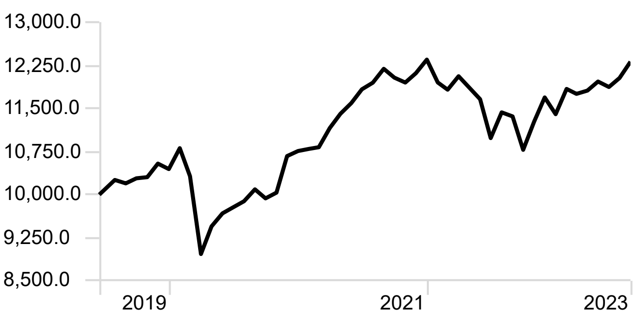
Cornerstone Balanced Growth Managed Portfolio - Core Model

The portfolio returned 2.35%^ in July. Positioning amongst the portfolio's more defensive assets, including Metrics Credit, global floating rate credit and the Russell Investments Australian Floating Rate Fund, contributed positively to performance. Exposure to emerging markets equities also added value. Our global equity portfolio recorded negative excess returns for the month, though absolute performance was positive. The direct Australian equity portfolio performed in line with its benchmark.

Growth of $10,000

Time Period: 17/06/2019 to 31/07/2023



Performance Review

As of Date: 31/07/2023

	Return
1 Month	2.35
3 Months	2.88
1 Year	7.70
2 Years	1.51
3 Years	7.60
YTD	8.01
Since Inception	5.18

Inception date: 17/06/2019

^This performance is net of management fees for both the Managed Portfolio and the underlying managers' fees and costs. It does not take into account any third party platform fees charged to individual investors or transaction costs (including buy/sell spreads and brokerage fees). It assumes income is reinvested without any tax deduction. It is for RIML's preferred model portfolio of holdings. A holding in the preferred model portfolio may be restricted or replaced with another similar asset in the Managed Portfolio on different platforms if the preferred holding is not available. Different platforms may also charge different management fees for the Managed Portfolio. This can result in variances in performance of the Managed Portfolio between platforms. An individual investor's performance will differ, according to the investor's actual exposures to Managed Portfolio holdings and other factors (including transaction timing, transaction costs, actual underlying manager fees and costs and whether income is paid in cash). Platforms will have their own methodology for calculating performance, at both a platform level and an individual investor level. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Please contact your platform or adviser for details of your performance or current holdings in the Managed Portfolio.

Portfolio objective

To provide returns over the medium to long term, with moderate to high volatility, consistent with a diversified mix of predominantly growth oriented assets and some defensive assets.

Portfolio strategy

The Portfolio typically invests in a diversified investment mix with exposure to growth investments of around 70% and defensive investments of around 30% over the long term, however the allocations will be actively managed within the allowable ranges depending on market conditions.

Main market highlights

Global share markets made good gains in July, benefiting from speculation the US Federal Reserve (Fed) may be nearing the end of its rate-hiking cycle. The Fed lifted interest rates another 0.25% late in the period, however the market's reaction to the move was relatively muted as investors – buoyed by the latest inflation figures – speculated that the Bank may actually be done with raising rates altogether. Both headline and core inflation in the US continued to ease in the 12 months to 30 June. Investors were also encouraged by Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's July post-meeting comments; the Bank's chief noting that whilst it's certainly possible the Bank could raise interest rates again when it next meets in September, it's also possible the Bank could choose to hold rates steady. Much will depend on upcoming economic data. Stocks also benefited from a series of surprisingly strong US earnings updates. Australian shares performed well in July, driven in part by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)'s decision to leave the official cash rate on hold at 4.10% early in the period. The local market also benefited from easing inflation and speculation the RBA may be approaching the end of its own rate tightening cycle.

Global bonds were flat for the month, while Australian bonds recorded only modest gains in July.

Main portfolio highlights

The direct Australian equity portfolio performed in line with the benchmark. Stock selection within the information technology space contributed positively to performance, including an overweight to WiseTech Global and small underweights to Xero and NEXTDC. Stock selection amongst materials also added value; notably an overweight to James Hardie Industries. In contrast, stock selection amongst industrials detracted from overall performance in July, including an overweight to supply-chain logistics firm Brambles. Stock selection within the communication services space also weighed on returns; notably underweights to Seek and REA Group.

In terms of global equity managers, emerging markets specialist RWC Partners and UK equity specialist JO Hambro both outperformed their benchmarks. In contrast, PineStone underperformed, driven in part by overweights to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. and Japan's Keyence Corp.

In terms of overall positioning, we rebalanced the direct Australian equities component of the portfolio to better reflect our target factor exposures. We also increased the portfolio's allocation to listed property and reduced its exposure to global equities. We added listed property as we believe the asset class has become oversold and now offers attractive value. We reduced global equities due to recent equity market strength and expectations of softer global growth ahead. Within the fixed income space, we increased the portfolio's allocation to government bonds and reduced its credit exposure. We believe government bonds are likely to rebound through the remainder of the year as long-term yields decline amid recession risks, while credit's recent run of outperformance allowed us to lock in some gains and redeploy those profits elsewhere. We also increased the portfolio's allocation to Australian small caps.

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

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Country Exposure

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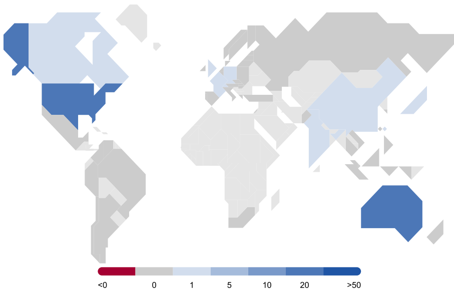

	%
Australia	46.6
United States	31.7
Japan	3.4
China	2.2
United Kingdom	2.2
Canada	1.6
Switzerland	1.3
France	1.2
India	1.1
Taiwan	1.1

Asset Allocation

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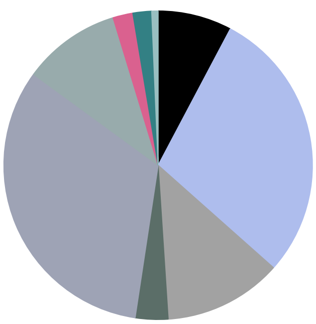

	%
Cash	7.7
Domestic Equity	28.8
Domestic Fixed Interest	12.4
Domestic Listed Property	3.4
International Equity	32.7
International Fixed Interest	10.2
International Listed Property	2.1
Other	2.0
Unlisted Property	0.7
Total	**100.0**

Sector Allocation

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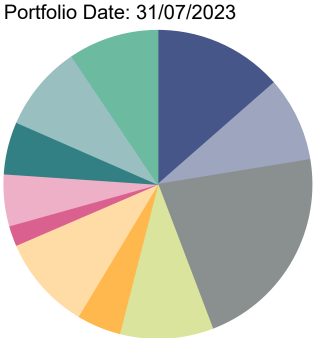

	%
Basic Materials	13.6
Consumer Cyclical	8.9
Financial Services	21.8
Real Estate	9.8
Consumer Defensive	4.6
Healthcare	9.9
Utilities	2.1
Communication Services	5.4
Energy	5.5
Industrials	9.0
Technology	9.4
Total	**100.0**

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 emerging markets over developed markets and peer-relative overweights to both global small caps and floating rate credit.

Long-term investing: Positioning for 5 years and beyond

The portfolio has a long-term asset allocation of 76% to return generating assets (including high yield debt and other extended fixed income). Growth asset valuations have decreased significantly year to date but are marginally higher than long-term averages in the US and similar to long-term averages across other developed markets, such as Australia. Long term forward looking return expectations for US shares and high-yield debt have improved during the year, but the economic outlook creates uncertainty in the near term. Given this, growth assets are still preferred due to superior returns relative to defensive assets over the medium term.

Defensive assets such as fixed income and cash have an allocation of 24% in the portfolio. A tilt toward credit further enhances the long-term return potential, but also increases the risk of losses. Credit spreads have widened, providing additional yield over Treasuries. Government bonds have recently begun to show signs of value 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

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	Portfolio Weighting %
Russell Inv Multi-Asset Growth Strat A	31.67
Vanguard US Total Market Shares ETF	8.20
Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF	7.12
Vanguard MSCI Intl (Hdg) ETF	3.87
Vanguard Global Aggregate Bd Hdg ETF	3.25
iShares Core Cash ETF	2.83
Russell Inv Australian Government Bd ETF	2.71
Vanguard Global Value Equity Active ETF	2.37
Russell Inv Australian Select CorpBd ETF	1.98
Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Coms ETF	1.93
Vanguard Intl Credit Secs (Hdg) ETF	1.88
Vanguard International Prpty Secs IdxHdg	1.63
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	1.62
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets Shrs ETF	1.48
Vanguard Australian Property Secs ETF	1.40
Russell Global Opportunities A	1.35
Vanguard Global Infrastructure Index Hgd	0.88
iShares JP Morgan USD EmMkts Bd AUDH ETF	0.47
Vanguard Australian Shares ETF	0.34
BHP Group Ltd	2.71
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	2.12
CSL Ltd	1.57
National Australia Bank Ltd	1.18
Westpac Banking Corp	1.00
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	1.00
Transurban Group	0.97
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	0.86
Macquarie Group Ltd	0.82
Wesfarmers Ltd	0.69
Rio Tinto Ltd	0.69
Woolworths Group Ltd	0.69
Telstra Group Ltd	0.63
Goodman Group	0.52
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	0.50
James Hardie Industries PLC	0.50
Cochlear Ltd	0.46
Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	0.44
Suncorp Group Ltd	0.42
Santos Ltd	0.40
Carsales.com Ltd	0.39
Computershare Ltd	0.36
South32 Ltd	0.36
Sonic Healthcare Ltd	0.35
Dexus	0.35
Aurizon Holdings Ltd	0.33
Mirvac Group	0.31
Mineral Resources Ltd	0.30
Harvey Norman Holdings Ltd	0.29
Lynas Rare Earths Ltd	0.24

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