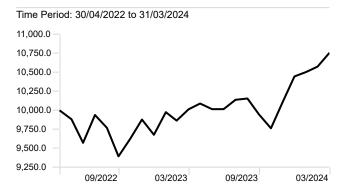




The portfolio returned 2.97% in the March quarter. Performance was mixed across the major asset classes.

## Growth of \$10,000



#### **Performance Review**

As of Date: 31/03/2024

	Return
1 Month	1.72
3 Months	2.97
1 Year	7.40
2 Years	_
3 Years	_
YTD	2.97
Since Inception	3.86

Inception date: 30/04/2022

^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 aims to provide returns over the short to medium term, with low volatility, consistent with a diversified mix of predominantly defensive assets and some growth-oriented assets. The portfolio aims to perform in line with the benchmark over the long term, after fees.

## Main portfolio highlights

Both our global equities exposure and the direct Australian equity portfolio delivered positive absolute returns for the quarter. Emerging markets underperformed their developed counterparts over the period; though absolute returns were strong. Our exposure to Australian listed property also added value, driven largely by strong gains from index heavyweight Goodman Group. The portfolio's Australian fixed income, credit and emerging markets debt holdings added further value, while our global listed property and global bond exposures weighed on overall returns.

The direct Australian equity portfolio narrowly underperformed its benchmark, driven in part by a modest overweight to the materials space. This included overweights to iron ore majors BHP Group and Fortescue; both of which fell sharply on the back of weaker iron ore prices. Stock selection within the consumer staples sector also weighed on returns, including an overweight to Woolworths. Woolworths fell following the release of its financial results and the resignation of managing director and group CEO, Brad Banducci. In contrast, stock selection amongst real estate stocks added value over the period; notably an overweight to industrial property giant Goodman Group. Goodman Group rallied on a combination of solid financial results and a strong data centre pipeline.

More broadly, global bonds fell slightly in the March quarter. Longer-term government bond yields rose (prices fell) over the period as investors dialled back their US rate cut expectations after US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell all but ruled out a March rate cut and reaffirmed the Bank's forecast of just three rate reductions this year. Bonds were also impacted by a series of better-thanexpected US earnings results. In contrast, bonds benefited from their traditionally defensive characteristics in the face of heightened geopolitical risks; particularly in the Middle East. Credit markets were stronger over the period, with spreads on US and European investment-grade and high-yield debt narrowing in what was a largely 'risk on' market environment. Hard currency emerging markets debt also made good gains, while local currency emerging markets debt underperformed. Australian bonds outperformed their global counterparts. The yield on domestic 10year government debt was relatively flat (in aggregate) for the quarter; rising early amid expectations interest rates will stay higher for longer but falling after the Reserve Bank of Australia adopted a slightly less hawkish stance on interest rates following its March gathering. Australian credit markets were mildly positive for the quarter, with spreads narrowing slightly throughout the period.

Both global and Australian share markets performed well over the period.

During the quarter, we rebalanced the direct Australian equity portfolio as part of the regular review cycle. We also reduced the portfolio's exposure to Australian listed property, which allowed us to take some profits off the table while reducing overall portfolio risk. We did this in favour of cash, which currently offers a relatively attractive yield.





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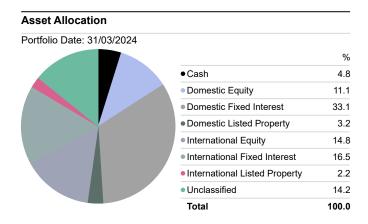
#### **Country Exposure** Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024 52 4 Australia United States 24.5 3.0 Japan China 2.5 2 1 India Taiwan 1.8 1.7 United Kingdom France 1.3 1.3 Canada

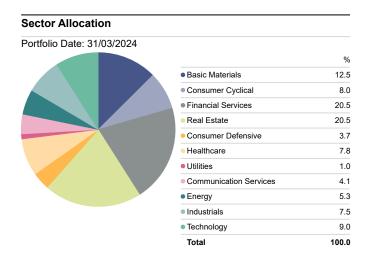
# Long-term investing: Positioning for 5 years and beyond

The portfolio has a long-term asset allocation of 30% to growth assets. 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 70% 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 per our research.











# **Detailed Asset Allocation**

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2024	
	Portfolio
Russell Inv Australian Government Bd ETF	Weighting %
Macquarie Cash Fund - Class M Units	19.55 14.19
AMP International Fixed Intst Idx Hdg	14.14
Russell Inv Australian Semi-Govt Bd ETF	9.81
Vanguard MSCI Intl (Hdg) ETF	4.98
AMP International Equity Index	4.35
Russell Inv Australian Select CorpBd ETF iShares Core Cash ETF	3.46 3.11
AMP Australian Property Index	2.71
Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF	2.28
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets Shrs ETF	1.97
AMP International Property Index Hdg	1.96
Vanguard Intl Credit Secs (Hdg) ETF iShares S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries ETF	1.88 1.43
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	1.20
iShares JP Morgan USD EmMkts Bd AUDH ETF	0.95
iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	0.13
BHP Group Ltd	1.25
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1.04
CSL Ltd	0.69
National Australia Bank Ltd	0.60
Westpac Banking Corp	0.51
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	0.46
Wesfarmers Ltd	0.45
Goodman Group	0.42
Macquarie Group Ltd	0.39
Telstra Group Ltd	0.36
Rio Tinto Ltd	0.35
Woolworths Group Ltd	0.32
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	0.30
Fortescue Ltd	0.30
Transurban Group	0.29
WiseTech Global Ltd	0.26
James Hardie Industries PLC	0.25
Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	0.24
Suncorp Group Ltd	0.20
Medibank Private Ltd	0.19
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd	0.18
Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd	0.18
Ampol Ltd	0.18
Seven Group Holdings Ltd	0.17
Incitec Pivot Ltd	0.17
Origin Energy Ltd	0.16
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Corp Ltd	0.16
Santos Ltd	0.16
Ansell Ltd	0.15
Newmont Corp Chess Depository Interest	0.14

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