of the Digital Income Class

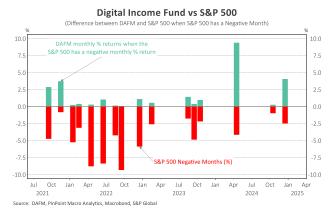
The Digital Income Class fund is a market neutral fund. Every single transaction aims to be fully hedged.

- Bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum (ETH) are held as collateral. Income returns are generated from volatility in the BTC and ETH futures markets.
- Over the last 10 years volatility in Bitcoin has consistently exceeded volatility in the S&P 500.
- The greater the market volatility, the higher the ability to generate potential returns.
- Income distributions when available, 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 presents the Digital Income Class as an uncorrelated hedge in investor's portfolios.
- Since inception in May 2021, the Digital Income Class has outperformed the S&P 500 total return index as well as the S&P/ASX 200 total return index, and every single major fixed income benchmark index.
- Performance in the Digital Income Class is uncorrelated to interest rate cycles or central bank decisions.
- U.S. inflation outcomes may generate market volatility in U.S. treasuries, the S&P 500, and by extension, in crypto markets.
- The Digital Income Class is a market-neutral investment in the category of Alternative Assets.
- The trustee of the Digital Income Fund, Quay Wholesale Fund Service Pty Ltd, operates under an Australian Financial Service License (AFSL), and is regulated by the Australian Securities Exchange Commission (ASIC).
- The Digital Income Class is available via investing in the Digital Income Fund, an Australian Unit investment structure, or via investing in Lime Street Capital SPC, a USD based Cayman Islands Segregated Portfolio Company (SPC), also managed by DAFM.

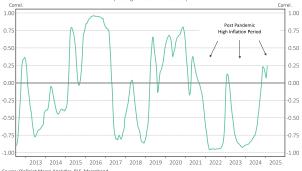
### Monthly Performance (%) – Digital Income Class







### Bitcoin and Core U.S. CPI Correlation



Source: PinPoint Macro Analytics, BLS, Macrobond

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	-4.35*	1.10	0.20
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
2025	2.04												2.04





## **Bitcoin Index Class**

## Fund Performance (Bitcoin Index Class)

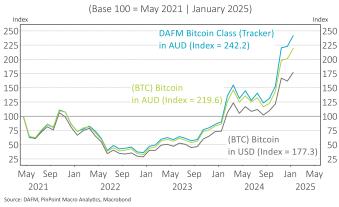
- The Bitcoin Index Class (Bitcoin Tracker Fund) rose 8.81% in January, making it five consecutive months of positive returns.
- Over the last 12-months, the Bitcoin Index Class is up 168.70% net of fees.
- Monthly performance in the Bitcoin Index Class • fund benefited from Bitcoin reaching a new record high of US\$109,410 coinciding with the inauguration of Donald Trump as U.S. President.
- The Bitcoin Index Class aims to deliver returns averaging 3% p.a (after fees) above the actual BTC monthly price changes.
- Since Inception in May 2021, the Bitcoin Index Class is +142.24% net of fees.

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

- Tracks the path of Bitcoin (BTC).
- Aims to deliver an additional 3% yield p.a (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.
- Over the late 2021 to 2024 high inflation period, BTC has largely had a negative correlation to the lift in U.S. inflation (see chart 4 on page 2). This suggests BTC can spend periods of time acting as a hedge against inflation.
- Contains an option to "average in" via additional investments on a monthly basis.

### **Market Commentary**

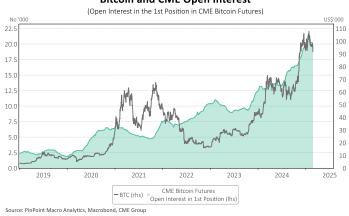
Bitcoin printing at a new all time high just below US\$110,000 on the 20th January. The same day as the inauguration of U.S. President Trump. Bitcoin finished the month of January around US\$102,470.



**DAFM - Bitcoin Index Class** 

Bitcoin Index Class - Net Performance								
1 Month	8.81%							
3 Months	58.49%							
6 Months	72.13%							
Year to Date	8.81%							
12 Months	168.70%							
Annualised Return Since May 2021	26.61%							
Total Return Since Inception in May 2021	142.24%							

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## **Bitcoin and CME Open Interest**

### 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
2025	8.81												8.81

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