

Russell Investments Managed Portfolio - Growth



The portfolio returned 1.61%^ in January. The direct Australian equity portfolio contributed positively to performance over the period. Our global and Australian fixed income exposures also delivered positive excess returns for the month. Australian private credit manager Metrics Credit and the Russell Investments Australian Floating Rate Fund added further value. In contrast, our global equities exposure detracted from benchmark-relative performance; though the asset class did deliver positive absolute returns for the month.

Portfolio objective

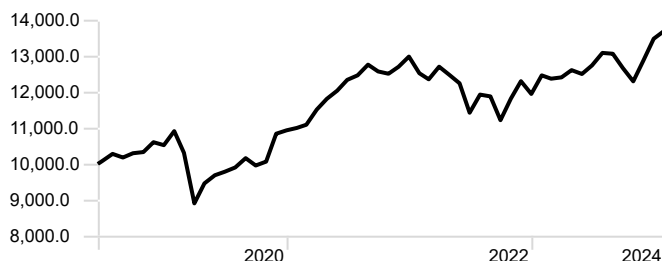
To provide capital growth over the long term consistent with a portfolio focusing on growth assets, while accepting fluctuations in capital values in the short term.

Portfolio strategy

The Portfolio typically invests in a diversified investment mix with exposure to growth investments of around 90% and defensive investments of around 10% over the long term, however the allocations will be actively managed within the allowable ranges depending on market conditions.

Growth of \$10,000

Time Period: 17/06/2019 to 31/01/2024



Performance Review

As of Date: 31/01/2024

	Return
1 Month	1.61
3 Months	11.41
1 Year	9.92
2 Years	4.60
3 Years	7.59
YTD	1.61
Since Inception	7.05

Inception date: 17/06/2019

Main market highlights

Global share markets made good gains in January. Stocks continued to be influenced in large part by the outlook for global interest rates. In the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained its benchmark fed funds rate at a target range of between 5.25% and 5.50% following its latest gathering. Speaking after the meeting, chairman Jerome Powell said it will be appropriate to start lowering interest rates sometime this year; though he wouldn't be drawn on specific timing. However, he did add that he doesn't believe a March rate cut is likely as the Bank has yet to reach a point where it's confident that inflation is coming down sustainably toward its 2.0% target. It was only last month that investors bet the Fed would cut interest rates six times, or 1.50%, in 2024; the first of which was penciled in for March. Interest rates also remained on hold in the UK and Europe; though investors are still betting on multiple rate cuts in both regions despite policymakers' warnings that inflation is still too high. Australian shares also performed well as investors upped their bets that the Reserve Bank of Australia will start cutting interest rates sooner following the release of the latest (quarterly) inflation figures.

Global bonds were slightly weaker for the month, while Australian bonds made good gains.

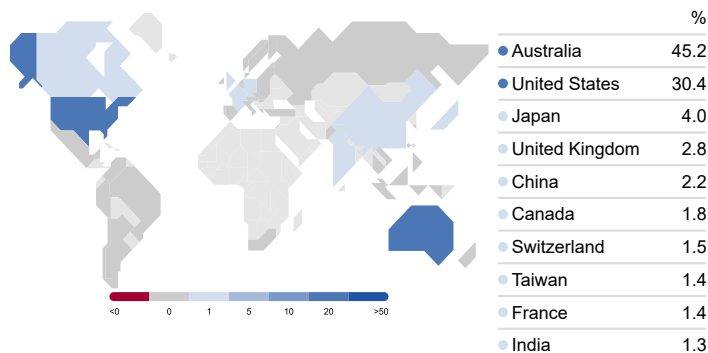
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Country Exposure

Portfolio Date: 31/01/2024



Main portfolio highlights

The direct Australian equity portfolio modestly outperformed its benchmark, benefiting in part from stock selection within the consumer discretionary space. This included an overweight to gaming machine maker Aristocrat Leisure and an underweight to Domino's Pizza. Stock selection amongst materials also added value, including overweights to Fortescue, James Hardie Industries and Incitec Pivot. Partly offsetting this was our broader overweight to the sector, which underperformed the wider market in January. Performance was further impacted by stock selection within the healthcare sector; notably an overweight to Ansell and an underweight to ResMed, which extended its recent bounce over the period.

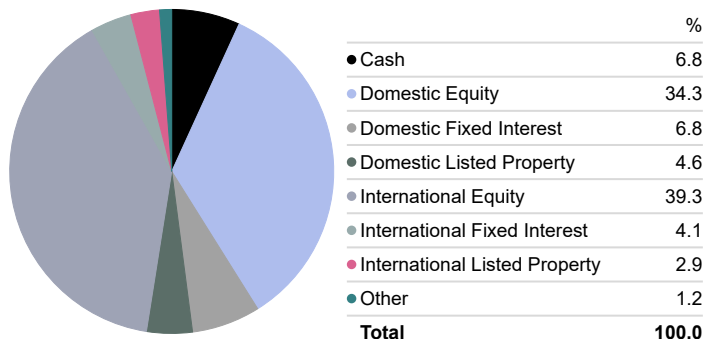
In terms of global equity managers, Japan equity specialist Nissay Asset Management underperformed its benchmark, driven in part by underweights to car maker Toyota Motor and Hitachi. Emerging markets specialist Oaktree Capital also underperformed; the manager impacted in part by an overweight to Brazilian iron ore major Vale S.A. In contrast, growth manager Wellington and quant manager Numeric both performed well over the period.

There were no material positional changes in January.

Overall, the managed portfolio is aligned with its long-term asset allocation as we wait patiently for opportunities.

Asset Allocation

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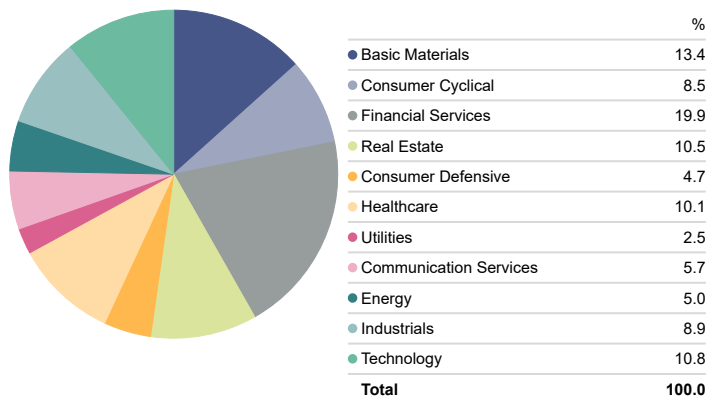
Dynamic positioning: Managing positions over the next 12-18 months

Looking ahead, we expect higher levels of volatility to continue, with active management to play an important role in navigating through it. We expect to increase growth asset exposure on major market reversals and decrease growth asset exposure on market rallies. This is a very important time to remain flexible as there are competing forces related to inflation and growth.

We retain the same themes as recent months, i.e. a preference for less expensive equity markets versus US equities and peer-relative overweights to global small caps and the value factor.

Sector Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/01/2024



Long-term investing: Positioning for 5 years and beyond

The portfolio has a long-term asset allocation of 90% to return generating assets (including high yield debt and other extended fixed income). Growth asset valuations have increased year to date but are below pre-pandemic levels. Long-term, forward-looking return expectations for US shares and high-yield debt have moderated. The economic outlook creates uncertainty in the near term, however in the long term, growth assets are still preferred due to superior returns relative to defensive assets.

Defensive assets such as fixed income and cash have an allocation of 10% in the portfolio. A tilt toward credit further enhances the long-term return potential, but also increases the risk of losses. Credit spreads have narrowed and are near their long-term averages. Government bonds are cheap across some markets and are now offering much higher yields than at the beginning of 2022.

Strategically, the portfolio has positions in cheaper and higher momentum securities as per our researched beliefs.

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Detailed Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/01/2024

	Portfolio Weighting %
Russell Inv Multi-Asset Growth StratPlus	24.05
Vanguard MSCI Intl (Hdg) ETF	7.89
Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF	7.44
Vanguard US Total Market Shares ETF	6.52
Russell Global Opportunities A	4.88
Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Coms ETF	3.85
Russell Inv Australian Government Bd ETF	2.34
Vanguard International Prpty Secs IdxHdg	2.33
Vanguard Australian Property Secs ETF	2.32
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets Shrs ETF	2.28
Vanguard Global Value Equity Active ETF	2.27
Vanguard Global Infrastructure Index Hgd	2.23
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	1.64
iShares Core Cash ETF	0.94
Vanguard Global Aggregate Bd Hdg ETF	0.87
BHP Group Ltd	3.40
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	2.42
CSL Ltd	1.99
National Australia Bank Ltd	1.37
Westpac Banking Corp	1.19
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	1.03
Rio Tinto Ltd	0.98
Goodman Group	0.95
Telstra Group Ltd	0.92
Fortescue Ltd	0.90
Woolworths Group Ltd	0.87
Macquarie Group Ltd	0.85
Wesfarmers Ltd	0.80
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	0.76
Transurban Group	0.73
Cochlear Ltd	0.69
James Hardie Industries PLC	0.63
Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	0.62
Brambles Ltd	0.62
Car Group Ltd	0.56
WiseTech Global Ltd	0.51
South32 Ltd	0.50
Medibank Private Ltd	0.49
Suncorp Group Ltd	0.41
Dexus	0.41
Sonic Healthcare Ltd	0.39
Santos Ltd	0.39
Computershare Ltd	0.38
Mineral Resources Ltd	0.31

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