Cornerstone Strategic Index Growth Managed Portfolio

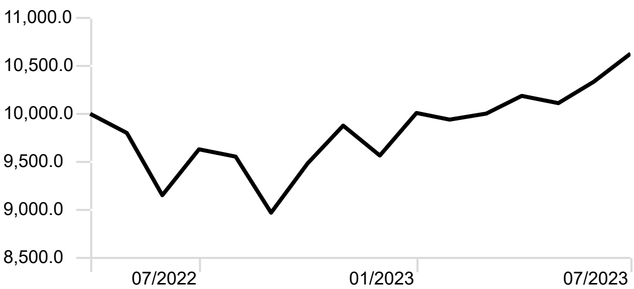
The portfolio returned 2.82%^ in July. The portfolio's growth assets performed well over the period.

Portfolio objective

The portfolio aims to provide capital growth over the long term, consistent with a portfolio focusing on growth-oriented assets, while accepting fluctuations in capital values in the short term. The portfolio aims to perform in line with the benchmark over the long term, after fees.

Growth of $10,000

Time Period: 30/04/2022 to 31/07/2023



Performance Review

As of Date: 31/07/2023

	Return
1 Month	2.82
3 Months	4.31
1 Year	10.32
2 Years	—
3 Years	—
YTD	11.07
Since Inception	4.97

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.

Main portfolio highlights

Our equity portfolio delivered positive absolute returns over the period; though our Australian equities exposure accounted for much of this positive performance. The portfolio's listed property exposure also performed well, with the sector extending its recent gains. We continue to favour listed property as we believe the asset class offers attractive value. Our emerging markets debt exposure added further value; the sector outperforming traditional global fixed income assets in July.

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.

More broadly, 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 – bet instead 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.

In terms of positioning, the portfolio underwent its semi-annual rebalance during the period. As part of this rebalance, we increased the portfolio's allocations to global and domestic 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. Moreover, we feel the market still expects to see a downturn in the sector, which we believe is unlikely in the near future; an opinion that has so far paid off and is likely to continue to do so. We reduced our exposure to global equities due to recent equity market strength and expectations of softer global growth ahead. We also felt it appropriate to take some profits given the sector's recent gains, particularly as interest rates look set to remain higher for longer and a selloff in equity markets remains a possibility.

We also rebalanced the direct Australian equities component of the portfolio to better reflect our target factor exposures.

Following this latest rebalance, the portfolio's overall positioning reflects a more neutral exposure (relative to the benchmark).

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Country Exposure

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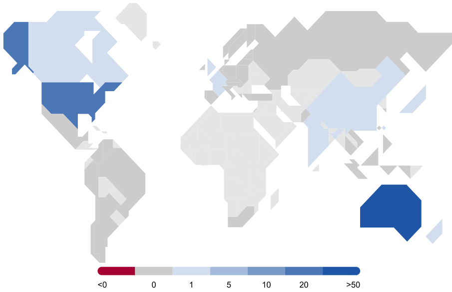

	%
Australia	51.3
United States	26.4
Japan	2.7
China	2.6
New Zealand	1.9
United Kingdom	1.8
India	1.4
Canada	1.4
Taiwan	1.4
Switzerland	1.1

Asset Allocation

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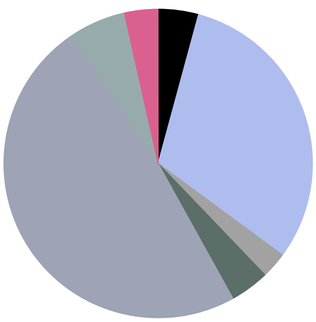

	%
Cash	4.2
Domestic Equity	30.9
Domestic Fixed Interest	2.7
Domestic Listed Property	4.1
International Equity	48.6
International Fixed Interest	6.0
International Listed Property	3.5
Unlisted Property	0.0
Total	**100.0**

Sector Allocation

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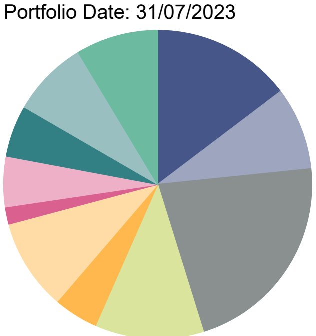

	%
Basic Materials	14.7
Consumer Cyclical	8.7
Financial Services	21.8
Real Estate	11.4
Consumer Defensive	4.7
Healthcare	9.6
Utilities	1.8
Communication Services	5.3
Energy	5.4
Industrials	8.0
Technology	8.6
Total	**100.0**

Long-term investing: Positioning for 5 years and beyond

The portfolio has a long-term asset allocation of 90% to growth 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.

Defensive assets such as fixed income and cash have an allocation of 10% 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 per our researched beliefs.

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Detailed Asset Allocation

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	Portfolio Weighting %
AMP International Equity Index	19.45
Vanguard MSCI Intl (Hdg) ETF	14.61
iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	8.77
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets Shrs ETF	4.60
Vanguard All-World ex-US Shares ETF	4.12
iShares S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries ETF	3.41
AMP International Property Index Hdg	2.87
Vanguard US Total Market Shares ETF	2.67
AMP Australian Property Index	2.32
Vanguard Global Value Equity Active ETF	2.18
AMP International Fixed Intst Idx Hdg	1.77
Russell Inv Australian Government Bd ETF	1.75
iShares Core Cash ETF	1.36
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	1.00
iShares Global High Yield Bond AUDH ETF	0.95
Vanguard Global Infrastructure Index Hgd	0.84
Russell Inv Australian Select CorpBd ETF	0.46
Russell Inv Australian Semi-Govt Bd ETF	0.42
BHP Group Ltd	3.07
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	2.39
CSL Ltd	1.78
National Australia Bank Ltd	1.32
Westpac Banking Corp	1.15
ANZ Group Holdings Ltd	1.13
Transurban Group	1.10
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	0.96
Macquarie Group Ltd	0.93
Woolworths Group Ltd	0.79
Wesfarmers Ltd	0.78
Rio Tinto Ltd	0.78
Telstra Group Ltd	0.70
Goodman Group	0.59
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	0.57
James Hardie Industries PLC	0.56
Cochlear Ltd	0.52
Aristocrat Leisure Ltd	0.50
Suncorp Group Ltd	0.47
Santos Ltd	0.44
Carsales.com Ltd	0.43
South32 Ltd	0.41
Computershare Ltd	0.41
Sonic Healthcare Ltd	0.41
Dexus	0.40
Aurizon Holdings Ltd	0.37
Mirvac Group	0.35
Mineral Resources Ltd	0.34
Harvey Norman Holdings Ltd	0.32
Lynas Rare Earths Ltd	0.27

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