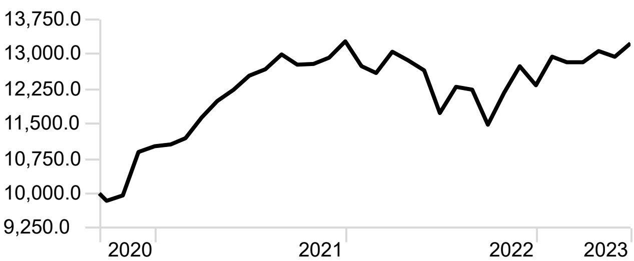
Cornerstone High Growth Managed Portfolio - Core Model

The portfolio returned 3.17%^ in the June quarter, underperforming the benchmark by 0.31%. Negative excess returns across global equities detracted from performance over the period. In contrast, the direct Australian equity portfolio contributed positively to benchmark-relative returns.

Growth of $10,000

Time Period: 16/09/2020 to 30/06/2023



Performance Review

As of Date: 30/06/2023

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1 Month	2.23	2.47
3 Months	3.17	3.48
1 Year	12.81	14.03
2 Years	2.74	2.35
3 Years	—	9.98
YTD	7.33	8.76
Since Inception	10.60	9.39

Inception date: 16/09/2020

Benchmark: Morningstar Australia Aggressive Target Allocation NR AUD Index

^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

The portfolio is a dynamic cost-effective multi-asset portfolio with approximately 98% growth assets and 2% defensive assets. The focus for this portfolio is to provide long-term returns and to manage investment risks over time.

Main market highlights

Global share markets performed well in the June quarter. Contributing to the gains were increasing expectations the US Federal Reserve (Fed) would soon hit the pause button on interest rates, which it did; the Bank maintaining its benchmark fed funds rate at a target range of between 5.00% and 5.25% in June. In its press release accompanying the decision, the Fed said, "holding the target range steady…allows the Committee to assess additional information and its implications for monetary policy." However, a majority of officials still believe that high inflation, together with the enduring strength of the US economy, will likely warrant further rate increases this year. Stocks also benefited from fresh economic stimulus in China, an end to the standoff between Democrats and Republicans over the US government's debt ceiling and a series of mostly encouraging earnings updates; which is to say earnings were 'less bad' than the market had anticipated. Australian shares made more modest gains relative to their global counterparts; the local market benefiting from easing inflation toward the end of the period and increasing speculation the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) would leave interest rates on hold in July. [*Note: the RBA did in fact leave rates on hold following its early July gathering.*]

Global government bonds were slightly weaker for the quarter. Australian government bonds underperformed their global peers.

Main portfolio highlights

The direct Australian equity portfolio outperformed the benchmark, benefiting in part from positive stock selection within the materials space. This included overweights to James Hardie Industries and Lynas Rare Earths. Partly offsetting these positions was a small overweight to the sector. An overweight to industrials also added value; notably an overweight to Aurizon Holdings. Stock selection amongst consumer staples added further value over the period, including an overweight to Woolworths and an underweight to Treasury Wine Estates. In contrast, an underweight to the strong-performing information technology space weighed on overall returns.

There were no material positional changes over the period. 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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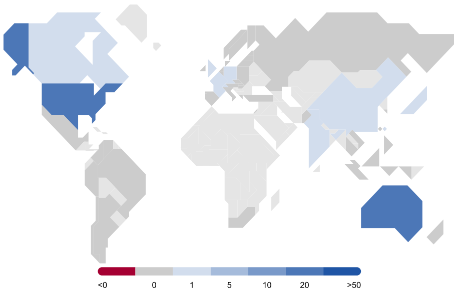

	%
Australia	46.9
United States	28.8
Japan	4.0
United Kingdom	3.6
China	2.5
Taiwan	1.5
Switzerland	1.5
Canada	1.3
France	1.2
India	1.1

Asset Allocation

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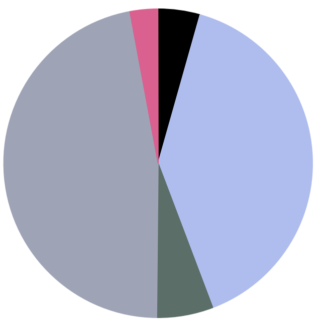

	%
Cash	4.4
Domestic Equity	39.9
Domestic Listed Property	5.9
International Equity	46.9
International Listed Property	2.9
Other	0.0
Total	**100.0**

Sector Allocation

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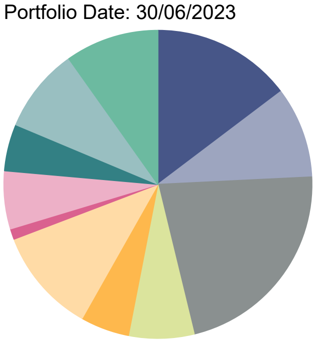

	%
Basic Materials	14.7
Consumer Cyclical	9.5
Financial Services	22.0
Real Estate	6.9
Consumer Defensive	5.1
Healthcare	11.0
Utilities	1.1
Communication Services	6.1
Energy	4.9
Industrials	8.9
Technology	9.8
Total	**100.0**

Long-term investing: Positioning for 5 years and beyond

The portfolio has a long-term asset allocation of 98% to return generating assets. 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.

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

There is a cash allocation of 2% in the portfolio.

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

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In terms of global equity managers, emerging markets specialist RWC Partners, UK equity specialist JO Hambro and Numeric's low-volatility strategy all underperformed. In contrast, both Sanders and global growth manager Wellington performed well; the latter benefiting from overweights to US names like Amazon.com, Eli Lilly & Co. and Uber Technologies.

With regard to Australian equity managers, the Russell Investments Australian Opportunities Fund (RAOF) outperformed the benchmark. Within RAOF, Firetrail, L1 Capital and Allan Gray all outperformed; the latter benefiting from overweights to Downer EDI, QBE Insurance and New Zealand's Fletcher Building. In contrast, Vinva underperformed the benchmark, driven in part by an overweight to gold miner Perseus Mining.

Recession fears and central bank tightening will continue to drive market volatility. We believe the pace and magnitude of Fed rate hikes has created the risk of a recession in the next 12 to 18 months; though any potential recession is expected to be mild to moderate. Inflation globally should continue to ease as demand slows, allowing central banks to hit the pause button and maybe even start lowering interest rates this year. Nonetheless, heightened short-term market volatility is likely to remain given responses across markets to ongoing inflation prints and central bank rate hike decisions.

We retain the same themes as recent months, i.e. a preference for emerging markets over developed markets and an overweight to global small caps.

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Detailed Asset Allocation

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	Portfolio Weighting %
Russell Global Opportunities A	18.95
Vanguard MSCI Intl (Hdg) ETF	11.51
Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF	4.86
Mercer Indexed Australian Listed Prpty	3.40
Vanguard US Total Market Shares ETF	3.24
Russell Global Listed Infr $A Hedged	3.14
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets Shrs ETF	2.98
Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Coms ETF	2.69
Vanguard International Prpty Secs IdxHdg	2.57
Vanguard Global Value Equity Active ETF	2.31
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	2.14
iShares Core Cash ETF	1.00
BHP Group Ltd	4.96
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	3.65
CSL Ltd	3.11
National Australia Bank Ltd	2.08
Transurban Group	1.86
Westpac Banking Corp	1.84
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	1.77
Macquarie Group Ltd	1.64
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	1.49
Woolworths Group Ltd	1.35
Wesfarmers Ltd	1.33
Rio Tinto Ltd	1.31
Telstra Group Ltd	1.21
Goodman Group	1.02
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	1.01
James Hardie Industries PLC	0.88
Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	0.86
Cochlear Ltd	0.84
Suncorp Group Ltd	0.81
South32 Ltd	0.70
Santos Ltd	0.70
Carsales.com Ltd	0.69
Sonic Healthcare Ltd	0.68
Computershare Ltd	0.64
Aurizon Holdings Ltd	0.64
Dexus	0.64
Mineral Resources Ltd	0.61
Mirvac Group	0.60
Harvey Norman Holdings Ltd	0.50
Lynas Rare Earths Ltd	0.49

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