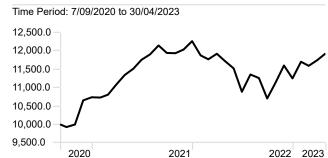
# Cornerstone Balanced Growth Managed Portfolio - Funds Only

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The portfolio returned 1.54%<sup>^</sup> in April. Positive absolute returns across equities and traditional fixed income assets added value over the period. Our exposure to extended fixed income assets was also positive for the month, including global floating rate loans.

## Growth of \$10,000



## Performance Review

As of Date: 30/04/2023		
	Return	
1 Month	1.54	
3 Months	1.91	
1 Year	1.79	
2 Years	2.54	
3 Years	_	
YTD	6.01	
Since Inception	6.89	

Inception date: 7/09/2020

^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

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#### Portfolio objective

The managed portfolio aims 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. The managed portfolio aims to outperform the benchmark over the long term.

### Main market highlights

Global share markets made good gains over the period, benefiting from expectations the US Federal Reserve (Fed) may be nearing the end of its interest rate tightening cycle amid further evidence inflation is moderating, softer economic growth and renewed concerns over the country's banking system after First Republic Bank was seized by US regulators and ultimately sold to JPMorgan. Compounding this were the minutes from the Fed's March meeting, which showed several participants considered hitting the pause button in March until it was clear that the fallout from the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank would be contained. Whilst the Fed ultimately raised interest rates by another 0.25% at its March meeting, the future path of US interest rates seems far from certain as the Bank seeks to balance high inflation with a potential 'credit crunch' stemming from recent bank failures. [Note: The Fed lifted interest rates a further 0.25% at its early May meeting, taking the benchmark fed funds rate to a target range of between 5.00% and 5.25%.] Australian shares also performed well after the Reserve Bank of Australia hit the pause button on interest rates early in the period. Stocks also benefited from strong gains across the 'Big Four' banks and a series of mostly encouraging economic data.

Global government bonds made only modest gains in April. Australian government bonds underperformed their global peers, albeit slightly.

### Main portfolio highlights

There were no material positional changes in April. Overall, the managed portfolio is aligned with its long-term asset allocation as we wait patiently for opportunities.



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%

44.3

22.1

5.2

49

3.4

2.7

24

2.1

1.9

1.4

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## **Country Exposure**





## 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.

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

In terms of Australian equity managers, Allan Gray outperformed on the back of strong stock selection within the materials space. In contrast, Ausbil and Platypus both underperformed. Ausbil was impacted by poor stock selection within the consumer discretionary sector, while Platypus's underperformance was driven by a significant underweight to financials.

With regard to global equity managers, UK equity specialist JO Hambro outperformed, benefiting in part from their holdings in stockbroker Numis Corp. and price comparison website Moneysupermarket.com. Global equity manager Sanders also performed well, while emerging markets specialist RWC Partners underperformed; the latter hurt in part by overweights to Chinese names Baidu and Alibaba.

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 an overweight to floating rate credit.

## Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2023

	70
• Cash	5.3
<ul> <li>Domestic Equity</li> </ul>	30.0
<ul> <li>Domestic Fixed Interest</li> </ul>	11.8
<ul> <li>Domestic Listed Property</li> </ul>	3.1
International Equity	31.5
<ul> <li>International Fixed Interest</li> </ul>	11.1
International Listed Property	2.3
<ul> <li>Mortgages (retired)</li> </ul>	0.0
• Other	1.8
<ul> <li>Unlisted Property</li> </ul>	0.7
<ul> <li>Unclassified</li> </ul>	2.4
Total	100.0

#### Sector Allocation

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2023



	%
Basic Materials	14.9
Consumer Cyclical	7.9
Financial Services	17.2
Real Estate	10.5
Consumer Defensive	6.2
Healthcare	11.0
Utilities	3.3
Communication Services	5.5
Energy	6.3
Industrials	7.2
Technology	10.1
Total	100.0



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## **Detailed Asset Allocation**

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2023

	Portfolio Weighting %
Russell Inv Multi-Asset Growth Strat A	31.52
AMP International Equity Index	12.93
AMP Australian Equity Index	12.75
AMP International Fixed Intst Idx Hdg	5.95
AMP Australian Fixed Interest Index	5.19
Ausbil 130/30 Focus - Wholesale	4.47
Allan Gray Australia Equity A	4.41
Vanguard International Shrs Idx Hdg AUD	4.24
Russell Global Opportunities A	4.20
Vanguard Emerging Markets Shares Index	3.34
Platypus Australian Equities - Wholesale	2.93
Macquarie Cash Fund - Class M Units	2.44
AMP Australian Property Index	1.76
AMP International Property Index Hdg	1.62
Vanguard Global Infrastructure Index Hgd	0.85

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