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## WAM Research (WAX)

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WAM Research, part of the Wilson Asset Management family of listed investment companies, invests mainly in small to medium-sized industrial companies listed on the ASX. The fund stays away from the resources sector and looks for high real rates of return and strong fully franked dividend streams in its investments. As at June 30, 2011, the fund had delivered a 4.4 per cent return since inception in 2003 and a 17.5 per cent return in the 2011 financial year. In its recent full financial year results the company posted a 135.2 per cent increase in operating profit after tax to \$9.41 million, with a fully franked dividend yield of 8.5 per cent. The company's share price has had a bumpy ride so far this year. A 2011 high of 81¢ was recorded in March following positive performance results, but the stock has fallen more than 7 per cent in the past five days in line with the general market sell-off. The stock recorded an all-time high of \$1.19 before the financial crisis in 2007.

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