

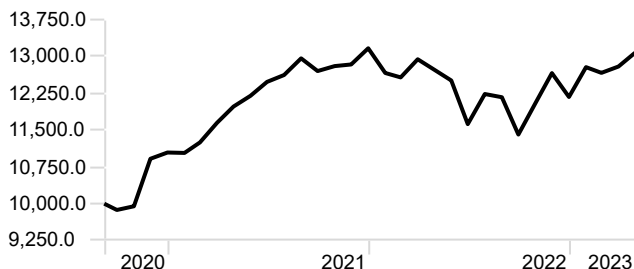
# Cornerstone High Growth Managed Portfolio - Funds Only



The portfolio returned 2.19%<sup>^</sup> in April. Positive absolute returns across global and Australian equities added value over the period.

## Growth of \$10,000

Time Period: 7/09/2020 to 30/04/2023



## Performance Review

As of Date: 30/04/2023

	Return
1 Month	2.19
3 Months	2.29
1 Year	2.70
2 Years	4.48
3 Years	—
YTD	7.39
Since Inception	10.68

Inception date: 7/09/2020

<sup>^</sup>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 managed portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the long term consistent with a portfolio focusing on solely growth assets, while accepting fluctuations in capital values in the medium term. 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

In terms of 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 overweight to Chinese names Baidu and Alibaba.

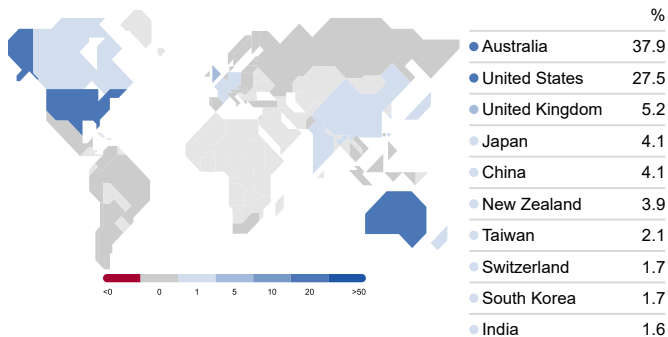
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There were no material positional changes in April. Overall, the managed portfolio is aligned with its long-term asset allocation as we wait patiently for opportunities.

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## Country Exposure

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2023



## Long-term investing: Positioning for 5 years and beyond

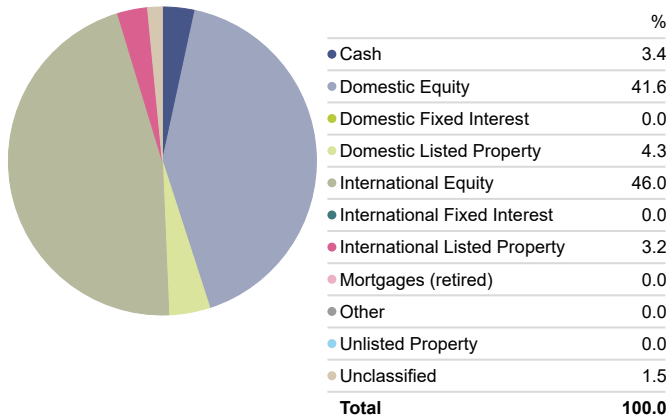
**The portfolio has a long-term asset allocation of 98% to return generating assets.** Growth asset valuations have decreased significantly year to date but are marginally higher than long-term averages in the US and similar to long-term averages across other developed markets, such as Australia. Long 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.**

## Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 30/04/2023



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

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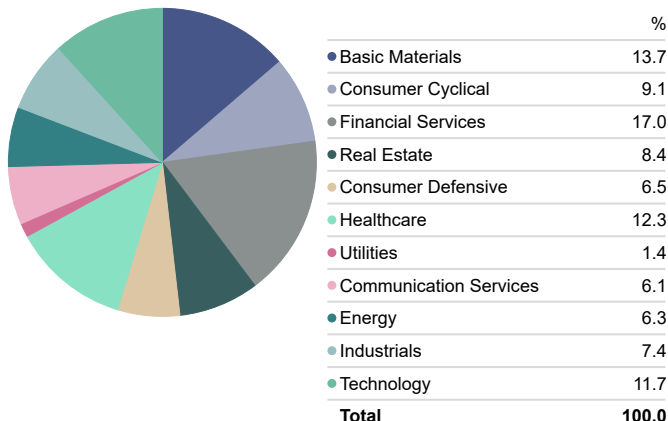
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Recession fears and central bank tightening will continue to drive market volatility. The Fed has raised interest rates sharply in response to high inflation and a strong labour market, however we don't anticipate a deep US recession. Instead, we feel a slowdown or mild recession are the two most likely outcomes. Inflation globally should continue to ease as demand slows, allowing central banks to hit the pause button and maybe even start lowering interest rates in the second half of the 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, including a preference for emerging markets over developed markets.

## Sector Allocation

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## Detailed Asset Allocation

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	Portfolio Weighting %
AMP Australian Equity Index	19.18
Russell Global Opportunities A	18.94
Vanguard International Shrs Idx Hdg AUD	10.97
AMP International Equity Index	10.44
Ausbil 130/30 Focus - Wholesale	8.01
Allan Gray Australia Equity A	7.53
Vanguard Emerging Markets Shares Index	4.86
Platypus Australian Equities - Wholesale	4.63
Firetrail Australian High Conviction	3.57
Russell Global Listed Infr \$A Hedged	3.27
AMP Australian Property Index	3.22
AMP International Property Index Hdg	2.57
Macquarie Cash Fund - Class M Units	1.54

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